



Minutes of Committee
Meeting 9th May 05

Present:- J.Gillen(Chairman), Julia Brooking(Vice-Chairman), H.Rossell(Treasurer), Caroline Knight(Secretary) S.Connolly(Website Manager), D.Ely(Planning and Licensing Secretary), N.Martin(Membership Secretary), P.Augier(Catering), Josie Brown, P.Banyard, D. Clark, Jean D'Arcy (Committee members).
Oliver Dicker, Street Rep for Winn Rd., David Clark, Street Rep for Church Lane & University area.

Councillor Horner

Apologies

B Wakeley

G Gain

J Secchi

P Errington has resigned at AGM

Minutes of 29th AGM and matters arising JB proposed and PA seconded the acceptance and approval of the minutes for inclusion on the website.

Matters Arising

The issue of the safety of the pedestrian cut-way from High Crown St onto Highfield Lane was discussed and it was suggested that the erection of railings would be appropriate. **C Horner** will take this matter forward.

AGM Debrief

The consensus was that the AGM and Social Event were extremely successful both in respect of the venue and the catering.

Correspondence.

There was correspondence concerning:

- A proposed extension to Highfield House hotel: this consists of 30 bedrooms on the west elevation and a 3 storey extension on the north elevation. - No objections.
- 55 Orchards Way- demolition and rebuild of garage.
- 53 Shaftesbury Ave application has been refused and a second application has been withdrawn.
- 21a-23a Winn Road application has been withdrawn.
- Barclays Bank Portswood change of use of top floor.
- Disabled ramp for Gallia Court.

- Highfield Lane- application for erection of Sheltered Housing, by Churchill Retirement housing, on the site of the old Conservative Club. Some concern was expressed about the proposed height of the building. **DE** will write to the firm seeking assurance that the housing is for older people.
- John Fish, from the Community Action Forum, re NW Bassett RA asking for a list of places that do not receive a newsletter. (?)
- The University Liaison Group will be meeting with local RAs and CAF quarterly- the date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

Treasurer's Report HR reported that the finances are in a healthy state. The event in September should be a fundraiser if possible.

Planning

1-3 Blenheim Ave.

A second application and an appeal on the original application have been submitted. OTRA are dealing with this. There is to be a meeting on Wednesday 11th in connection with the application for Conservation Status. There has been an award from Community Action Forum to assist with opposing unsuitable developments and two other oppositions have been helped with this. The committee approved the allocation of funds of £100 to assist the OTRA fighting fund. This was proposed and seconded with 4 abstentions from those living in the Triangle.

It was stressed that each planning application is considered on its own merit and with consideration of its impact on the surrounding area.

Summer Social

There will be two committee meetings before the event. The Hog Roast has been booked - confirmation is required. **(JG)** The Resident's Gardens Pavilion has been booked.

The rolls have been arranged by Phil B. A vegetarian option will be provided. **(PA)** An advertisement will be put in the Summer Newsletter.

Penny Hastings will be approached re the entertainment/music. **(Jerry)**

Jerry will arrange the printing of the tickets.

Wine and glasses will be supplied by Middlebridge Wines or people can bring their own.

Newsletter

The summer newsletter needs to be delivered by the end of July therefore needs to be co-ordinated during June. Some suggestions for articles were pieces about local builders e.g. Herbert Collins and John Smith. The AGM report will be included. Update on new committee members will be put on to the website. Feedback on the inclusion of local businesses in last newsletter was very positive. Suggested that this could be a continuing practice.

Website Update

The website is being redesigned to allow ease of management. A sample page will be circulated soon. There was a suggestion that advertisements for local businesses could be included on the website for a fee.

AOB

JG reported that he has been contacted re several matters by Peter Knight:

- The tactile paving in Highfield Lane promised by Orchard Homes has yet to be installed - this needs to be addressed. **(Calvin)**
- There is a problem with buses being unable to pass the parked cars in Highfield Lane.
- There was un-cleared rubbish outside the old Conservative HQ building.
- The traffic island in Highfield Lane has not been re illuminated following an accident.

It was pointed out that these matters are not normally within the remit of The Residents' Association and that people should contact the appropriate Council departments directly. However, if it can be ascertained which days the parking is a problem in Highfield Lane the appropriate department could be informed.

North West Bassett Residents' Association has thanked Jerry for his hard work: they have asked for a copy of the HRA membership form and a newsletter as they would like to produce something similar. **(JG)**

From last month's meeting there was a question about the traffic island in Highfield Lane. The crossing is used a lot and so it is sensible to keep the signs by number 76.

Meeting closed at 9.10 PM

Date of next meeting Monday 13th June 7.30 PM.