



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2012

1. Present: Sue Hartley - Acting Chair, Caroline Knight – Vice-Chair, Jill Baston – Secretary, Steve Connolly, Nadine Johnson, Roret Blue, Peggy Augier, Jerry Gillen, Bryan Wakely, Alison Shelly, Headley Rossell, Keith Reed.

Apologies: Chloe Green, Matthew Claisse, Linda Norris, Simon Hill, Jean Wawman, Nicolla Martin and Julia Brooking.

Attending: Adrian Vinson, Jacky Barnes.

2. Minutes of last meeting: An amended version had been sent out.

3. Matters arising (unless listed elsewhere):

- Jerry Gillen will send out a letter to residents re 13 Grosvenor Road when the appeal decision is through.
- Jacky Barnes requested that her name be added to the email list for committee meetings.

4. SUSU: Chloe Green sent her apologies. Jerry had attended the Vice- Chancellor's Anniversary reception. An enjoyable reception had been followed by an interesting tour, focusing on research achievements of the University, including further developments of fibre optics, and gait recognition technology which will be used in security applications such as CCTV.

5. Planning: This item was postponed until the September meeting.

6. Membership: Nicolla had sent apologies. She confirmed that the number of rolling list paid up members was 293, and that the database was unchanged.

7. Committee: Caroline advised that HRA will need a new Vice-Chair, as she will be moving away. Roger Brown will be Acting Chair from September.

8. Sub-committee reports:

Finance

- Still healthy. £14,200 was banked, of which £861.00 was subscriptions.
- The Waitrose appeal had raised £137.00. They have invited HRA to re-apply in a couple of months. With the children's Christmas party in mind, we will submit an application in October.

Planning and Licensing

- 19 Abbotts Way – a building is being demolished. Keith will check with Portswood Residents Committee whether this is permissible within the conservation area.
- An application is in for 49 Heatherdeane Road to be converted into one bedroom and two bedroom flats.
- 27 and 34 Blenheim Gardens – Roret will check on current use.
- No enforcements in our area have been progressed.
- No priority list on enforcements has been sent to Keith, though requested.
- Adrian will put a question to the Council meeting on enforcement.
- The appeal on 53 Shaftesbury Avenue will be conducted with written representations.
- Sainsbury's appeal will be heard during August.
- Jerry informed the meeting that the owner of 53 Shaftesbury wishes to extend the property into the garden. HRA needs to decide whether we employ Counsel to fight this case.
- It was agreed that neighbours should be encouraged to submit objections, and that Jerry will consult Prof and Mrs Dyke about employing Counsel.
- Caroline will email Jerry, Keith, Adrian and Simon about reviewing the HRA planning guidelines in case changes or additions are wished for in the light of the new legislation.
- Jerry attended a Residents' Association Liaison meeting at the council; it is hoped to employ two extra planning officers. He will check a statement by a planning consultant about Article 4.
- Jerry had learned that not everyone will need a Neighbourhood Plan, if the Core Strategy and the Local Plan are strong enough. In Highfield we have the additional protection of Conservation Areas.
- Cllr Asa Thorpe will attend the September meeting. Most of the business time will therefore be given to planning issues. We will invite East Bassett Residents' Association representatives.

9. Website

It was agreed that a local dentist could be added to our link to local businesses.

10. Common Sense

Simon was unable to be present but had reported that the site was overgrown due to recent rain, and that he was in touch with the team.

11. AOB

- The Committee agreed that the meeting on 13th August will go ahead.
- Jerry's party will be held on Sunday 9th September, come rain or shine.

- Peggy had noted huge lorries in Highfield Lane, and that the warning sign was small and obscured by trees. Adrian will investigate.
- Alison reported that a ruined, obstructive fence along the back garden of a Welbeck Avenue/Highfield Crescent HMO had been replaced after the landlord was informed of the possible consequences of leaving it.
- No response was received from residents of Winn Road to the Cold Calling initiative. Residents felt protected by the entrance doors to their blocks of flats.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.