

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting
Held on 12th October 2018
At Highfield House Hotel

Present. Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Steven Johnston, Stephen Connolly, Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, James Burgess, Adrian Vinson.
Attending. Councillor Matthew Claisse, Councillor John Savage, Sarah Watts, (SU), Nick Bacon, Dave White, Graham Linecar.
Apologies. Jill Baston, Roger Brown, Councillor Lisa Mitchell, Police representatives. Bryan Wakeley, Jon Walsh, Ken Burtenshaw

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

The Chair welcomed everyone, including Ward Councillors Mathew Claisse & John Savage.

2. The minutes of the meeting on 10th September were approved.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. University Liaison.

Sarah Watts gave an update on University affairs and presented details of a new recycling scheme to encourage students to recycle correctly. To aid this, the University is distributing dedicated recycling bags for each student household and a number were handed out to members. Sarah announced that Southampton University was now in the top 20 for the UK and top 100 in the world rankings. The current Vice Chancellor is to retire next year and the process of recruiting a new one has been initiated. The new teaching and learning building has been “topped out” and will be called the “Centenary Building”. Salisbury Road is to be resurfaced and generally improved and will be closed to all traffic except buses from 15th October to mid January 2019. The University Nightclub, The Cube, no longer operates, hence the withdrawal of the Marshalling scheme. However Sarah confirmed that they do contribute to policing costs for certain occasions. The new Unilink buses are to European standard 6 and produce very little pollution.

5. Reports.

Finance. The Chair emphasised the need to find a new Treasurer asap due to the indisposition of both the Association’s accountant and our Assistant Treasurer. Discussion took place about the possibility of sharing the workload. The Chair hoped we might find new volunteers when the pre Xmas Newsletter goes out for both a new Treasurer and Chairman.

Membership.

Nicolla Martin reported as follows:-

Data base records	470
Paid up total	389
Rolling total	329

Planning.

In the absence of the Secretary, the Chair presented her report on a number of outstanding applications. For details please go to our website. Jerry also asked both Ward Councillors for help in ascertaining the latest position for a number of long outstanding Enforcements; e.g. 5 Crofton, 8 Westridge, 12 Russell Place, all the subject of recent legal actions having to be brought by the Association.

Website and Newsletter.

Nadine reported it is being upgraded for access by Mobiles and Tablets

A PreChristmas Newsletter is to be published and is being collated by Steve Johnson, Nadine and Nicolla. Articles and suggestions welcomed. An article from the University outlining the result of their recent consultations would be much appreciated.

7. AOB

Portswood Library will be closed for refurbishment from 29th October to 17th November.

Steve Connolly raised his concern at the recent accidents at the junction of Winn Road and the Avenue. He suggested that right turns onto the Avenue should be prohibited.

The Chair reminded members of the NS Community Forum AGM being held next week, Wed 17th Oct, at the Highfield House Hotel which is being attended by a Senior member of the Planning Team, as well as other Speakers.

8. Next meeting on 12th November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.