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Dear SPRA Member

### **DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SPRA 2020 AGM**

As you know, it was not possible to hold our Annual General Meeting this year, so this mailing is attempting to tie up a few loose ends. You will find, attached, a report from me, as Secretary, on what happened in 2019/20 and a similar report and accounts from the Treasurer.

As it was not possible to hold elections to the SPRA committee, the existing members have continued in post, namely me as Secretary, Joan Dutton as Treasurer and John Austin and Sandra Butcher as other members of the committee. (Family circumstances have temporarily prevented Belinda Elliott-Dawes from participating in the work of the committee for some time.) We have recently co-opted Helen McGloin to join us on the committee, and we would be interested to hear from any other SPRA member who might like to join us.

For the future we are hoping to develop a 'vision' for the Strutt's Park area, and to do this we will be seeking input from the existing members of the SPRA, and hoping to engage more with the local community. We have observed, as many of you will have, that the start of the 'lockdown' period saw an upsurge in community awareness. In addition, the Government's current proposed overhaul of the planning system in England claims to want to see much more participation by local residents and people who work in the local area and we hope that the SPRA can play its part in that. Expect to hear more about this as we work out how to do it!

Yours truly,

Clive Lemmon  
Secretary to SPRA



## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2019/20

This report covers the period between the AGM in 2019 and March 2020.

On-street parking was a recurring theme. Pressure from local residents and the SPRA eventually led to the City Council calling a public meeting at which it was agreed that they would carry out a survey in the streets north of North Street to gauge the level of support of local residents for 'residents-only parking' schemes. Although 67% of respondents voted for some type of residents-only parking, the response rate was only 27%, which is far too low to give confidence that any scheme would have general local support. The City Council were to arrange a follow-up public meeting at which the results were to be explained further, but plague restrictions have so far precluded the holding of such a meeting.

The future use of S. Alkmund's Green was considered once again and a public meeting was called by the City Council on 9 September 2019. Various ideas were put forward at the meeting and the Ward Councillors were to consider how to take this forward.

The state of the flower bed at the Five Lamps junction has been considered. At one stage it was thought it might be possible to obtain sponsorship for its maintenance, but these approaches came to nothing. Repeated requests did lead to missing coping stones being replaced during the year, and the committee is exploring possibilities to help the existing voluntary maintenance effort do more work on the flower bed.

Various planning applications in the area were considered. Three applications to fell trees led to SPRA objections which resulted in a constructive dialogue between the City Council arboriculturalist and the land owners concerned leading to revised proposals and pruning options being adopted.

Frequent motor accidents at the Five Lamps junction led the City Council to analyse the situation, and this has resulted in the provision of additional traffic lights controlling the Garden Street southbound to Duffield Road turn. Since their installation there have been no further incidents.

The SPRA committee have been investigating with the City Council the possibility of having some signage to mark the conservation area. The most likely way forward with this idea seems to be putting up an 'engagement board' (perhaps similar to those erected at the entrances to Darley Open Spaces) explaining key features of the conservation area.

Parking too close to road junctions has been considered once again, and the SPRA has been successful in getting the Chevin Place/Belper Road and Ruskin Road/Belper Road junctions included on the Ward list as sites for future double yellow lining.

The Autumn 2019 SPRA Newsletter was delivered to members in November.

The new riverside walk through the parks was inaugurated by the City Council during the year, and has seen a lot of use during the current restrictions.

After a good deal of planning, the *Councillors on Patrol* walkabout took place on 27 February 2020, with SPRA committee members and other local residents taking part. We were joined by the newly appointed Public Protection Officer for the Ward, and several items, such as bins on streets, graffiti, stolen street nameplates, perpetual 'to let' signs, were identified for attention.

Severn Trent sought planning permission for a new dosing rig to be installed at their Darley Abbey site to cure the problem of sewer odours in the Strutt's Park area. Their first proposal was rejected on planning grounds, and an amended proposal was put forward, which was accepted early in February. We are still trying to find out how far the work on that has progressed.

It is hoped that an AGM can be held in 2021, at which the work in the current year will be reported.

Clive Lemmon  
21 August 2020



**Strutt's Park Residents' Association**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**2019 -2020**

Balance Brought forward:   £422.21  
Closing Balance:             £375.34

The Association's income comes from the membership subscription of £2 per household. Membership amounted to 58 households. £119 was paid in the 2019/20 financial year – this includes some advance payments.

In the past Committee members paid for AGM refreshments but this year the Committee were refunded for these costs (£21.05).

NORA appears twice because of a move to payment in advance – we have paid for 2020/21.

AGM room hire appears twice. The (St Mary's) invoice for the 2019 AGM was not received until well into the financial year of 2019/20. St Alkmund's requested payment for the room hire before the 2020 event. As the AGM did not take place they have refunded the money and this will appear in the accounts for 2020/21.

Stationery and printing (£42.50) was for the leaflets for the AGM. The cost of the Newsletter printing has not been claimed. The 2019/20 Newsletter accrued £10 for advertising.

I believe the figure given at the AGM for the balance at the end of 2018/19 was incorrect. The figure of £377.21 was low by £45.00. It is presumed that this resulted from a £45 assumed payment for the AGM room hire.

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