

## MPR - Our Village

# Minutes of Village Meeting - Saturday 14th January 2023

Present: Baljeet Suri (8), Kusam Da (15), Christian Williamson (41), James Park (84), Pat and Martin Beard (90)

### 1. Constituting MPR - Our Village as a Community Group

We discussed the proposed constitution and agreed one amendment: that all residents over the age of *eight* should be able to vote at Group Meetings. The constitution was adopted.

### 2. Election of Officers

The following were elected to serve during 2023:

Co-Chairs - Kusam Pa & Pat Beard

Treasurer - Christian Williamson

Secretary - James Park

Baljeet said she would happily assist any of the officers in carrying out their duties.

### 3. Opening a Bank Account

We agreed that we should apply to open a Community Account at Metro Bank.

### 4. Safety & Security

Following the Police Contact Session on Wednesday, and the call by several residents to employ a private security company, we brainstormed some collective actions we might consider:

- Map all the cameras in the street, and the areas they cover, to identify blindspots
- Set up a Security Fund to pay for additional cameras
- Investigate whether there is a way of linking information from cameras for virtual patrolling
- Talk to local councillors about installing CCTV
- Put up signage on lamp-posts to tell people they are being watched
- Come up with a plan to make Henley Road crime-unfriendly and secure approval from the Council for implementation
- Devise a protocol for reporting all criminal activity to the Police and advertise to all neighbours on laminated cards
- Collect systematic information on crimes, together with photographs of the people committing them
- Have regular meetings with the Police and Councillors
- Identify residents willing to go round in their cars if called to an incident that is underway
- Ask dog walkers and 10,000 steppers to do a circuit of Mount Pleasant Road each time they go out, and report anything unusual they see
- Recruit volunteers to join StreetWatch (<https://www.streetwatchqpk.org/>) so that Sidmouth Parade and Mount Pleasant Road can be included in their patrols

We agreed that James would design and circulate a questionnaire to all residents asking them for their thoughts on these ideas, and new ones

### 5. Street Party 2023

We discussed two possible dates for this year's Street Party

- Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday
- Sunday 18th June - Shortly before the Summer Solstice (and the day after King Charles' Birthday)

It was agreed that we would poll the street to see which date was preferred.

Next Village Meeting: Saturday 28th January at Cuore

## **MPR - Our Village Constitution**

We are a community organisation called:

### **MPR - Our Village**

Our purpose is to build and celebrate our community by creating opportunities for us to:

- have fun together
- look out for each other
- find collective solutions to shared challenges, including safety and security

Everyone resident in Mount Pleasant Road is a member of Mount Pleasant Road - Our Village.

All members will be entitled to attend meetings and take part in any votes, with each resident over the age of eight having one vote

A Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected at the Annual General Meeting

The organisation will operate a bank account

The bank account will have two signatories, one of which will be the Treasurer.

The agreement of both signatories will be required for all expenditure.

Accounts for the year will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.