

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 14th March 2016
At Highfield House Hotel

- Present. Jerry Gillen, Jill Baston, Chris Klewe, John Bradshaw, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Vinson, Headley Rossell, Bryan Wakely.
- Attending. Jacky Barnes, Tom O'Connor, Roret Blue, Graham Linecar.
- Apologies Roger Brown, Councillor Matthew Claisse, Councillor Linda Norris, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Steven Johnston, Mark Batchelor, Nadine Johnson, Hannah Talbot, Simon Hill.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

Jerry Gillen welcomed members and attendees to the meeting.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

3 Matters Arising.

Police Contacts. There has been no replies to our efforts to restore contact or communication with the Police. Jill will try to get them to come to the AGM.

Social Event. Arrangements for the Paella Party on Friday 1st July at the Highfield House Hotel were confirmed and it was agreed there should be a modest subsidy towards the overall cost of the event.

Common Forum The establishment of this was confirmed and follow up meetings have been arranged.

University A meeting has now been arranged with the new Chief operating Officer Ian Dunne.

Brookvale Road. Information on this was still awaited and Councillor Claisse would be asked for an update.

4. Membership Subscription. Following considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the AGM an increase in annual subscription from the present £3.00 to £5.00 pa.

5. AGM The format for this was approved with an invitation to all 4 of the main political candidates for the Ward to be invited to speak for 5 minutes each. Nicolla gave details for controlling the door on the night of the AGM and for the sale of tickets for the Social Event on the night. She has arranged for Peggy and Jill to assist when possible.

6. Reports.

Membership

Nicolla Martin reported as follows:-

Data base records	501
Paid up total	418
Rolling paid up	33

./ .Finance This was held for reserved Business.

Planning Adrian Vinson presented a report on current Applications and Appeals. It was noted that 38 Grosvenor Rd had appealed and HRA would submit a response to PINS in the usual way. It was not considered necessary to instruct Kings Chambers on this occasion. He also gave an outline of HRA's proposed response to the Council's current consultation on the HMO SPD. This is to be further discussed by the Planning Sub Committee.

Website In the absence of Nadine the Website Manager, there was no report on website activity. Following a request from Nadine, it was agreed to fund a Laptop computer so that confidential HRA data would not be held on a private computer. In appreciation of the work of Ross, the Web Master, it was agreed to make him an honorary HRA member.

7.AOB

Jerry Gillen mentioned there would be a University UK's conference in Durham on the 20th July to discuss the problems in communities of Studentification and members of RA's and community groups were invited to attend. Details will be circulated when available.

Graham Lineker gave a comprehensive report on the outstanding issues on The Common and Lovers Walk in particular. It was agreed the £700 budgeted for work on the northern end of Lovers Walk could be spent on clearing recent damage and fallen trees and debris on the Little Common, in the absence of being able to make any meaningful impact on Lovers Walk north due to the amount of work required. Graham raised a particular concern re the University's Planning Application for Salisbury Rd which included a proposal for 'stopping up' the end of Salisbury Rd. It was unanimously agreed this would be vigorously opposed to retain the public's automatic right of access of thoroughfare. It is important this is closely monitored in case it might slip through unnoticed.

John Bradshaw raised the issue of the replacement for The Common Childrens Paddling Pool consultation at the Hawthorns Centre on 19th March and 23rd April 2016.

8. Reserved Business
Headley presented the Annual Accounts which were unanimously approved for presentation to the AGM

The Meeting ended at 8.55 pm

