**Westbury Park Community Association**

**Committee meeting held on Monday 15th July 2019**

**Present: Kevin Chidgey, Christine Healey, Serena Ralston, Janet Brewer, Jane Wills**

1 The committee met to discuss the future of the Association, given that (a) Kevin had for some time wished to step down as chair, and (b) Jane was feeling that the group lacked a purpose, and needed to either change or close. Janet was prepared to remain on the committee, but not to act as chair.

Changes in the local context since 2008 were noted, including:

* The demise of Neighbourhood Partnerships, which had been a source of funding for WPCA
* The lack of a major issue to bring people together: e.g. a new RPS was not likely for years
* The development of street social groups with e.g. Facebook
* The development of local digital social networks e.g. Nextdoor for sharing local information

Positive purposes of the WPCA included:

* To host the Festival. This could, however, exist separately.
* To compile the What’s On guide, and a regular newsletter on local issues

2 Lengthy discussion ensued. We debated

Should we offer members a survey where they could give their opinions? Agreed not to.

Should we hold an AGM? Agreed, for early October.

How can we best approach residents in an encouraging and positive way?

3 Actions

3.1 It was agreed that Kevin would draft a statement for WPCA members, to be sent in early September. He will circulate the draft.

3.2 It was agreed that Janet would book the Church Hall for a date in early October

4 No date was agreed for a further meeting, We will keep in touch by email.