



## **MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
7:30 PM – HIGHFIELD HOUSE HOTEL

### **Present:**

Sue Hartley (Chair), Headley Rossell, Steve Connolly, Keith Reed, Jerry Gillen, Roret Blue, Peggy Augier, Brian Wakely,

### **In Attendance:**

Jenny Arnold (PRG), Cllr Matthew Claisse, Cllr Adrian Vinson, Cllr Daniel Fitzhenry, Sue Swallow (OARA), Phine Dahle (OARA), Jean Warman (EBRA), Judith Robinson (Anchor Homes) David Ramsey (Vail Williams) Dr Perovic, Hilldown Rd

### **Welcome & Apologies**

Cllr Vincenzo Capozzoli, Nadine Johnson, Alison Shelly, Caroline Knight, Nicolla Martin

### **AGENDA**

Minutes of last meeting, agreed. No matters arising.

### **Presentation by Anchor Homes – Judith Robinson & David Ramsey (Vail Williams)**

- A presentation was given in relation to a new care home planned in Westwood Rd.
- A Planning application will be submitted this month. Building is proposed to start in May/June 2012, with completion in Oct 2013

It was agreed that HRA would wish to work with Anchor Homes and their customers towards good community relations. Various suggestions were made to this end for future discussion.

### **Presentation of HMO SPD – Cllr Daniel Fitzhenry**

- The formal consultation in relation to the Supplementary Planning Document will commence next week. It will last between 6-8 weeks.
- The standard threshold for HMO's will be 20% across the City. In areas which already have significant numbers of HMO's, however a lower threshold will be imposed. .
- Calculations will be made based on a 40 metre radius from the applicant's front door.
- The Council will be using the 2004 Housing Act to improve the street scene.
- An extra Enforcement Officer will be employed to increase pro-activity.

The above presentation was met with positive and lively debate. It was agreed that time limitations prevented an exhaustive discussion therefore a

request was made to Cllr Fitzhenry to return to a future committee meeting to allow for progress to be reported.

### **SU & University Liaison**

No issues reported.

### **Membership**

Numbers are holding up nicely. Six new members joined as a result of the Newsletter.

### **Sub-committee reports:**

#### Finance

- We have a £15,000 balance at present. (£10,000 ring-fenced for use for Professional fees.)
- Simon Hill passed on his thanks for the funds used for works on the Little Common.

Further discussion to explore any possible future funding by HRA re: the Little Common to be on the Agenda for the January meeting.

#### Planning & Licensing

- Portswood Post Office has been partitioned without Planning Permission. Enforcement have confirmed that PP was necessary and are approaching the landlord.
- HRA are opposing the application for a new filling station in St Denys Rd and Sainsburys application to vary the conditions of the supermarket's approval.

### **Christmas Party Feedback**

- The party was a great success. Thanks to all concerned.

### **Summer Event – Queens Jubilee?**

- As there is presently no sponsor it is unlikely that an HRA Summer Event will be staged. PRG will be celebrating the Jubilee with a Tea Party.

### **AOB**

- Peggy Augier expressed concern about the parking in Roselands Gardens. Cllr Claisse said that he would check the level of patrolling in this area.
- Jenny Arnold asked if PRG could advertise the Warden vacancy on the HRA website.
- Simon Hill asked whether street reps could nominate houses that are in particularly poor condition to be put forward for Enforcement action by the Council to improve their appearance.
- It was also suggested that landlords who kept their gardens in a good /improved state could be nominated as a recognition and example of best practise.

**Close: 9.01pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012**