

## Agenda HRA Committee Meeting Tuesday 1 July 2025

Highfield Church Halls 19:00h



Annex.i. SUSU Student feedback report Bus-gate Trial (.pdf attachment)

Annex.ii. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group

Annex.iii. Police and Communities Together (PACT) Minutes

Annex.iv. Ripstone Gardens

Annex.v. Digital Communications Report

### **Prof. Roger Brown will chair the meeting**

1. Welcome Prof. Roger Brown
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of interest
4. Minutes 10 June 2025
5. Matters Arising, not covered elsewhere
  - a. Outstanding correspondence Cllr Lambert/Inspector Maidment (Agenda May 13, Annex.i.)
  - b. PSPO Consultation  
[https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/pspo-consultation/?utm\\_ID=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.southampton.gov.uk/council-democracy/have-your-say/pspo-consultation/?utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery)
6. Information from Councillors
  - a. Update on the Local Plan
7. Portswood Broadway Bus-gate Trial
  - a. Cancellation of the Steering Group Meeting
  - b. Build-outs on Brookvale Road
  - c. SUSU feedback report (Annex.i as a .pdf attachment)
8. HRA Crime Report
  - a. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group (NJ) (Annex.ii.)
  - b. PACT Meeting report (Annex.iii.)
9. University Liaison
10. Planning
  - a. Additional Licensing Scheme for HMO: [Additional Licensing Scheme Decision](#)
  - b. 50, Ripstone Gardens – reported to enforcement by a member (Annex.iv.)
  - c. 25/00758/ELDC - 44 Northcote Road Southampton SO17 3AG

- d. 25/00759/ELDC - 54 Roselands Gardens Southampton SO17 1QJ
  - e. 25/00687/FUL - Portswood Centre 128 - 150 Portswood Road Southampton SO17 2NH
- [Planning Application Portswood Centre Student Accommodation](#)

11. Reports

- a. Finance (MB) – income/expenditure for the last period
- b. Membership (NM) - renewals; new members; not renewed
- c. Digital Communications Report (Annex.v.)

12. A.O.B.

**HRA Committee and AGM dates:**

No meeting in August

Tuesday 16 September

***(Changed date - please will a Committee Member volunteer to take the notes at this meeting?)***

Tuesday 14 October

Tuesday 11 November (AGM)

Tuesday 9 December

## **Annex.ii. HRA Crime information sharing WhatsApp Group**

### **1.Reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting of 10 June - (6+)**

There have been at least 6 reported incidents since the last HRA Committee Meeting on 10 June. This is a decrease of 12 incidents since the previous period where there were 18+.

#### **(i)Anti-social behaviour incidents in Portswood Broadway - (1+):**

- Street people/drinkers gathered in the forecourt of Victory Gospel Church and also outside the Cancer Research UK Shop, blocking the steps.

#### **(ii) Incidents reported away from Portswood Broadway - (5+)**

- Incidents of drug dealing, petty vandalism, damage from barbeques and fly tipping at Portswood Rec
- Garage doors forced open in house on the corner of Brookvale Road/Russell Place at night. House is accessed from the garage but was not entered into and nothing was stolen. Police believe the perpetrators were disturbed by a car or pedestrian
- Mattress abandoned during the night against the University fence and on the wall at The Common end of Omdurman Road. Advised email: [local2u@soton.ac.uk](mailto:local2u@soton.ac.uk) if on University property, or report to: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environment/street-cleaning/report-a-street-cleaning-problem/fly-tipping/> if on Southampton City Council land
- On 15 June, a fire broke out at Portswood Mosque. It started in one of the flats above the Mosque. One flat was destroyed and three flats had smoke damage. We understand that it was accidental, not malicious and no one was hurt
- Coco, a lost African Grey Parrott with a red tail, flew out of a window in a flat in Brookvale Road! She returned a day later after being spotted spending the night up a tree in Highfield Road!

All crime and anti-social behaviour incidents are listed here: <https://www.highfieldresidents.org.uk/crime-incidents/>

### **2.Hampshire Police crime/ASB reporting site - <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>**

At the last HRA Committee Meeting, I reported that this webpage needed reviewing; it was very difficult to navigate and also quite time-consuming to complete. At PACT on Monday 16 June, PC Adam O'Neill said that there was a lot of under reporting of crimes and ASB and it was difficult to ascertain how reliable the police statistics were. In response, I told him about my concerns about the reporting site and, having done a 'Mystery Shopper' recently where I ended up right back at the beginning again with no progress made, I suggested that

the website form was the ultimate deterrent and probably part of the reason for the under-reporting. PC Adam said he had also received quite a lot of negative feedback from other members of the community about this. He said he would write to Inspector Jeanette Maidment (his Inspector) about the issue and copy me into his email. I was copied into his email on 17.6.25. but to date there has been no follow-up

### **3. SCC Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)**

Southampton City Council are consulting on their proposals to extend Public Spaces Protection Orders across Southampton for a further three years. PSPOs help them to tackle anti-social behaviour. The proposals are to re-implement controls on street drinking for a further 3 years (this control expired in Portswood at the end of April 2025) with additional proposed measures to curb aggressive begging and drug misuse. The Consultation closes on Friday 11 July 2025.

[Click on the survey](#) here to read more about the proposals and to give SCC your views.

You can also email your consultation feedback or queries

to [yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk)

Paper copies of the survey can be requested at Southampton Libraries

### **4.PACT - Monday 16 June, 6.30pm to 8pm, Highfield Church Centre**

Informal notes were taken

### **5. Future PACT Meeting dates**

Monday 8 September, 6.30-8pm 2025 (Lounge, Highfield Church Centre).

Nadine Johnson

Digital Communications



## MINUTES

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>PACT meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>16/06/25</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Highfield Church</b>

**Attendees:** 10

**Staff:**

Francesca Prior – Community Engagement Manager

DNO Adam O’Neil – Police

Cllr Finn

Cllr Savage

**Apologies:** Malkeat Singh – Community Engagement Officer

Cllr Barbour

4 HRA group.

		Actions
1.	<p><b>Welcome and introductions.</b></p> <p>Francesca welcomed everyone to the PACT, confidentiality was discussed</p> <p><b>Action –</b></p> <p>ACTION – Adam to research if Portswood would be eligible for a dispersal order. – This is circumstantial, the Police powers for a dispersal order must meet a criteria and needs to be signed off by an inspector. Exclusion zone for up to 48 hours, spoke to Inspector and it was decided that it didn’t really meet the criteria. (Ref the encampment at Blockbuster)</p> <p><b>ACTION –</b> MS to contact Highways to see if this was through them as the speed sign was moved quickly to another road – to be carried forward. Road safety in Church Lane in Highfield is also an area to be</p>	

	<p>considered please can you follow up with Highways. Cllr Finn found out from Highways that there needs to be evidence through reporting, where there are incidents, they need to be reported to Highways inc Highfield Lane. Evidence justifies the cost for this.</p> <p><b>Action –</b> Adam to follow up Old Cemetery Group - Couldn't find any reports for Old Cemetery group – MOP will go and ask and speak to the group, to confirm if a report was made regarding the break in and will contact Adam. – carried forward to next meeting</p>	
2.	<p><b>Police</b> Update Crime stats – approximate for Portswood Ending April 2025 128 crimes recorded 10.5% decrease from the last meeting. Under reporting is a huge issue, so not truly representative of the accurate picture as to what is happening in the community.</p> <p>MOP – Website reporting sends you in circles and reporting is problematic, and this could be the issue. Could Hampshire Police have a dedicated email address? There is a lack of confidence in using the system. ACTION – Adam to feedback opinion of MOP of reporting online.</p> <p>MOP – Let's talk is an option is brilliant, this was found from the amazing Facebook updates from Police. <a href="#">Home Page - Hampshire Alert</a></p> <p>Cllr Savage – If you just send an email, then it does mean that it takes additional time for people to input into the system. The web page isn't working, please feed that back.</p> <p>POLICE – Fire at the Mosque, was accidental and not being investigated, appears to have come from the residential flats above the Mosque. The Muslim community are fine and don't feel worried. Cllr Savage – the fire service and Police need to be congratulated by the prompt response. MOP – Some of the comments on the Echo – some are awful comments and felt it represented right wing opinions – Echo needs to be on top of the comments. ACTION – FP To reach out to the coms team and ask for contact with the Echo not to allow inappropriate comments, in reference to the fire in the Mosque fire in Portswood.</p> <p>POLICE – Encampment – Has gone but the homeless are still loitering in the street, they are street drinking. Police are aware of concerns re drug dealing, some people have been accommodated, and others will hang out together.</p> <p>CLLR Savage – there will be a pop up Chinese shop.</p>	

3.	<p><b>Community concerns</b></p> <p>CLLR Finn – 3 lots of people injecting drugs at Priory Hard – how do you want people to report. To report paraphernalia to community safety POLICE - but to report incidents to 101 or online <a href="#">Contact us   Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary</a> so this is documented, But if it is a one off can email Adam details.</p> <p>CLLR Savage – Saltmead – individual possibly being cuckooed – People were worried POLICE – This is on the radar and being looked at. Have been doing lots of Let’s talk surveys at Saltmead.</p> <p>MOP – Car was stolen at the end of May, witnessed the incident – spoken to 101, they were excellent and called back and updated them. Contacted 101 when vehicle was found, updated police, many cars have been stolen on the road. Experience with the Police was great, but being liable for the tow costs, and the storage whilst forensics were being done. Grosvenor Road Lights in the streets need to be switched back on. CLLR Finn – Police can apply for the lights to be put back on, if there is a number of crimes – there needs to be evidence.</p> <p>MOP – Portswood rec – increasingly ASB increase of drug activity, paraphernalia is being left behind. Fat wheel bikes appear to be dealing and is more brazen this is now during the day, there has been damage to the flagstones but it is petty vandalism. CLLR Finn – saw Police arresting someone – so the Police are there. POLICE – Are doing additional patrols in this area and we are there. Neighbourhood watch scheme – for more info <a href="#">Home   Neighbourhood Watch   National network   Local Watch areas   Community crime prevention groups</a></p> <p>PSPO Consultation is now live - <a href="#">Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) consultation</a> until 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025</p>	
4	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>ACTION – FP To reach out to the coms team and ask for contact with the Echo not to allow inappropriate comments, in reference to the fire in the Mosque fire in Portswood</p>	
	<p><b>Date of the next meeting:</b> Monday 8 September, 6.30-8pm 2025 (Lounge, Highfield Church Centre).</p>	

*Malkeat Singh*  
*Community Engagement Officer, Bevois, Bargate, Portswood, Swaythling Wards*

#### **Annex.iv. 50 Ripstone Gardens**

My son is looking to purchase a house near to our family home and received an alert about the above property being marketed by [Leaders Estate Agents](#) as a 2 bedroomed house arranged as two one bedroom flats. My husband, a Chartered Surveyor, was concerned that the way the property has been subdivided would not meet building regulations, particularly around the internal entrance doors to the two flats and fire safety. I understand such an internal reconfiguration would not usually count as permitted development but having now checked online, it seems the property has not had planning permission for conversion to two flats. The attached pdf of an image from 2024 Google maps shows two doorbells marked A and B and a glass recycling container marked 50A, and checking the Post Office site 50A and 50B are listed as separate postal addresses, so it would appear this 'house' has been operating as two flats for a while.

I realise resources are limited but given that the house is currently on the market and possible risks for potential purchasers, I hope you can investigate quickly and look forward to hearing from you.

*HRA Member*

#### **Reply from Leaders Estate Agency**

Thank you for the email and your concerns.

We have advised the present owner of your concerns.

Whilst we are selling the property as split, we are aware that the properties were two separate apartments in 1988 when the last conveyance between the family's businesses took place and were converted to 50/50a in the 1940's, however this cannot be confirmed at present as their records do not go back that far.

50 Ripstone gardens has been in the present owner's family since the property was purchased in 1944.

Should you require any further assistance I am sure the owners of the property will be able to assist.

Whilst I appreciate this is of some concern, I am not sure contacting Leaders would be the right course of action, I believe if there were any major concerns to your members, contacting the owners would have been the appropriate approach. All relevant due diligence is taken by my team and Leaders as a business to make sure we can sell a property.

Kindest regards

Daryl Atkinson.



## **Annex.v. Digital Communications**

### **Facebook/Website**

There are now 1173 followers on the HRA Facebook page, an increase of 3 since HRA Committee Meeting of 10 June 2025.

Thank you to Ken and Martin for their photos and Barbara for news items.

**E-news:** a June E-news was emailed to members on 24/06/25.

Nadine Johnson  
Digital Communications