

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 11th May 2015
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present Jerry Gillen, Jill Baston, Simon Hill, Stephen Connelly, Chris Klewe, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Vinson, Steven Johnston.
- Attending Councillor Linda Norris, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Councillor Matthew Claisse, Roret Blue USA, Nick Bacon, Tom O'Connor, Peter Etheridge, Peggy Augier, Ann Wardle.
- Apologies Roger Brown, John Bradshaw, Nadine Johnson, Bryan Wakely, Headley Rossell.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.
Jerry Gillen asked all present to introduce themselves. There were no special interests.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to a small clarification on the lottery grant monies.
3. Matters Arising.
The matter of on street parking and the lack of enforcement of the regulations were discussed further. Paul O'Neill agreed to raise the matter with the Council. Peggy Augier asked why parking times on different streets were different and for the recent city wide review of parking to be published. Peggy also noted that the survey had been conducted online and that not everybody was on the internet or happy to use it.
4. AGM
It was noted that Alison Shelly had stood down as a member.
Some of the questions raised at the AGM were discussed briefly.
The future of the Faraday building was still uncertain.
It was unlikely that the Council would accept a 30mph speed limit on the Avenue as far as Burgess Road, and that it was probably not even within their competence. (Highways Authority)
There was also discussion as to whether there should be a refuge on the Avenue to protect vehicles turning right into Highfield Road.
5. Adrian Vinson confirmed that brown top bins, ie garden waste, were emptied every second Thursday in the Portswood area.
6. The Rat Man
There was considerable discussion as to how to deal with the Environmental, Health and Welfare problems being created by the dumping of large amounts

of food to feed vermin and birds in the area. The rat population was increasing rapidly, and there were often large flocks of crows and seagulls fighting for the food. Steven Johnston reported on his efforts to photograph the activities, and there was a discussion on what if any laws had been broken. It was agreed to invite the Council's Environmental Health Officer to Address a future meeting. Steven Johnston was asked and agreed to join the committee and to coordinate this work.

7. Reports.

Membership

Nicolla Martin reported on the membership:-

Data base records	560
Paid up total	413
Rolling paidup	193

Finances.

The Treasurer was not present, but the accounts had been published at the recent AGM and were healthy.

Planning.

Adrian Vinson summarized the local planning applications in this area. The only ongoing problem was with 13 Grosvenor Road. An appeal against planning permission refusal to convert the premises to 5 flats with 11 bedrooms had been lodged by the landlord. The planning process had been going on for such long time that the local residents were losing heart. It was agreed that HRA would support and push for a public inquiry and that legal advice was being sought. It was possible that substantial costs might be incurred. Because the matter was urgent, since all representations have to be in before 26th May 2015, it was agreed to authorize the planning subcommittee to spend funds if need be on this matter without further reference to the Committee or treasurer.

Tom O'Connor mentioned that there was an unregistered HMO at 9 Russell Place. He would raise the matter with local residents.

8 AOB

Matthew Claisse brought to the committee's attention that an illegal HMO in Redhill (road) had been fined £2,000.

9. Date of next meeting.

This would be on 8th June 2015 at Highfield House Hotel.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

