**Heaton Manor Residents’ Association**

**Volunteer “Zoom Meeting” notes**

**24/2/21 @ 9.00pm**

**Residents attending:**

 Jon Roper, Ruth Dickinson (Harrow Drive); Peter and Angela Appleby (Kingston Grove); Jonny Quirk (Kingston Grove); Ros Bowen (Newham Lane); Cathy Pickering (Merton Crescent); Claudia Blood (Merton Crescent) ; Yvonne Hyland (Merton Crescent); Anna Finbow (Kensington Close)

**Discussion notes**

Jon welcomed everyone and residents introduced themselves to the group. There are already a wide variety of skills and expertise available in the group.

An email account (HeatonManorRA@outlook.com) had been created to enable communication with relevant agencies and residents. Jon would send account details to all group members so that they could send and receive emails from that account

All aware of the varying status of residents and keen to involve all. Perhaps important to contact the relevant housing associations to enlist their support

It would be useful if the draft constitution could be simplified to make it more user friendly. This might be difficult if we are wanting to show that the RA was properly set up and run

All were keen to be able to address current and future issues starting as soon as possible

Recognition that issues varied depending on the where on the estate people lived. This meant that it was important for there to be representation from all areas

Needed to understand the various Freehold/Leasehold variances although there was little that the group could reasonably achieve in that area now. Need to wait for the outcome of any changes to the law

There was general agreement that we needed to start relatively small and tackle one or two “smaller” issues to get started and for residents to see results. This would hopefully boost enthusiasm for and involvement in the RA

How were we going to communicate with residents not on WhatsApp?

* It was suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch type poster be created for residents to put on their property to show involvement and support
* An invitation to an Initial Meeting of the RA would enable contact details to be gathered
* Some residents on Kingston Grove had already created quite an impressive communication and social network although not everyone were aware of the groups. Is there a need to encourage other streets to do something similar and be able to feedback to the committee?

**Actions**

Group members would contact various agencies/individuals:

* Jon - contact Councillor Sedgwick and make him aware of the group. Invite to a future meeting; send email account details to members
* Peter - Find out about and contact the proposed (Greenbelt?) management company
* Yvonne - contact Greater Manchester Police re criminals targeting the estate; contact Bellway Homes re street lighting and playground bins

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, 3rd March @ 9.00pm to receive updates on progress, consider ways to get wider resident involvement and to formalise the structure of the group

Meeting closed at 10.20pm