



## **SPRA COMMITTEE MEETING 17 February 2022**

### **KEY POINTS**

#### **Annual General Meeting 2022**

It is intended to hold an 'in-person' AGM for the first time in three years! The actual date and venue have yet to be confirmed, but it will probably be at some time round 19 April 2022. An important item on the agenda will be to determine the future direction of the Association. The committee has shrunk to such a degree that continuation in the current way is not feasible, so we must either recruit more members to the committee, or agree a more streamlined method of operation, which would almost certainly be less ambitious. We need to publicise the AGM, and we are inviting any members of the Association to attend the first part of the next committee meeting to collect bundles of fliers and posters advertising the AGM, for putting through the front doors of all 700+ houses in the conservation area, and putting up the posters on lamp-posts in the area. The committee meeting will begin at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 22 March at 114 Duffield Road. If you are able to help with this distribution, please let the secretary, Clive Lemmon know (contact details below) and he will give you directions.

#### **Houses in multiple occupation (HMO)**

Further research by members of the SPRA committee into the legislation governing the formation of new HMOs has revealed that it may be more possible to get an Article 4 Direction set up to require property owners to seek planning permission for the conversion of any property into an HMO (irrespective of the number of residents) than we had been led to believe. The committee will continue to press for this. The SPRA is not seeking to stop all HMO conversions, but to give the opportunity to local residents and other interested parties for all such conversions to be scrutinised before implementation.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Following on from the on-line meeting on 7 December 2021 amongst those who had expressed interest in re-launching Neighbourhood Watch in the SPRA area, Ward Councillor Alison Martin recently contacted all those who participated to see if anyone was prepared to take the lead in establishing a new Watch. Unfortunately no-one has come forward.

#### **Next committee meeting**

The next meeting of the SPRA committee will be on Tuesday 22 March 2022. Please let the Secretary know in good time if there are any matters SPRA members would particularly like the committee to consider. (The formal agenda of the meeting will come after the AGM fly-sheets and posters have been distributed.)

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