

## General Committee of Strawberry Vale Residents Association (SVRA)

### Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 21 January 2017, 10am – 12.00 Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA

**In attendance:**

Laurence Williamson (LW)	Chair
Shona Perkins (SP)	Treasurer
Dylis Dias (DD)	Secretary
Arjun Mitchell (AM)	London Borough of Barnet
David Azouelos (DA)	Neighbourhood manager, Peabody

See separate attendance sheet for residents that attended.

No.	Item	Action
1	Apologies Jonathan Hodge; Mr Lee.	
2	Expression of thanks Expression of thanks to Sandra and June for opening/booking the Green Man Community Centre.	
3	Minutes of last meeting Action from last meeting: It was assumed that residents who had experienced problems with their windows had followed up with Vinci accordingly.  The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed as a correct record.	
4	Intro David Azouelos David contributed updates to items 5 to 9 on the agenda (as per notes below).	
5	Update on satellite dish removal The issue about satellite dishes and compatibility with the system was discussed, as Peabody policy did not allow dishes on their buildings. Residents experienced problems with satellite and freeview, and the SVRA had queried the communal dish with Peabody.  Peabody response was that dishes would be removed and that there was no plan to make the communal dish compatible with Sky Q. The reason was that they could install the switch (to enable Sky's technology) but Peabody did not have the expertise to maintain this, and therefore decided not to commit.  It was drawn to attention that (some) properties in Brook Walk, Stable Walk and Nursery Road did not have the new cabling fitted. It was also noted that the estate did not have access to fibre optic connections.	AM to write to Peabody with request to review policy.  AM to look into fibre optic availability to the estate.  DA to confirm name of contractors for the satellites.

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6	Update on rubbish bins	
	<p>Peabody had recognised the problems and progress made with support from DA and AM. DA confirmed that two additional general waste bins and four additional recycling bins had been provided. However the group raised that provisions still did not seem sufficient. DA suggested some large bins for recycling may help.</p> <p>All residents were reminded to make proper use of the bins (e.g. not place rubbish on top of bins, fold/compress cardboard). It was noted that the caretakers do clear up e.g. where rubbish bags are left near the bins, as well as the two areas for bulk waste.</p> <p>DA informed there was an information day on 6 February, where Peabody will have the opportunity to speak to residents.</p> <p>The rat problem appeared to have been reduced, but Peabody will not be responsible for the ongoing upkeep (as it was a reactive response). Residents should raise the issue again if problem returns in future.</p> <p>DA assured that the lighting at the end of Brook Walk had been raised as a job.</p>	DA/AM to pursue obtaining large recycling bins
7	Update on parking	
	<p>The review of parking was still in progress. DA informed there was budget to install CCTV and LED lighting. 15 cars (unregistered or SORN) would also be removed. Residents wishing to have an allocated space (at a small charge) to contact DA.</p> <p>Residents were reminded to report issues e.g. the exit door button.</p>	Residents wishing to have an allocated space (at a small charge) to contact DA
8	Update on "MaD" bids	
	<p>Over 100 people signed in support of the following bids:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football nets</li> <li>• Speed bumps</li> <li>• Litter bins and dog bins</li> </ul> <p>SVRA awaiting approval; outcome due in March.</p>	
9	Any other questions for David	
	<p>It was noted that ownership was not given to (some) people who had taken possession of the underground garages. DA had spoken to Peabody's legal team and confirmed Peabody would take back ownership in the near future as it was important to know who owned the garages.</p> <p>DA to continue to review the parking situation including disabled bays and signage. He is obtaining a quote for double yellow lines on the speed bumps.</p> <p>Barnet's fire inspector had looked into the issue of the new front</p>	

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	<p>doors that needed to be opened with keys. The balconies were not an alternative fire escape therefore the doors were not suitable in line with fire regulations. It is being looked into why incorrect doors were installed and the resolution is likely to be that thumb-turn locks would be fitted on the current doors. It was not clear who would be paying for this.</p> <p>Dog mess and dogs not on leads was still an issue.</p>	
10	<b>Merger with Family Mosaic</b>	
	<p>AM expressed concern about the proposed merger as there was a poor reputation about Family Mosaic and that they would not be an improvement on Peabody. Residents were reminded to respond to the consultation by 3 February.</p>	
11	<b>Finance and legal</b>	
	<p>SP confirmed that the SVRA bank account was now open and DA will progress paperwork to have the grant (approx £300) put in. SP to apply for lotto funding also. A crowd funding exercise may be organised in the future.</p> <p>With regards to the legal case, Peabody has applied to strike out the case. In the meantime our solicitors want to meet with Peabody in hope to settle the case. Hearing has not been listed yet.</p> <p>It was suggested that Peabody USA be contacted (to highlight/escalate the case).</p>	
12	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p><u>Sewers/drains:</u> It was noted that many residents experienced the same problems following installation of the new bathrooms where builders put rubbish down the sinks and toilets which caused the blockages. Problems have not been resolved.</p> <p><u>Activity for residents</u> The lotto funds could be used to do something fun for residents. To be discussed at later date.</p>	
13	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	
	TBC	