

## **MAPPERLEY PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual General Meeting**

**12th May 2021 (Zoom)**

#### **Those present**

Sue Clague (Chair) Howard Davies (Treasurer)  
Elizabeth Sanders (Secretary) Laura Archer, Kerry Wesley, Mike Reade

Cllr Leslie Ayoola, Cllr Sajid Mohammed, Alex Begg,  
Glyn Archer, James Haworth, Sheelagh Glanfield, Suma  
Harding, Peter Moore, Ruth Watts, Ellie Kennedy, Barbara  
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**Apologies**     Bee Sanghera

#### **Chair's Report**

- Sue welcomed the members of MPRA to the meeting and also the Councillors Leslie Ayoola and Sajid Mohammed and Alex Begg Head of the city Tree Dept.
- This has been a difficult year for everybody because of Covid restrictions. It has been impressive the way that everybody in Mapperley Park has come together to support each other. A volunteer group was available by phone support with those who were housebound by doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and any other ways of helping. Their help was much appreciated.
- The committee has continued to meet remotely via Zoom to keep abreast of things in the area. The Councillors have supported us by joining in with some of the meetings to report back on matters relating to their work and to hear about the concerns in Mapperley Park. We are pleased that two of them are able to join us this evening.
- She acknowledged the wonderful work and support undertaken by the MPRA committee

- The roundabout continues to bloom and flourish thanks to June Greenway joined by June, Lynne and Frances, the 'roundabout ladies'

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### **Minutes of the last AGM (2019)**

Acceptance of these was proposed by Howard Davies

Seconded by Laura Archer

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that there were few opportunities during Lockdown to raise funds.

There are three sources of income; Subscriptions, which remain at £5 per household, the Newsletter, and Events

The income generated from the Newsletter, which goes to 2000 homes, came to £500 and this was donated in kind to the foodbank in Sherwood.

There were no events which could generate income.

The Covid Support Group had 20 volunteers and 50 people benefitted from it.

£100 went on insurance

£175 was spent on planting for the roundabout.

The Accounts for 2019 and 2020 were reviewed by Richard Bonello. Our thanks are extended to him for doing this.

### **Membership**

A report was supplied by Cherry. There are 200 members. Thanks given to those who have paid their membership fee (£5 per household) and a reminder to those who haven't yet done so. We need more people to sign up and ask members to encourage people to join,

Ruth Watts asked a question about how you know if you have paid.

Payment details are on the website and people are advised to set up a direct debit as it is easier for them and MPRA.

After discussion Privilege Cards are being discontinued. At a time when businesses are struggling to keep going and open up again it was felt that it was inappropriate to be asking for discounts when they need all the help they can get.

## **Mapperley Park News**

This was a successful magazine but the model was difficult to sustain during Covid closures. It therefore morphed into a simpler newsletter in 2020, Two issues are produced each year which covers issues and events in Mapperley Park.

People are encouraged to write articles for it and the newsletter is collated by Howard Davies. Our thanks to him for his hard work.

## **Planning**

Mike Reade is an architect who has lived in Mapperley Park and worked here for 25 years. He knows the planning department well and the building regulations. His role in Mapperley Park is to assist the MPRA in reviewing projects for which planning consent is sought. He first looks at the planning request to see if there are problems for the community or for specific neighbours. He then reports back to the committee either recommending support or identifying a problem.

The information which goes back to the Council is the collective view of the committee. If members have a problem or potential problem with planning or neighbours' planning and need advice they can approach the committee about it.

Main problems are to do with building regulations. The Party Wall Act is designed to encourage neighbours to talk to each other about plans and negotiate a solution. The

planning applications are about 10 a year that raise questions about the impact on residents.

Two problems were raised.

Ruth Watts said that we don't always know who the neighbours are as they have not yet moved here.

Peter Moore raised questions about the dividing fence/wall and the nature of the enterprise.

Mike agreed to continue the discussions privately after the meeting.

Cllr Sajid Mohammed said that the Conservation Area Management Plan guidelines relating to Mapperley Park need to be revised and updates and would like to have a consultation with Mapperley Park Residents.

**ACTION PLAN** Cllr Sajid Mohammed to be invited to an MPRA committee meeting to discuss this. Also Cllr Leslie Ayoola ,who sits on the planning committee, to be invited.

### **Trees**

Alex Begg joined the meeting. He is responsible for trees across the city

- A programme of pruning will be undertaken across the city as well as Mapperley Park. This will be done when birds have finished nesting
- Tree pit information is being gathered to ascertain where trees are to be replaced. If the pit is no longer in an appropriate place, the pit will be closed.
- A tree sponsorship scheme is to be introduced to help with the cost of tree replacement.
- An order for works has been made for standard pruning (risk, nuisance and Highway Act Contravention) for Thorncliffe Road, Arlington Drive, Hatfield Road, Sefton Drive, Richmond Drive and Lucknow rive. There is ongoing assessment of future maintenance needs, such as

formative pruning of young trees planted in recent years

- The Horse Chestnuts on Mapperley Hall Drive are being monitored for future work
- **WildNG** This is a group of local people interested in linking biodiversity in city areas round Carrington. They want to take a hands-on approach to improving green infrastructure including tree planting. They are a group of volunteers and have asked if it is feasible for them to plant street trees. There is a possibility of linking up with any volunteers from Mapp Park. Planting street trees is a complicated job involving removing old roots, checking that pits are deep enough, removing dead or diseased trees and requires specialist equipment. However, a collaboration between Council and volunteers could be possible and also ideas about fund raising.

Alex was thanked for coming and for his valuable contribution. MPRA are willing to talk further with him and any volunteers and fund raisers.

#### **Social Events.**

Social events have been difficult during Lockdown, although a successful wine and cheese evening was held. Once Lockdown is over Bee is hoping to arrange a face-to face event in the summer.

#### **Election of Officer**

Alasdair Butler is stepping down from the committee and will become an adviser, especially over the Newsletter/Mapperley Park News

The rest of the committee: - Howard Davies,, Laura Archer, Kerry Wensley, Mike Reade, June Greenway, Cherry Burgess and Elizabeth Sanders have agreed to continue on the committee.

Sue Clague suggested therefore that they should be re-elected en bloc.

Proposed by Ellie Kennedy

Seconded by Peter Moore

Sue Clague has agreed to continue as Chair

Proposed by Howard Davies

Seconded by James Haworth

All were duly elected

### **Social Media**

Thanks were given to Kerry for all her hard work with the website and Facebook page. The number of people on Facebook has now grown to 550 and it has now become the main source of information. It has also become a way of engaging members of MPRA and their families through the competitions, as well as encouraging people to walk round Mapperley Park and getting to know the area.

### **Potholes**

Elizabeth Sanders raised again the issue of dangerous potholes on Magdala Road. Cllr Ayoola said they would be done this financial year.

(I can confirm they are being done at this moment ES)

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking everybody for attending and the Councillors for their active participation in the issues of Mapperley Park.

Hopefully it will not be too long before we can meet again in person and participate in social events.

