

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 9th February 2015
At Highfield House Hotel

Present Roger Brown, Jerry Gillen, Jill Baston, Stephen Connelly, Chris Klewe, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Vinson, Nadine Johnson, Simon Hill.

Attending Tom O'Connor, Jacky Barnes, Bryan Wakeley, Edward Knowlton (Winn Road).

Apologies Councillor Linda Norris, Councillor Matthew Claisse,
Councillor Paul O'Neill, Farooque Ahmed, Headley Rossell

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.
There were no declarations of specific interests.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
3. Matters Arising
The Chair informed the meeting that it had now been confirmed that Galliard Homes would not be proceeding with the redevelopment of the Highfield House Hotel. He had also written to the Council Leader in support of the North Southampton Community Forum's request that the Council apply to the Government for a Direction to ban landlords letting boards in parts of the City.
4. AGM.
This would be held on 30th April 2015. No outside speakers would be invited and the committee members would be asked to outline the roles they undertook.
5. The Website.
Nadine Johnson, ably assisted by Steven Connelly, gave an outline presentation of the new website designed by Ross Gordon. All present were impressed by the scope of data and information it could handle and how well it worked. Adrian asked if a section dealing with Licensing issues could be added. Nadine said she would contact Ross.
It was agreed that the site would be up and ready in the next 2 weeks, but that there would be no formal launch.
6. Reports
Membership
Nicolla Martin reported these details.

Data base records	560
Paid up total	425
Rolling paidup	16

Finances
It was reported that the finances were healthy. There was still an ongoing problem with leaving Lloyds bank which should be sorted soon. The Chair

had contacted staff at the Community Foundation Grant who were considering whether the money could be used to publish a third news letter, as well as clearing work on the Little Common.

Planning

Various recent planning applications were considered.

It was agreed to object to the proposal at 12 Ripstone Gardens and to send a note of reservation about replacing a parapet with metal railing at 255 to 261 Portswood Road.

Edward Knowlton brought potential problems at 36 Winn Road to the Committee's Attention. As a neighbour, the owner had indicated his plans to convert the building to 2 HMO's, 6 2 bed flats and a small student hostel. It was agreed that HRA would object to the proposal.

The Proposed development of the B&Q site to 528 student accommodation units was discussed. And it was agreed that we should make no formal comments since it was well outside our area. It was a private development without any involvement from Southampton University.

There was as yet no enforcement action being taken against the HMO at 21 Holyrood Road and there was a general feeling that the Council had lost their way on this case. There seemed to be a problem with who does what in the Council, and unless sorted this could lead to problems of principle in the future.

Licensing Applications.

Adrian Vinson reported that the Wild Lime in Portswood had applied to increase its opening times to 7.30am to 2.30 am. Adrian agreed that he would go to the hearing on 19th February and Roger Brown urged other members to attend and object if possible.

7. AOB

It was noted that the so called birdman who left food for birds and rodents on the Little Common was becoming more cautious in the way he operated, but still left copious amounts of food out. This was likely to cause a rat infestation in the area. The Chair agreed to contact local residents.

Nicolla Martin presented a list of fund raising proposals put forward by HRA members on their remittance forms when rejoining. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the AGM.

8. Date of next meeting

The next committee meeting would be 9th March 2015.

9 Reserved Business

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.