



HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th December 2005 at the University Staff Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. J Gillen – Chair, Dr. J. Brooking – Vice Chair, Mrs. C. Knight- Secretary, Mrs. J Brown, Mrs. N. Martin, Mr. D. Ely, Mr. S. Connolly, Mrs. G. Gain and Mrs P Augier

In attendance: Mr. Nick Bacon, re Brookvale Rd. and Mr. John Dyke re Shaftsbury Ave

Apologies: Mr. H. Rossell, Mr. P. Banyard, Calvin Horner and Mrs. J. D'Arcy.

Minutes of last meeting were taken as read Corrections noted - Letter not been written to Vice Chancellor regarding the fire but condolences sent via Steve Waring at CAF meeting. On Page 2 - the Student Union is appealing the decision, due to be held in Feb and **David** will find out the date. Acceptance proposed Josie and seconded by Steve.

Matters arising: A record is being kept of the disturbance to local residents by the Student Union and this will be discussed at the January meeting. Summer Ball the band has had to be booked to secure the date. A six piece band has been booked via Penny Hastings- the cost is likely to be in the region of £450

Correspondence:

- Jean Darcy has resigned from the committee due to pressure of work.
- There has been confirmation from the Mayor's Parlour that Edwina Cooke will be attending the event at Ceno's. This will be discussed at the January Meeting.
- David has circulated correspondence relating to Licensing issues.
- Letter to Councillor Mizon regarding traffic issues suggesting that the University to resource.
- Community Strategy- Council's plan along with city Partnership.
- An approach has been made by Holly Strong, who is undertaking a project on the social cultural impact of tourism, requesting the assistance of the HRA Committee- it was agreed that we would help. Gillian to contact.
- Letter from the Chair of the City Partnership- Alan Whitehead will be the Guest Speaker at the AGM.

Membership & Street representatives:

The numbers now stand at 480 households. 412 have paid subscriptions for 2005. Renewal letters will be sent to those who have not renewed and this will also contain information about tickets for Ceno's- 44 letters to be sent.

Finance:

Report from Headley that the finances are healthy.

Christmas Party- was attended by 50 children. £202 was raised which means that the party was only subsidised by £50. There was a special vote of appreciation for Phil, Sarah, Peggy and all the helpers who made the event such a success.

Ceno's

The maximum numbers that can be accommodated is 120- so far 62 tickets have been sold. Nicolla asked if it would be possible for people to book tables to allow groups to be seated together. **Jerry** will check this with Jamie. We will need an official table for the Mayor. We will need to add any other official guests to the numbers. We should invite Jill Baston, Calvin Horner, Adrian Vinson, Steve Waring, and Eileen Richmond. **CK will do this**. A reminder that the event is on Tuesday 7th Feb and is a buffet supper. The formalities will be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning & Licensing:

John Dyke updated the Committee on the background and progress of the situation at 53 Shaftesbury Avenue. There is concern that there is increasing use of properties in this area as HMO's. At present there is an enforcement order on the property in question but there is a lengthy period in which there is opportunity for appeal. David advised Mr Dyke to look at City Web for information and to look at the 1990 Housing Act Section 218 with reference to HMO's. Also he was advised to write to Alan Whitehead and copy to Adrian Vinson and Jill Baston. Mr Dyke thanked the Committee for all the support that has been given over these problems.

The Mitre

- Jerry attended the appeal and it was felt that the result was fair: there is to be no entry or re-entry after 11pm on a weeknight and after midnight on Friday and Saturday.
- 1-3 Blenheim Ave. The appeal has taken place and the result is expected around 17th January.
- Ripstone Gardens. It would seem that developers are permitted to start building under outline planning permission. David has circulated the rolling list.
- The University has temporary constructions on car parks following the fire.
- Upper Shaftesbury- submission to convert house into flats and build an extension.
- Orchard have appealed the refusal of permission on 21a-22a Winn Road.
- There has been correspondence with the council in reference to the Licensing Act 2003 and there as been detailed response. DE will contact Council of Culture Media and Sport to raise concerns. Now Councillors are making decision instead of Magistrates it is feared that politics could affect decision making. There will be a review of the law in 3 months and it was felt that it would be appropriate to raise concerns with Alan Whitehead.

Spring newsletter, March 2006.

The Spring edition will be a bumper issue to reflect that it is HRA 30th Anniversary year. There will be an emphasis on advertising the Summer Event plus the AGM. We are awaiting a quote from the University Printers but increased costs are expected to be pro rata. Adverts will be taken and will be charged at £85 for 1/6th of a page. Savills are willing to advertise and other people have expressed an interest. Jerry to write to Prof Wakeham to contribute an article.

There will be an article on RJ Mitchell and an interview has been arranged with the lady who lives in his former house.

30th Anniversary 2006:

It has been agreed that the AGM can go on until 11.30 if desired as long as the caretaker is paid. There will be a free buffet and a cash bar to recoup some expenses. The AGM and the Newsletter will be used to sell tickets for the Summer Event. 50 tickets are guaranteed and that leaves 100 to sell. There will be further discussion on ticket prices. Jerry asked Committee Members to wear their badges at official functions.

Website:

TK will put the minutes on the web and the 30th Anniversary 2006 functions. Also the Newsletter will be sent direct from the printers in PDF format for the website.

Any other business:

There has been a vast improvement in the state of the streets around the Lodge Road area. This appears to be in response to the Sparkling Southampton Initiative.

Nick Bacon said some people in Brookvale Road didn't get the Newsletter.

Concerns were raised about the car parking and size of development and so a letter will be written to the Sainsbury's Development Manager.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 9th January 2006 at 7.30pm at the University staff club.