

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

**Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 13 May 2023, 11.00am  
Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, N2 9BA**

**Members:**

Laurence Williamson (LW)	Chair	Present
Terry Copas (TC)	Vice chair	Present
Shona Perkins (SP)	Treasurer	Apologies
Dylis Dias (DD)	Secretary	Present

**Residents in attendance:**

Matthew Bond (MB)  
Dave Hardcastle  
Tom Matthews  
Lok Kam Kau

No.	Item	Action
1	Estate concerns	
	<p>The following items were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenancy contracts i.e. clarity sought on which organising body held the contracts following the mergers.</li> <li>• Rubbish had not been cleared at the end of Nursery Road. In addition, uncut grass and dog mess contributed to the estate grounds looking unsightly.</li> <li>• The fallen tree near the football pen has not been cleared. MB to escalate to Anne-Marie Fenlan, North-West region manager and Andy for the "Play Safe" scheme.</li> <li>• The work of the caretakers was not satisfactory. Clarity was sought on the number of caretakers employed and whether this had changed as this would affect the service charges.</li> <li>• Overcrowding was still an issue for some households; Peabody was not dealing with this fairly.</li> <li>• The communal gardens need to be worked on.</li> </ul>	MB
2	Peabody contacts	
	<p>It was noted that Strawberry Vale did not have an area manager at present, due to some transitioning within Peabody.</p> <p>There was a new caretaker manager.</p> <p>It was suggested that the caretaker and area manager carry out a walk-around of the estate. These used to take place previously. MB and Tom were happy to be involved in this.</p>	
3	SVRA	
	<p>MB was keen to establish a sense of community on the estate, with both the SVRA and Green Man Management working together as a collective voice. More engagement from the residents (including young people) was required so that everyone had respect and responsibility for the estate, particularly the shared grounds.</p> <p>The SVRA was still a recognised body and as a collective voice and carried weight with Peabody and also local MP Mike Freer, who often provided</p>	

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	<p>support.</p> <p>LW and TC both wished to remain on the SVRA (as co-vice chairs).</p> <p>To get more people involved, leafleting was a good option. A residents' newsletter would also be helpful. MB stated that he had been working on a leaflet. LW suggested to include the benefits of being part of the SVRA and also examples of things have been done/achieved.</p>	
4	<b>Funding</b>	
	Peabody's community funds have dried up however there was a "Will it Work" programme which could fund up to £500. MB to explore further.	MB
5	<b>Future items to consider</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat meters</li> <li>• AGM</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Summary and next steps</b>	
	<p>The group felt that the football pen repair was the first priority and a petition would be a good start to re-establishing the SVRA and getting Peabody's attention to fix this. MB shared that he had contacted The Archer newspaper which would gain publicity.</p> <p>Hosting a AGM would be considered as the next meeting.</p> <p>A resident's newsletter would be created.</p>	
7	<b>Next meeting date</b>	
	The next meeting would the AGM, date TBC.	