



Minutes of Committee
Meeting
Monday 13th June 05
7.30 PM University Staff Club

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), G Gain(Newsletter Sub Committee) Josie Brown, P.Banyard, Jean D'Arcy (Committee members).

In attendance: Jean Warman (Sec. East Bassett Res. Assoc) Jenny Arnold (Sec.Portswood Residents' Gardens RA) Simon Fiddler & Anton Fitzgerald (local members), Alec Withers (Brookvale Rd. Nursery), George Clegg (Permanent Secretary, University Students Union), Andrew Wilson (President, University SU)

Apologies

B Wakeley
Councillor Horner
Peter Knight
Lauretta Wall
Andrew Worsfold

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9th June Taken as read. JB proposed and DE seconded the acceptance.

Matters arising None, unless covered elsewhere on agenda.

Correspondence.

There was correspondence concerning:

- Letters relating to planning to be dealt with under planning.
- Newsletter
- Confirmation from Andrew Worsfold re the entertainment for the Hog Roast

Nursery - 34 Brookvale Road.

Alec Withers joined the meeting to explain the issues relating to the application to extend the licence to cover 3 additional children from 24-27 and to be able to use 3 additional rooms upstairs to give more flexibility for the family. 3 additional places require no extra staff and so there should be no extra car parking in Brookvale Rd. There are to be no structural alterations to the building. Alec confirmed that the permission to use the premises as a nursery resides with the residents of the property and not with the building. He assured the committee that they take all possible care in keeping the level of the noise as low as possible and encourage staff not to use cars in order to keep the parking to as minimum. It was agreed that the nursery provides a useful amenity for local residents and that the committee would not oppose the application. A letter will be written to the council seeking assurance that the permission for use as commercial premises does remain with the current owners and will not be passed on should the property be sold.

Planning as listed.

- 53 Shaftesbury Ave. - a letter of opposition has already been sent.
- Re the above, the committee voiced concern at the large scale of destruction of large family houses in the area with conversion into flats and HMO's. There appears to be no mechanism to prevent this. There was some discussion about the action taken by Leeds Council to limit this type of development. Members will be encouraged to write to MP's- this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- 1-3 Blenheim Ave. is ongoing.
- Conservation status for the Oakmount Triangle is ongoing.
- 17 Kitchener Road HMO
- 3 Brookvale Rd- retrospective planning application.

University

At this point the committee was joined by Andrew Wilson (President of the Student's Union) and George Clegg, Permanent Secretary to the Union

There has been considerable local opposition to the late opening hours that are currently enjoyed by the Student's Union Bar and The Cube Night Club.

It is alleged that a large number of intoxicated students leave the campus in the early hours of the morning causing disruption to local residents and criminal damage to their property. The licence for the bar and night club are shortly due for renewal and if enough residents protest the hearing could be postponed to enable local people to attend to voice their objections. The public entertainment licence has to be granted by the council and it is possible that this could be refused or modified if there is strong enough objection.

Anton Fitzgerald and Simon Fiddler spoke on behalf of local residents. They feel that it is inappropriate to have a night club in a residential area.

George Clegg stated that they had no intention of agreeing to change the current licensing status. He felt that the facilities were essential for the students in that they offer a safe place for them to enjoy a night out. The Cube has been operating for 3 years and the Union Bar has had a special hours certificate for 10 years. They have a licence for 6 days a week but only use it 4 days a week.

Andrew acknowledged that there is a problem with noise and said that they take all reasonable precautions to keep disruption to a minimum. They encourage students to use the minibus, taxis or bus service. They give them free water, cheap soft drinks and try to educate the students. They are in discussion to explore further ways of lessening the impact. There was discussion about policing and it was said that the University might be prepared to pay for additional policing if this was possible.

It was decided that a smaller working group was needed to try to reach a resolution on this difficult matter. A group will be set up which will include representation from Portswood Res. Gds., East Bassett Residents' Association and HRA. **AW** will make contact re this matter. The Chairman thanked AW and GC for attending the meeting and they left.

Treasurer's Report

HR reported that the finances are in a healthy state.

Newsletter

- There was some discussion about when the Newsletter would be ready -late July to early August was agreed.
- The Hog Roast will be advertised on posters if required. **CK to prepare.**
- There will be up to six advertisements on the back page. This newsletter will be sponsored by Sainsbury and they will contribute one page of copy.
- There will be information on the role of the Street Reps. There will be 2-3 short pieces about local new business initiatives. The Scout Hut and French language learning.

Savills Estate Agents.

Savills have recently moved into the residential property market locally. They would like to be associated with HRA and to that end have offered to sponsor the Newsletter for one year. They would cover the full cost to produce the Newsletter in colour. They would contribute an article and an advert.

This was discussed and it was agreed that we would require a letter from them confirming that we would retain full editorial control over their input and that we would require a "get out" clause. Several members expressed their concern over this matter and so it was agreed that there would be further discussion at the next meeting.

Summer Social

The musician (Andrew Worsfold) has been booked and about 20 tickets have been sold so far.

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.

Committee Dinner

JG suggested Cenos as a possible venue.

Website Update

Ongoing

Member ship

Nicholla reported that we have 361 paid up members from 440 last year. 79 have not renewed and they will be approached to renew. As time was short Nicholla handed out a sheet she had prepared re Street Reps. There will be further discussion on their role at the next meeting.

AOB

Date and Time of next meeting.

7.30 PM Monday 11th July at the University Staff Club