

HIGHFIELDS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting 14 February 2005

1. Present P Banyard, J Brown, S Connolly, J. Gillen (chair), H. Rossell, J Secchi

2. Apologies P Augier, J Brooking, P Errington, C Horner, N. Martin, P. Thompson, A Wilson

3. Welcome to Michael Mace Neighbourhood Watch coordinator of Grosvenor Road.

Michael explained that there had been a lot of car crime in Grosvenor Road. Police say that Grosvenor road has become a crime hot spot (over 29 separate car crimes in the past 12 months).

Grosvenor road residents are concerned about:

- i) the possible impact of the Sainsburys development: the road is already a thoroughfare and could become more so, thus increasing the crime rate; and the proposed student housing on the site could also increase the car crime.
- ii) where the entrance(s) to the Sainsburys development will be: they oppose any siting of the entrance(s) that would encourage traffic and parking in the road, thus possibly increasing the crime rate.
- iii) the increase in the number of HMOs in the road
- iv) the proposal for 2 hour parking in all roads up to but not including Grosvenor Road. Grosvenor Road would then become parked up with student and staff parking from the University.

Southampton City Council has agreed that there will be a public consultation on the Sainsburys development.

HRA had previously understood that the SCC would be examining the traffic problem overall in Highfield.

It was suggested that **Michael** should contact Cllr Calvin Horner re the above.

4 Minutes of last meeting

Correction: Headley was present at the last meeting

5. Matters arising

- i) 11 Russell Place. The application was turned down on

- ii) High Crown Street proposal. The residents of High Crown Street have arranged a meeting with the headteacher of Highfield School to discuss the proposal.
- iii) AGM speaker. No further news about the possibility of Roger Mortimer from the Highways Dept coming to speak
Action: Calvin Horner to chase up
- iv) Homeless people in bus shelter in Brookvale Road and knocked down bus shelter in Brookvale Road
Action: Calvin Horner

6. Correspondence received

- i) Letter from Dawn Jones, Acting Neighbourhood Co-ordinator (North) re Action plans for North Neighbourhoods partnership, giving dates of meetings including second action plan meeting 7pm Tuesday 15 March in Church Hall, Immaculate Conception Church.
- ii) letter from Southampton city Council re Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (various roads)
- iii) Letter from SCC re The Mitre Public entertainment Licence hearing – 29 and 30 March.
Action JG to copy to Residents' gardens chairman
- iv) Letter from East Bassett Residents Association re opening hours at student bars and correspondence from Southampton University Students' Union.
- v) Email from David Ely -copy of email to Cllr Horner re Antisocial behaviour and lack of street cleaning in Westwood Park
- vi) Email from Patricia Thompson re dog fouling.
- vii) Copy of letter written to SCC by J Brooking on behalf of HRA objecting to Erection of 5 storey block of 18 flats at 21a – 23a Winn Road
- viii) Copy of letter to parents from headteacher of Highfield Primary School re proposed closure of Highcrown Street
- ix) Letter to JG from SCC informing HRA that the application of late night refreshment licence at Pizza Hot 2 U has been withdrawn

- x) Letter from Andrew Wilson, President of Southampton University Students' Union, informing us he will be delighted to speak at the AGM

It was agreed that the committee has a policy not to send emails of letters on behalf of HRA without checking with the committee first.

7 Treasurer's report

HR presented the accounts up the end of Dec 04 to the committee. These were accepted (proposed by JG, seconded by JB). Finances are healthy. Headley also produced the financial statement for January.

Current membership is about 400 households (double the previous years). New membership cards have been produced.

Discussion about IT records. It was agreed that all IT records should be backed up and stored in more than one site. It was suggested that **Nicolla and Headley** should each have copies of each others' records (membership and finances respectively) and that they should exchange electronic up to date records monthly.

8 Planning and Licensing

1&3 Blenheim Avenue: OTRA, HRA and c. 120 residents have written to object to the proposed development. A planning consultant is advising. Jerry proposed a contribution of £100 from HRA towards the cost of the planning consultant. There was general agreement that the principles of the decision about this proposal could affect the whole of the triangle and that the planning consultant's advice could be useful in deliberations about any future planning applications. HRA's contribution to the cost of the planning consultant was agreed.

Sainsburys: see under 3 above.

JG reported that a Highfield resident had complained about being disturbed at 2am on Saturday by rowdiness. The resident's perception was that there was considerably less disturbance on the nights when the student bars did not sell cheap liquor. **JG will bring this up at the university liaison meeting.**

9 Events report and AGM preparation

The events committee was meeting the following day.

Highfield Church Centre has been booked for the AGM on April 21 at 7.30pm. It was agreed the AGM should be open to HRA members only, but non-members could join on the night. Speakers: one confirmed (Andrew Wilson – see above), one not (Roger Mortimer – see under 5 above).

Summer Social: suggestion of a hog roast (JG had had a quote of £350 for a whole pig, serving c. 100 people. Drink to be BYO. Date Saturday pm 3 September. Preliminary advert to go in next newsletter. Tickets £7.50 for adults and £5 for children under 16.

10 Spring newsletter

The spring newsletter need to go about towards the end of March to advertise the AGM.

Philip brought along a newsletter from Norfolk to give ideas to the newsletter subcommittee. This newsletter had a number of adverts from local businesses and individuals etc. This led on to discussion about the possibility of putting adverts in the HRA newsletter. For further discussion at another committee meeting (see post meeting email from JG). **Action: JG for agenda**

Philip has offered to do an article on wheelie bins for the newsletter.

It was agreed that the number of the antisocial behaviour team at SCC should be put in the newsletter. **Action: Newsletter subcommittee**

11 Website

SC is working on the website and has asked David to advise further. Philip suggested someone from Portswood computers to advise. SC said that the website will currently cost c. £200 per year to run

Action SC Steve please could you rewrite this bit of the minutes. I realise I didn't follow it all very clearly. Thanks, Josie

12 Any other business

- i) Jerry Secchi said that the green bins are always on the pavement outside the houses opposite the shops in Highfield Lane. This is a significant problem for Jerry who is unable to walk past them. SC said it is the landlords responsibility to make sure the bins were not obstruction the pavement except on collection day. **Jerry, Steve, Philip – was there any specific action following this point? If so please put in minutes Thanks, Josie**
- ii) JB asked if members of the committee knew what was happening to Highfield Cottage. **JG will speak to the University about this.**
- iii) Philip asked about the various roles of people on the committee. To be discussed at the next meeting. **Action JG for the agenda**

13 Date of next meeting 7.30pm Monday 14 March, Staff Club, University campus.

