

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting

Held on 9th October 2017

At Highfield House Hotel

Present.	Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Steven Johnston, Stephen Connolly, Adrian Vinson, Simon Hill, Nadine Johnson.
Attending.	Councillor Matthew Claisse, Jon Walsh, (SU), Alison Titheridge, (Mayflower Care Home), Adrian Pickering, Tom O'Connor.
Apologies.	Councillor John Savage, Ian Dunn, Nicolla Martin, Roger Brown, Jill Baston, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Nick Bacon, Jacky Barnes.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

The Chair welcomed members and one of our Ward Councillors.

No special interests were declared.

2. The minutes of the meeting on 11th September were approved.

3. Matters Arising.

All on the agenda.

4 University Liaison. Jon Walsh commented on the Steps Appeal decision and confirmed that as far as the University was concerned, there was no Right of Way over the Service Road. He accepted there was considerable disquiet on the current closure of the Service Rd between the hours of 6.00 am. and 6.00 pm. but stated this was for reasons of Health and Safety and perfectly within their rights. SCAPPS, for example, were one of a number of interests considering challenging this but the Chair asked if the University might be prepared to convene a meeting to consider a possible negotiated compromise. Members felt that provision for Cyclists and Pedestrians, to the exclusion of motor vehicles, might be acceptable. Jon reported that Highfield School was one of the complainants of the current closure scheme.

5. Rat Man

Steve Johnson reported on the unfortunate outcome of his Court Case and that this person was continuing to contravene his CPN with abandon! The Chair said he would raise this at his meeting with the Leader of the Council on Thursday.

6. Reports.

Finance.

The Treasurer is in the process of trying to set up online banking. The Chair stated he felt there was no point launching our fund raising campaign until this was in place. It would be important to liaise with both the Membership

Secretary and Website member as part of this process. A member warned that it would be very necessary to ensure the safety of members banking details.

Membership.

No report was available but membership remains in excess of 500 households.

Planning.

There were no new applications of concern to report. The Chair expressed his despair at the current deteriorating relationship between HRA and the Planning Department and gave examples of the many outstanding and unresolved issues. However, the Leader of the Council has agreed to meet with the Chair and Simon Hill this coming Thursday to discuss our concerns.

Website. Nadine reported that we now had six advertisements on/for the website. However, a couple of them will expire shortly so it would be necessary to contact the owners to discuss extending the term.

7. AOB

There was no other business.

8. Next meeting on Monday 13th November.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.