

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 9th May 2016
At Highfield House Hotel

Present. Roger Brown, Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Vinson, Nadine Johnson, Steven Johnston, Mark Batchelor, Steve Connolly, Simon Hill.

Attending. Councillor Matthew Claisse, Councillor John Savage, Tom O'Connor,

Apologies Councillor Paul O'Neill, Jill Baston, Hannah Talbot, John Bradshaw, Bryan Wakely.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

The Committee welcomed Councillor John Savage to his first Committee meeting since his election as a Councillor for Portswood.

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the clarification that Nadine Johnson is the Web Manager and Ross Gordon the Web Master.

3. Matters Arising.

Police Attendance. Attempts were still being made to secure regular police attendance at the Committee Meetings.

There had been considerable interest in tickets for the Paella Evening on 1st July. Although this was still some way away, it was agreed to issue a reminder to members later in the month to book early to avoid disappointment.

There was no news from the Council about the deteriorating surface of Brookvale Road but one member undertook to contact the MD of Balfour Beatty directly.

4. AGM and matters arising

It was agreed that both the arrangements for the AGM and the content of the meeting, including the local election hustings, had been a great success, apart from the acoustics. The Vice-Chair will talk to the Hotel about a PA system.

5. Common Matters.

Simon Hill reported on the current state of work to clear parts of the Common. The Carriage Drive between Highfield Avenue and the Underpass was now virtually closed. The application to widen Lover's Walk was still current. The Committee received a report on the establishment of a Common Forum and endorsed the proposed terms of reference (a further report on this will be made shortly).

6. Southampton University.

Roger Brown reported back on a meeting with the new Chief Operating Officer of the University of Southampton, Ian Dunn. This followed an approach from HRA to the University and the City Council together to consider the impact of the University's continuing expansion. The University had stated that numbers would be stabilising but were not able to give a more precise indication of the likely numbers living and studying in the area at the present time. The University would continue to consult HRA and other local groupings about main local issues. The Committee agreed that in view of the importance of the University's continuing impact on Highfield and Portswood, the Chair should write to Mr Dunn saying that it would like to have him or another senior colleague to attend regularly for this purpose.

7. Reports.

Membership Nicolla Martin reported as follows:-

Data base records	508
Paid up total	408
Rolling paid up	220

Finance Mark reported that the finances remained healthy.

Website Nadine reported that there were now more than 9,000 hits on the website and more than 27,000 page views, so that there were a lot of new viewers. She said that the process of creating a new email database would probably take until the end of the month, and in the meantime further patience would be needed on the part of members. The Committee expressed its appreciation for the work carried out.

Planning. There were a number of planning items. The Chair reported that his correspondence with the Council's Solicitor had not so far disclosed a written account of the legal advice given to the Planning Panel in considering the Salisbury Road applications on 1st March. It was agreed that we should return to the charge.

- Jill Baston had agreed to take over the planning coordination role previously discharged by Adrian Vinson.

Adrian reported on the outcome of the Cabinet's decisions regarding the revised SPD on HMOs

It was agreed that in responding to a licensing application from Tramstop Bar at 186-188 Portswood Road we should be guided by the current position at the Mitre and Trago Lounge.

8. AOB

The Vice Chair raised a question about communications on the Council's garden waste collection.

Steven reported on efforts to collect usable evidence on the rat man.

The next meeting will be on 13th June.

The Meeting ended at 8.55 pm