



## **Minutes of Committee Meeting**

**8 April 2013**

### **Highfield House Hotel**

**Present:** Jerry Gillen, Nicolla Martin, Roger Brown (Chair), Peggy Augier, Sue Hartley, Steve Connolly, Simon Hill, Roret Blue, Jill Baston

**Attending:** Farooq Ahmed, Cllr Adrian Vinson, Nick Bacon, Tom O'Connor, John Bradshaw, Freida Stack

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Claisse, Jacky Barnes, Nadine Johnson, Chloe Green, Julia Brooking, Bryan Wakely, Keith Reed, Alison Farmer, Headley Rossell.

#### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

It was agreed that the amended minutes should be re-circulated. Jacky Barnes was thanked for once again stepping in to help.

#### **3. Matters arising**

The grant application has been refused by Awards for All.

Roger reported that the email database had been tested and found to be functional. Roger will arrange a meeting with Solent University to talk about the future design and management of the website. Nadine has offered to take over from Caroline when she steps down.

Bryan has been progressing the Summer Social. The hog roast is booked, and the Residents' Gardens. The marquee has not yet been confirmed. Music provision is needed.

Simon reported that tree stumps have been ground away on the Little Common, thus removing several obstructions.

He will write to the Council to complain about the poor state of Brookvale Road one year post resurfacing, and about inadequate pothole repairs.

#### **4. 29 and 36 Winn Road**

Mark Sturman, acting on behalf of the housing association Saxon Weald, attended to give the committee information about the proposals for redevelopment at 29 and 36 Winn Road, formerly used to house recovering addicts.

The two properties are owned by Saxon Weald. It is not yet clear whether they will develop the sites or sell them on. They are currently empty and boarded up, and are considered to be obsolete. Any development has to take account of the likely market. Consultation is at an early stage.

The intention is to create good-sized flats, aimed at young professionals, downsizers, and families.

There is a planning requirement for 20% affordable housing, two units for each development, but this is management intensive so the requirement is likely to be met by an off-site payment. As the properties are owned by Saxon Weald, the payment will go back to them anyway.

Questions focused on parking, landscaping, and problems posed by the closeness of a children's nursery, especially with regard to the placing of the access. Mark will take these comments back to developers.

## **5. AGM arrangements**

These are now finalised. Jill will send the amended agenda to Caroline for the database.

## **6. Finance**

This item was postponed in Headley's absence.

## **7. Membership**

Nicolla reported that with the latest renewals, the rolling total was 154.

## **8. Planning**

Submissions to the appeal on 13 Grosvenor Road, prepared by Sarah Clover, have been sent.

Jerry and Simon have prepared and sent an appeal submission on 49 Heatherdeane Road.

Many house applications are now being sent via the Householder Application route. Six to eight current applications have come in like this. These are decided by delegated powers. All objections must be made at the application stage, with no further input in the event of an appeal.

We will seek to clarify the position and report back.

The application for 9 Russell Place has been consulted on locally by the owner. No objection has been noted so far. Portwood Residents' Association are keeping track.

The application for student flats above International Stores on Portwood Broadway has gone to appeal.

There is another application for private student flats above the former Peacocks. One group of flats consists of 5, the other 6. Access is proposed from the track behind the shops off Highfield Lane, with some tarmacking. HRA will object on grounds of inadequate access and safety.

## **9. AOB**

We will check with Cllr Claisse about any progress regarding speeding along Highfield Lane.

Roret will probably be moving away so will be unable to continue on the committee. Freida Stack will take over responsibilities on planning.

Peggy is concerned about possible drug dealing in Roselands Gardens, and is in touch with the police.

The bus service through Westwood Road is likely to be withdrawn.

Modern style street lights have been installed in the Oakmount Conservation Area despite an early consultation from the Council resulting in a request for the special consideration available to Conservation Areas.

The meeting ended at 8.50.