

## *Notes from the VCAG meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May*

Present Nadine, Mark and Julie

Apologies from Chris P

### Items for discussion

1. Jubilee Celebrations – preparations for the picnic in Kipling Gardens were discussed. We were on target to deliver entertainment to children and adults within the budget set by the Parish Council for the event.
2. PARC's application to the Parish Council for a grant towards to cost of the hog roast event in Kipling Gardens of the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. It was noted that any profits raised from this would be used to fund recreational facilities for children in the Parish and elsewhere in the Deans. The VCAG reflected on the concerns raised at the Parish Council meeting that it was generally our practice to fund events that were free to residents such as the free concerts provided by Rottingdean Arts. Cathy Taylor has been advised that whilst the Parish Council have reservations about this grant application, they would be happy to receive any for play facilities that PARC might be funding in the parish. ( Application attached) The recommendation from VCAG to the RPC is to reject this application.
3. Noticeboard 6 it had been suggested that the 6<sup>th</sup> noticeboard originally destined for the green space surrounded by the Park in Rottingdean heights could be used instead at the recreation ground. Cathy Taylor liked this suggestion. If Parish Council agree then Julie will bark liaise with Cathy about the exact site.
4. Kipling Gardens – On Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 30<sup>foot</sup> tree had been stripped of all its bark which means it will now die slowly as the leaves are unable to transfer sugars/sucrose to the roots. This galvanised the volunteers a risk assessment has been completed by the Ranger Nick Lane and his manager. Those volunteering to lock and unlock the gardens have been instructed in how the lock up process will work and the risks that they face and the avoidance action they should take. The residents have been advised of the plan to lock the gardens from the 1<sup>st</sup> of June via Rotting dean Chat and notices which have been attached to the front and back gates of the gardens. The keys and signs of opening and closing times have been retrieved from Chris Hayes and circulated to the volunteers, Trish Ellis will maintain a rota of volunteers. A grant will be submitted to the Parish for the cost of having two further notices made up giving the numbers which should be rung if someone gets locked in.
5. The event to mark the 150 years since the birth of the composer Vaughan-Williams will involve a procession through the village from the seafront to St Margaret's church, perhaps using the long St Aubyns Twitten. There will be a short concert at the church of three or four pieces one of which will be Lark ascending. The musicians will be from the Brighton council young musician's hub. A more detailed paper on this will be drafted for the July meeting.

6. Active Transport by way of preparation for the discussion about the results of the AQMA trial and the planter Graham and myself attended a meeting with a representative of the organisation sustrans to consider how we might facilitate a community discussion about transport in and around Rottingdean.