

Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 12th October 2015
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present Jerry Gillen, Stephen Connolly, Chris Klewe, Nadine Johnson.
- Attending Councillor Linda Norris, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Jacky Barnes, Nick Bacon, Tom O'Connor, Roret Blue, Sue Ingham, Hilary Foster, Elena Vorobeva, Roy Butterfield.
- Apologies Councillor Matthew Claisse, Roger Brown, Jill Baston, Simon Hill, Headley Rossell, Adrian Vinson, Nicolla Martin, Steven Johnston, John Bradshaw, Bryan Wakely.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.
Jerry Gillen welcomed everybody. There were no special interests declared.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters Arising.
Cycleway

Jerry read a statement from the absent Chair in which he said that the Council had asked for a meeting with the HRA Chair and a University representative at which the HRA Chair would ensure that the views of all members would be reported. Residents of Furzedown Rd in particular expressed concerns about potential proposals for their road and Roy Butterfield commented that according to London regulations for cycleways, they only need to be 3 metres wide. Jerry explained that Simon Hill's absence was because he was attending a separate meeting on the subject with others and the Council's Cycling Officer and he would be reporting back in due course.

Licensing Regulations for Portswood Broadway – Councillor Claisse is seeking to have this area included as a *Cumulative Impact Zone* which will enable greater control of ASB.

Councillor Paul O'Neill gave more information on the nuisance caused by vagrants drinking in public in Portswood. He said that the Police were aware of the problem and the offenders were moved on, but were treating it like a bit of a game.

4. 13 Grosvenor Road.
Jerry gave a summary and overview of the successful outcome of the third Appeal for this property. This was an outstanding result with the Inspector actually overturning the findings of the previous Inspector, in favour of the local residents. This is *extremely rare* and there was additional criticism of the Council's officers recommendation for approval, who in the words of the Inspector, acted... *contrary to the Development Plan!* Hilary Foster attended on behalf of the residents of Grosvenor Rd and thanked HRA for their support.

She requested the Council Solicitor who gave the Panel incorrect Legal advice should be included in our meeting with the new Head of Planning next week! A full report and the Inspector's Decisions are posted on our website.

Tom O'Connor commented we should write to the Chief Planning Officer to ask him what steps he was taking to ensure that correct procedures would be followed in future.

5. The Common

There is apparently scope for some major clearance work and improvement of overgrown areas and the Chairman will convene a separate meeting of all interested parties including residents and groups from other sides and boundaries to The Common.

6. Website

Nadine gave an update and mentioned that another Residents Association had seen our site and were so impressed they had engaged our own webmaster. She requested that people submit regular current activity reports. Also the website is gaining increased use and has now had over 15,000 'hits'.

7. Reports.

Membership

Nicolla Martin had reported by email these details.

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

Finance

In the absence of the Treasurer, Jerry reported they were healthy and we had enough funds for current activities. No questions were raised.

Planning. T

There was nothing contentious in Adrian's monthly report. Reference was made to another successful Appeal outcome for 248 Priory Rd which will be posted on our website. A member from Granby Grove complained about an adjacent extension in Ripstone Gardens which was taking her light.

Councillor Paul O'Neill agreed to investigate on her behalf.

Licensing

An objection has been lodged against a late night opening application for Addis Square.

8. AOB.

Matters raised referred to agenda items and have been included earlier.

9. Date of next meeting.

This would be on 9th November 2015 at Highfield House Hotel.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm