

HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting Monday 14th March 05

1. **Present:** J Gillen, J Brooking, P Banyard, S Connolly, P Augier, J Brown
In attendance: Loretta Emery, SCC Recycling Education Officer; P Knight
2. **Apologies:** H Rossell, N Martin (both hols.) P Errington, P Thompson,
J Secci, Cllr. Horner
2. **Welcome:** Chairman welcomed Loretta Emery from the Council's Recycling Dept. who gave a short presentation on the various difficulties encountered in trying to effectively administer the current policy for recycling and waste collections. Particular reference was made to the anticipated difficulty in meeting statutory targets. Phil B emphasised the problems reported to him by local residents in the "Battle" roads of Wheelie Bins being left on pavements and causing an obstruction. Problems with HMOs and houses/flats lacking adequate storage areas were also highlighted. It was agreed to invite Margaret Richardson the Dept head to the May meeting (9th May) for a fuller presentation.

Action - PB please write/contact.

3. **Minutes** of last meeting were read and discussed.
4. **Matters Arising:**
Grosvenor Road parking, car crime and anti social behavior: Following the presentation given by Michael Mace it was agreed to ask Cllr. Horner to follow up. JG confirmed he had also taken this up with Portswood Police who stated they were already dealing with the issues raised and had attended a local residents meeting. It was suggested that Grosvenor Rd should form their own Residents Group and approach Adrian Vimson who also lives there.

Action - Cllr. Horner

5. **Correspondence:**
Three Planning Applications were notified to the Committee, plus emails from Cllr. Horner and D Ely. These were forwarded to the Committee prior to the meeting.
Matters Arising: The location of Wheelie Bins causing problems for a disabled member living in Furzedown Rd is - The northern side of Highfield Lane between Hawthorn Rd and Highcrown St. There is also a problem with overhanging branches. **(Cllr. Horner)**

6. **Finance:**

Finances are healthy and were reported in detail at the last meeting by the Treasurer in preparation for the AGM.

7. **Planning & Licensing:**

The successful objections at last week's Planning meeting to applications in Blenheim Ave and Abbotts Way were referred to. P Knight stated he understood that the applicants for Blenheim Ave were already in discussion with the Planning Dept about a revised (?) submission. A complaint has also been received from a resident in Shaftsbury Ave about an unauthorised HMO at 53 Shaftsbury Ave. It was agreed to write to the Enforcement Officer.

The dates for the Mitre Public Entertainment license appeal hearing to be held at Sot'on Magistrates Court are Tue. 29th & Wed 30th May.

Action - JG

8. **Events & AGM prep:**

Julia gave a report on the arrangements for the AGM to be held at the Highfield Church Centre, 7:30 PM Thursday 21st April.

9. **Summer Social:**

Peggy gave details of the planned Hog Roast to be held at Residents Gardens Pavilion on Saturday 3rd September and it was agreed to additionally provide for vegetarians. PB agreed to speak to his contacts at Tesco for possible contributions e.g. rolls, cole slaw etc. Peggy to prepare salads and possible Quiche? Advance notification is going in the Spring newsletter.

Action - PB & Peggy

10. **Spring Newsletter & AGM notification to members:**

Julia outlined content and JG confirmed printing and delivery arrangements.

Action - JG to see Sam' at Uniprint tomorrow. Proof read this week if poss.

11. **Web Site:**

Steve reported on the current state of affairs and agreed that D Olley's recent service was unacceptable. He has therefore approached someone else who it is hoped will be more professional and is awaiting a quote for improving the current layout and providing an ongoing and up to date local service. We may be able to reduce cost by reducing "band width"?

12. **Residents Parking:**

Peter Knight gave a report following his attendance at the Council's Scrutiny Meeting last week and asked why nobody from HRA had attended or prepared a presentation. JG responded that as far as he was aware neither ourselves nor CAF were notified.

JG has taken this up with Cllr. Baston who has assured us that our present concerns re parking and traffic in the Highfield area and Brookvale Rd and Highfield Lane in particular are not affected, as the Scrutiny Panel was primarily dealing with previous matters.

It was confirmed that the Council's Traffic Manager Roger Mortimer would be making a presentation at the AGM and would be available for questions. PK said he wished to complain formally to the Council and it was agreed he should draft a letter for consideration.

Action - P Knight/JG

13. Pavement surfaces in Winn Road:

David Ely has reported that the elderly and infirm who have to use "buggies" on the pavement are having great difficulty and are in potential danger as a result of the pavement disrepair. It was agreed to notify Cllr. Horner.

Action - Cllr. Horner

14. AOB:

Peggy stated there were problems with "electric scooters" using the pedestrian footpaths on the Common.

She also advised no bus had turned up outside the Highfield Pub at the times due the other evening i.e. 9.30PM & 10.14PM.

The Chairman gave details of the new Joint Liaison Group formed between the University and local residents Associations with the aim of improving communication and problem solving. The University shares our own concerns about the proliferation of HMOs and their frequent subsequent neglect, the difficulties caused by parking, as with late night drunkenness and noise disturbing residents. JG confirmed that he had tabled the items raised by Peter Knight re cut price drink promotions in Student Bars and the hours of operation.

It was agreed it would be necessary to have a normal Committee Meeting in April this year, in advance of the AGM on 21st April 05.

Date of next meeting, Monday 11th April, University Staff Centre 7:30 PM

Action - Committee Members

The meeting closed at 9.35 PM.