



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT HIGHFIELD HOUSE HOTEL  
MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT:** Jerry Gillen (chairing the meeting), Jill Baston, Steve Connolly, Nicola Martin, Bryan Wakeley, Steve Johnston, Mark Batchelor, Adrian Vinson.

**ATTENDING:** Jacky Barnes, Tom O'Connor, Peter Etheridge, Sue Ingham, Jeanne Butterfield, Jon Walsh (University).

1. **Apologies** received from Roger Brown, John Bradshaw, Nadine Johnson, Chris Klewe, Hayley Morrison (police).

2. **Minutes of last meeting** – previously circulated and taken as read.

3. **Matters arising**

None.

4. **University Liaison**

- A statement on Salisbury Road has been received from Sarah Watts.
- Jon Walsh reported that nothing has changed in the University's proposals on stopping up Salisbury Road, after lots of internal discussion. He reiterated that it is not the University's intention to prevent access by pedestrians and cyclists. Maintenance of the road would become the responsibility of the University, not the City Council, if the proposals went ahead.

5. **The Common**

- Jerry has sent a detailed letter to SCC refuting many points in the letter received from Nick Yates.
- There are problems with the current management of the Common, which inhibits the effective functioning of the newly established Forum. The Forum's next meeting will take place in January.
- Clearing of the Carriage Drive has started. It already looks better; in addition there is less cover for rats.
- Jon Walsh noted re the steps application (southwest corner of site leading from the Common) that the steps are a pressing Health and Safety issue, in need of improvement irrespective of the cycle route proposals. Whether there should be a ramp or not is part of a wider discussion.
- Steven reported that the Community Protection Notice on Ratman is still in force, so it's illegal for him to carry out his food distribution activities. He has been spotted recently in various places, including Woodmill.

## 6. Reports

- **Finances** are currently healthy; however it was noted that we need to find ways of raising further income.
- **Membership** stats: database 508, rolling 363, total paid up 395.
- **Planning**: Jacky noted that Portswood Residents' Gardens have not objected to the application on 46 Brookvale Road because the city's planning powers were judged to be sufficient for refusal. The application has now been withdrawn.
- **The application** at 12 Russell Place was agreed to be out of keeping and intrusive..
- **Website** – interest has been expressed in advertising on the website from two businesses. They request a link to their own sites from the website. Local businesses are very welcome to advertise on the website. The hit rate is still high.

## 7. AOB

- Jerry had reported the persistent parking on double yellow lines outside the second-hand washing machine business in Portswood Road. He also mentioned street drinking and beggars. The police rang to say they are dealing with it, although begging is not technically an offence. Adrian mentioned the public spaces protection order.
- It was noted that all double yellow line enforcement is now the responsibility of SCC.
- Jon Walsh in response to comments on cycling without lights reported that the University supplies discounted cycle lights to students.
- Jerry informed the committee that the next AGM will take place on Thursday 30 April 2017. Seasonal drinks will be supplied at the next committee meeting on 12 December.