



## **APPROVED MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday 11 June 2018**

**Highfield House Hotel**

**Present:** Jerry Gillen (Acting Chair), Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, Steven Johnston, Adrian Vinson, Steve Connolly, Bryan Wakely, Jill Baston, Ken Burtenshaw.

**Attending:** Jon Walsh, Cllr Lisa Mitchell, Tom O'Connor, Councillor Matthew Claise

**Apologies:** Chris Klewe, Adrian Ford, Cllr Lorna Fielker (Swaythling).

- 1. Welcome, apologies, declarations of interest.**  
Jerry welcomed all present, including new Portswood Councillor Lisa Mitchell.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting (previously circulated and taken as read).**  
Approved.
- 3. Matters arising**  
Jerry spoke to Michael Rudd (Kings Chambers) re Crofton Close; the use of Section 70 may be desirable. Other matters - on agenda.
- 4. University Liaison (Jon Walsh)**
  - University Road (from Church Lane to Jubilee Sports Centre) will be resurfaced on 28/29 June. The Unilink bus services will be rerouted.
  - Complaints from residents in Omdurman Road about noise from an unauthorized party in Highfield Hall are being dealt with by the University.
  - A public exhibition, 12-7pm, 25, 26 June will outline possible next steps for the Highfield Campus i.e. the future of the estate including car parking. Jon has arranged for planning consultants and senior staff to attend the next HRA committee meeting on 9 July. (HRA database to be notified of the exhibition.)
  - Steps from Common to campus now complete.
- 5. Reports**
  - *Finance:* VAT to be added in to barrister's bill, agreed last meeting.

- *Membership*: database 470, paid up 382, rolling 240.
- *Planning*: A letter from M Harris at SCC seemed encouraging in acknowledging our point of view on Westridge Road. Barrister's opinion on Crofton and Westridge Road is that SCC should have used Section 70 (2013) to prevent repeated appeals. Waiting to see what SCC will do – they have the barrister's report.
- Jerry will help the owner of 35 Granby Grove at the forthcoming planning panel meeting re the development next door.
- *Website*: New data protection policy implemented.

## **6. AOB**

- The committee heard with regret of the death of Jean Wawman (East Bassett).
- The increasing handover of houses to AirBnB properties was discussed. Major questions are about Council Tax, and the Article 4 directive. It was suggested that this would be suitable for a Scrutiny enquiry by SCC.
- Cllr Lisa Mitchell was invited to introduce herself. She explained that she has worked for Alan Whitehead MP for some years. She is particularly interested in housing and is now on the planning panel. She will refer the AirBnB problem to Alan.
- The 'Crafty Fox' (former Costa) has been approved.
- The Arnold Road HMO application has been refused at appeal.
- Developers, once planning permission has been gained, sometimes put in footings and then leave the site undeveloped until it suits them, as they then do not have to apply for renewal of planning permission.
- Ken Burtenshaw can help with graphic work on newsletters etc.
- The scaffolding on the Stile pub is there for roof maintenance.
- Members reminded that cars in the car park of the Highfield House Hotel should be registered at reception on arrival to avoid problems now that ANPR has been installed.

## **7. Reserved Business**