

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Held on 10th February 2014
Highfield House Hotel

Present Roger Brown, Jill Baston, Headley Rossell,
Nadine Johnson, Steve Connelly, Jerry Gillen, Nicolla Martin,
Simon Hill, Chris Klewe,

Attending Helen Kemble, Roret Blue, John Hayward, Nick Bacon, Jackie Barnes
Apologies Clr. Adrian Vinson, Clr Matthew Claisse, Clr Linda Norris, Julia
Brooking, John Bradshaw, Keith Reed, Alison Shelley, Bryan Wakely
Caroline Knight

1. Welcome and apologies

The committee welcomed John Hayward, Chair of Outer Avenue Residents Association and Helen Kemble (PCSO)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved with minor changes.

3. Matters Arising

1 Grant. The grant money was still not available. It was agreed to ask the grant holders about the timescales for its delivery, but the consensus was that it had been approved and would come in due course. We should be prepared to go ahead with urgent items funded from our own budget and repay the money to our reserves when possible.

2 Website The formal launch of the website was delayed by the lack of certainty over the grant, but was otherwise ready to go.

3 AGM The three confirmed panel speakers were Sergeant Stewart Chandler, Councillor Jacqui Rayment and Prof Judith Petts. The next committee meeting will need to consider and formulate questions that could be put to the panel..

4 Cycleway There have been no further developments on this project.

5 Clearing Lover's Lane/ Community payback. Some committee members visited the area to see what would need to be done. The northern section could be left to the City Council to clear while we concentrate on the southern end. Sparsholt College would be asked to help under the Building Bridges Project and 4 working parties have been arranged, but we still need to confirm insurance requirements. (Insurance cover has since been confirmed.)

4. Building Bridges Project

There has been good progress on this joint HRA / University / Police initiative to raise awareness amongst students, families and others to avoid them becoming victims of crime. There would be a formal launch presided over by the Mayor in the University Union bar on 26th or 27th March at 7.30 pm to which all members will be invited. One proposal was that all students living in our area would be given a personal alarm. (Date confirmed as 26th March at 7pm.)

5. Reports

Finance The treasurer circulated details of the accounts that would be presented at the AGM

Membership Nicolla Martin gave membership numbers in the usual format

Data base records	560
Paid up total	433
Rolling paidup	17

Planning Jerry Gillen reported on the Scrutiny Panel meeting of 6th Feb which indicated that the Council Leader would like to increase the allowable proportion of HMO s to 20%. JG also queried the fact that the Leader of the Council had given personal evidence to the panel which seemed to be against Council standing orders. The Committee endorsed the letter Jerry Gillen had sent to Councillor Letts querying his action. There had been 12 planning applications in the last month, none of which were contentious.

6. AOB

Roger reported on a planned St Georges Day festival in Southampton and the committee agreed to take part. Jerry Gillen would be the link person. There was continuing concern over the increasing traffic problems in Portswood at the Highfield Lane/ Portswood road junction. Helen Kemble agreed to raise the matter with the Council in the first instance.. Helen gave a brief report on the outcome of the Police activity mentioned at the last meeting. Several arrests had been made in connection with burglaries in the Highfield Road area.

7. Reserved business

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm