

## Minutes HRA Committee Meeting Held Virtually 10 June 2019



**Committee members present:** N/A

**Attending:** N/A

**1. Welcome, declaration of interests:** N/A

**2. Apologies:** Jerry Gillen, Nicolla Martin, Balbinder Bali, Barbara Claridge, Bryan Wakely, Adrian Vinson, Mark Bachelor

**3. Minutes and Amendments of the previous meeting held on May 13 2019**

The minutes had been circulated previously and there were no amendments

**4. Matters Arising**

- a. The Summer Social: see Agenda item 6
- b. Potholes in roads – put forward to next full meeting agenda (actioned HonSec)
- c. HRA camera sale update (**Steven: no report**)
- d. Green travel update - put forward to next full meeting agenda (actioned HonSec)
- e. OTRA Liaison re-planning fees for tree work in Conservation Areas. (actioned HonSec). After liaising with Jerry on this matter, HonSec sent message to Dave White regarding no joint action. No acknowledgement as yet from Dave.

**5. Acting Chair's Report (Jerry):**

Little Common - Jerry has had a meeting with Adam and Roger of the SCF following their meeting with SCC on the matter of the proposed revised Northern Entrance footpath. They reported the Council's proposed scheme had been stopped and the matter was now to be reviewed by the Cabinet Member responsible. Following this JG met with both Steve Johnson and Simon Hill of "Common Sense" who were also liaising separately with Cllr John Savage, who has stated he fully supports HRA/CS's alternative proposal, which was previously the subject of a 'Small Projects' bid. Cllr Savage now awaits a meeting with his Cabinet colleagues on the matter W/C 10th June. JG has asked that HRA be part of any review.

Blockbuster site – It is understood there are complications due to probate concerning the sale of this site following a previously proposed scheme having been refused at Planning Appeal. A local developer, Peter Loizou, is interested in acquiring this site and is assisting the freeholders in finding a way forward, which includes getting rid of the current second-hand car sales business.

6. **Summer Social Summer Social.** (Bryan and Steven: no report as yet on event format, food and drink, music, cost, ticket production and sales, tombola)

However, Cynthia Swann (Portswood Residents Gardens) has communicated with Jerry to report that she had met with Brian and Steve on 2 occasions and hoped that HRA preparations were going well.

She raised a question of concern about whether their public liability insurance will cover your event if, as we have agreed, the grounds and Pavilion were let without charge. She suggested a nominal fee of £1 was paid to avoid this problem. Jerry confirmed that the nominal fee would cover the potential insurance difficulty and that HRA did have its own Third-Party Insurance.

She also reminded HRA that if there was to be an application made for a license to sell alcohol, then the board would need to be aware of it and the terms of it. Jerry replied that any event it would only be for a glass of Ale or Wine for a nominal amount as we want to keep it as simple as possible. Details are yet to be confirmed by Bryan or Steven.

Cynthia also asked that HRA members are reminded that being an HRA member does not entitle them to walk in the gardens or the meadow. They can become friends of the gardens if they want to continue to use the grounds. The board have also asked that HRA be reminded that letting the grounds for free or a nominal sum does not set any kind of precedent. Portswood Residents Garden's Board is happy that there should be closer cooperation between them and HRA but that their treasurer needs income.

7. **University Liaison** (Jon: no information)

## 8. Reports

- a. Finance including fundraising ideas (Martin). Martin reported no issues to report on finances apart from the accounts for Dec 2017 to Jan 2019 are now audited
- b. Membership (Nicolla). Nicolla reported the following membership details:  
  
Data Base = 485  
  
Paid Members = 430  
  
Rolling = 95 (Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May)
- c. Planning issues (Angela). Angela's Planning Report is attached

9. **Website / Facebook** (Nadine).

Nadine reported that an **e-newsletter** for May 2019 had recently been emailed to members. These are normally sent once a month. Any items for inclusion should arrive by the end of the 2nd week in the month

**Facebook** - As of 30 May 2019, we have 233 signed up members and 251 followers (both increases)

## **Data Protection Policy**

The updated Data Protection Policy (as of May 2019) is now on the website 'Our Documents' page, likewise the updated Membership Application Form.

10. Newsletter update: July 2019 edition (Steven: no report)

11. HRA financial support for Common Ground mower (Steven and Martin: no information)

12. A.O.B.

There was no A.O.B.

**Date of next meeting – Monday 8 July 2019 at 7.30pm, Highfield Hotel.**