

Nevill Residents Association meeting
Monday 18th Sept 2023
St Marys Church Hall

Attendance			
Stephen Williams Alison Barnes Vicki Trenhaile Sarah O'Kane Derek Blayney Carolyn Blayney Penny Ollosson Simmy Vinikka Cllr Wendy Maples	Mak Archer Tim Gorringe Jacky Chester Mary Newnham Catherine Smith Rob Elvery Nick Tigg Trevor Morley Julie Philpott	Diane Crowhurst Carole Kirby Jane Jackson Kia Makepeace Mike Fisk Steve Crowhurst Cllr Matthew Bird Amy Junker Heslip Paul Grivell	Pat Williams Robert Massey Jenny Gaschke Ann Link Suzy Nelson (SN) Minutes Nikki Wickham
Apologies - Nicky Blackwell / Lesley Healey / Adam Manning Jones / Paul Keane			
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Welcome / introducing the new committee Suzy Nelson SN welcomed residents and introduced the new committee Co - Chairs – Suzy Nelson / Sarah Neals Secretary - Lesley Healey minutes. Other secretarial duties – vacant – anyone interested contact SN Treasurer – Kia Makepeace replaces Tim Gorringe – approved by vote Other committee members - Jane Jackson / Mike Fisk / Carol Kirby Achievements to date New constitution / new bank account / distributed newsletter & survey / updating the website / Christmas craft fair & Childrens art competition			
Nevill Good Neighbours NGN – Penny Ollosson Started in 2016/17 the scheme currently comprises 26 DBS checked volunteers (7 are committee members). NGN covers the Nevill estate. 43 mostly older residents currently access the scheme which provides – lifts to doctors / dentist / small jobs / putting out the bins / shopping / keeping in touch calls etc. the service is not an emergency service and does not encroach on services provided by local businesses. Requests are made via a phone call and are followed up within 24 hours. In 2016/17 the service provided 107 helps in 2022/23 - 719 helps and over the period since the project started a total of 2190 helps			
Survey SN reported back on the survey - sent with the last newsletter - 25 were returned. There were many positive comments about the Nevill Residents Association (NRA) and the Nevill Good Neighbours (NGN). Problems raised Assistance with bins – referred to NGN / Lack of gritting of bus route / Upkeep of neighbourhood / Overgrown hedges / obstructing pavements / Blocked road drains Suggested improvements - NRA welcome pack / Greening Nevill estate – speaker to next meeting /Facilities for older children /Promoting the bus service / Car parking / blocking / Electric car charging points / Shared equipment list – it was noted that the Library of Things exists on the Landport estate - www.leweslibraryofthings.org.uk . Suggested events - Local speakers / family and children events / plant, jumble sales / litter picks / open gardens / best kept hedge / use of Crossway Green / street parties / BBQs / gardening club / music events / Christmas carol eve / jigsaw library. Other comments during the meeting - Defibrillator – with the Parochial Council for permission to install a on the side of the church building. Running costs for new pads etc. of £50-60 pa needed to be budgeted for. - Maintaining trees depends on location it could be ESCC or LDC.			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extending the car share club – noted Nevill 2030 have tried - Filling of grit bins - Community newsletter to ask for location of community snow shovels. 	
<p>Lewes Living Streets (LLS) – Kevin Moore</p> <p>Living Streets is a national organisation committed to improving pedestrian and cycle access, slowing traffic and reducing through traffic.</p> <p>Achievements – 20mph limits in Lewes / community speed watch / new pedestrian crossing (Offham & Wallands) and better pavements.</p> <p>The group work collaboratively and have supported</p> <p>Malling camera / Southover school / ESCC / LDC / Cycle Lewes.</p> <p>Ideas to slow down traffic - Speed bumps / cobbles / signage / chicanes / narrow carriageways / speed indicators / pedestrian crossing / speed cameras / street parties / sharp bends at junctions.</p> <p>Things to avoid - One way streets / pedestrian railings / hatching in the middle of the road – which ‘push’ vehicles near to pathways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NRA encouraged to have a vision for traffic management on the Nevill estate. ESCC can provide a feasibility study. - Members were encouraged to join Speed watch in Lewes - Pot holes are a deterrent to cycling, all encouraged to report them, the new contractor is keen to improve the service. Some former reports were not handed to the new contractor so keep reporting. 	ALL
<p>Support to produce information leaflet on the bus service</p> <p>Proposal for an A4 leaflet promoting the bus service, currently 42 buses run into town and 40 return on weekdays. Cost £85 to print / fold.</p> <p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can the NRA apply to Town Council? Not retrospectively, Jan is next meeting – want leaflet to go out with Nov newsletter - The leaflet discarded, most use the app; agreed to promote the app - NRA awaiting a grant from LDC so funds will be available <p>A meeting vote approved a budget of up to £100 to produce the leaflet.</p>	
<p>Volunteers to weed streets – Nick Tigg</p> <p>Concerns related to the use of Glyphosate by the County Council as weedkiller were outlined. Residents / streets can ‘opt out’ of chemical spraying as in Southway. The aim is to encourage more streets to ‘opt out’ by being part of a community weeding group. The commitment is 6/8 times pa for an hour or so to pick the weeds. The could be extended to litter picking / general upkeep.</p> <p>Contact Nick Tigg</p>	ALL
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christmas Craft Fair 11/11 to raise NRA funds, for stalls contact Committee. - Nevill 2030 1st /10 4pm St Mary’s church planting trees in private gardens making them more sustainable – free advice and plants - Notice Board on the green – committee to ask via WhatsApp group if people saw who damaged it, which may enable a claim to be made. If not, a new notice board will be investigated – one with easier opening was requested. - Grass cutting – different areas of the estate are managed by different councils. ESCC cut the grass twice a year unless there are visibility issues.. - The mobile phone mast in Nevill Road – it was noted that the painting of the pylon in red to cover graffiti was a recognised deterrent against graffiti. The issue of the pylon has been passed to the planning authority - The Lewes Racecourse History Group event planned for September 2024 (60 years since the final horse race on the course). Gary Crowhurst to contact the committee to discuss further. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>Committ ee</p> <p>GC</p>
<p>Future meetings – dates to be confirmed</p> <p>October 23 – committee meeting</p> <p>February 24 – open meeting</p>	

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