

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting  
Held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015  
At Highfield House Hotel

Present Roger Brown, Jill Baston, Nicolla Martin, Stephen Connolly, Steven Johnston, Simon Hill, Jerry Gillen, Adrian Vinson, Nadine Johnson.

Attending Mark Batchelor, Sue Ingham, Roret Blue, Councillor Linda Norris, Tom O'Connor, Councillor Matthew Claisse, Nick Bacon.

Apologies Chris Klewe, Headley Rossell, Paul O'Neill

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.  
Roger Brown welcomed everybody. There were no special interests declared.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with item 6 designer amended to webmaster.
3. Matters Arising.  
No matters arising apart from those listed elsewhere on the agenda
4. Emma Pruce from SUSU  
Emma was not in attendance. We will get in touch with her. Jerry mentioned the Quiz and Curry night planned for 29 November with SUSU.
5. Cycleway  
Roger gave a summary of progress on proposals for Lovers' Walk. Following discussion, HRA committee had agreed that a wide tarmac pathway would urbanise the Common, and had endorsed the approach summarised in Simon Hill's presentation. (Details on website.)

Roger and Simon met with the Council Leader, SCC officers and representatives of the University; they pointed out that the proposals may be unlawful under the 1906 Act.

Roger will ask residents via the website for any experiences or incidents associated with using the Common either on foot or cycling. He has asked the police for any relevant information in their accident record.

The committee noted that the majority of Furzedown Road residents oppose the use of the road as part of the cycleway and want the existing path to be widened.

Roger, Simon, Adrian and Jerry will meet on 10 November with Balfour Beatty (the Council's contractors) and Council officers to discuss the proposals

for Highfield Road.

Simon outlined potential difficulties resulting from the Highfield Road proposals.

6. Website

Nadine reported 16,000 hits to the website. The events page will be modified for easier use. She encouraged members to send her items for the website

7. Reports.

Membership

Nicolla Martin reported that they were unchanged from last month..

Data base records	560
Paid up total	424
Rolling paid up	344

Finance

In good health

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Planning.

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. Adrian summarised the latest applications. We will oppose the 38 Grosvenor Road application (change from C3 to HMO C4).

Adrian, Roger and Simon met with Sam Fox, new Head of Planning. The meeting was useful, with some shared concerns. They plan to meet again in the New Year.

Roger has put a blog on the website about 224 Portswood Road (Sainsbury's site.)

We will write in support of a Public Places Protection Order for Portswood..

No application has been put in yet for the retirement apartments reported to be proposed on the Sainsbury's site.

Jerry expressed concerns about the standard of enforcement.

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8. AOB.

Ratman – the council's baiting has worked well; however he is now dumping bones. Witness statements, logs of sightings, and photos are needed as evidence.

The Community Action Forum AGM will be held on Tuesday 17 November.

Details of the Little Common working parties will be published on the website.

9. Date of next meeting.

This would be on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

10. Reserved business

Noted.