

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 14th July 2014
At Highfield House Hotel

Present Roger Brown, Jerry Gillen, Jill Baston, Simon Hill, Stephen Connelly, Chris Klewe, Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, Bryan Wakely, Headley Rossell.

Attending Adrian Vinson, Roret Blue USA, Nick Bacon, Farooque Ahmed, Jacky Barnes, Elizabeth McDonald and Mary Sissons from Victoria Lodge.

Apologies John Bradshaw, Alison Shelley, Tom O'Connor, Ellie Cawthera
VP engagement.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.
The committee welcomed the two residents from Victoria Lodge. There were no declarations of specific interests.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved subject to an extra note concerning registration at the AGM..
3. Matters Arising

Website Nadine reported that there was progress on the revamped website and that following interviews a new webmaster was being appointed. The work was being coordinated with Matt Weet of Solent University and a new software management system was being proposed to ensure compatability with the Solent system. It was also proposed to purchase a dedicated laptop to operate the website so that the chances of a private computer becoming infected with a virus would be much reduced. It was noted that the previous web designer would still have to be paid for the work they carried out. Our email data base and printed newsletter enabled us to communicate with members.

HMO Survey Simon Hill reported that work on this was continuing and that about half the streets in Portswood had been surveyed and that he would circulate a list of the streets still to be covered. Anyone who has information about HMOs in streets not yet surveyed was asked to contact Simon.

Building Bridges Project

The joint event with the University of a curry evening on 26th

September at the Bridge Bar was confirmed and everyone was invited.

4. Little Common

Simon Hill drew the committee's attention to the progressive afforestation of the Common area and asked what the long term implications might be. This would affect many other residents associations members and we may agree to contact them. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting. Simon was also progressing work on clearance of the Lovers Walk.

5. Reports

Membership

Nicolla Martin reported on the membership:-

Data base records	560
Paid up total	426
Rolling paidup	273

Finances

Headley reported that these were healthy but that there was a continuing problem with the banking arrangements. It was agreed to move our accounts to NatWest.

Planning

The Scrutiny Panel Report was expected to go to Council in September and it was noted that one possible outcome was a renewed interest in Neighbourhood Plans. The new Planning and Rights of Way panel arrangements were being carefully monitored.

Current planning cases were reported and discussed. Nothing contentious was raised.

6. AOB

It was reported that our current police community engagement officer, Michelle Shalahan would be succeeded by Virginie Freval in August. It was agreed to send a message of appreciation to Michelle and to invite Virginie to our next meeting on 8th September.

It was reported that Julia Brooking, a former Vice Chair, was gravely ill but would welcome visitors. It was agreed to send her a message of sympathy and flowers on behalf of the committee.

Roret asked if landlords should also be invited on the Building Bridges

Project.

Steven inquired of the cost of the website project. Nadine confirmed that £400 was to cover all the work and also to train her on the system.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.