



HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2006 at the University Staff Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. J Gillen – Chair, Mrs. C. Knight- Secretary, Mr. H. Rossell, Treasurer, Mrs. J Brown, Mrs. N. Martin, Mr. D. Ely, Mr. S. Connolly, Mrs. G. Gain and Mr B Wakeley

Apologies: Dr. J. Brooking, Mr. P. Banyard, Mrs P Augier

Minutes of last meeting were taken as read

Matters arising:

- Ian Wall who was featured in the last Newsletter will take an advert in the next Newsletter
- SVS- Change Up will take place on 24th January- a volunteer was sought to attend
- A report has been received re 16 Bassett Meadow
- Compass Magazine have been invited to attend the Ceno's evening on 7th February

Correspondence:

- .A reply has been received from Southampton Airport- **Headley will pursue**
- A letter has been sent to the Council re stage 2 of the complaint against a council officer
- An email was sent by Councillor Slade concerning historical information; this was passed to Gillian
- A letter was sent to Caroline by Peter Chilvers. He has been told that all the matters he raised are already in hand and that the Committee are not aware that there has been an increase in the number of muggings locally. It was felt that this is a matter for the police to handle
- A letter has been received from Steve Feast re the opportunity for local groups without green areas to make use of the University Campus gardens. This will be featured in a Newsletter the letter was passed to Gillian.
- Jerry has made contact with Lloyds Bank re a contribution for our Anniversary and will meet with a manager at Bitterne.
- A letter has been received about the continued untidy state of the area surrounding the Highfield Pub and the Post Office. A letter will be written requesting these establishments to try to keep the areas clean and tidy. **Caroline and Jerry.**

Membership & Street representatives:

Nicolla reported that 87 renewal letters have been sent. Nicolla also produced an introductory letter for newcomers to the area inviting them to join HRA. This was felt to be a very good idea and **Josie** will liaise with Nicolla about the wording.

Nicky Bradshaw has agreed to take over from Jerry as street rep for Oakmount Triangle, Crofton Close and Woodstock Drive. **Nicolla will make contact.**

Finance:

Report from Headley that the finances are healthy. Jerry expressed thanks to Headley for his hard work on behalf of HRA.

Planning & Licensing:

- The list is as circulated.
- David has written to the Minister of Culture.
- The Council is tightening up its process in regards to planning applications - if documents are not presented by the due date the application is dismissed.
- David attends the Development Forum.
- The list of applications for liquor licences is on the website but is very hard to decipher.
- Jerry wished to record a vote of thanks to David for all his efforts in regard to planning issues.
- The appeal for 1-3 Blenheim Avenue has been dismissed by the Inspector
- An application for a single storey extension has been submitted for 6 Oakhurst Road.
- SU appeal hearing set for 21/22 Feb.?

David to verify.

Spring newsletter, March 2006.

Gillian reported that she has 16 articles for the Spring Newsletter. She gave a résumé of the articles that will be written. The Newsletter will need to be 8 pages - 4 pages for the Anniversary articles and 4 for the usual articles. The quote from the printers has still not been received but is likely to be in the region of £700 if the issue is double the usual size. 4000 will be printed, 3700 delivered and the rest distributed locally in the Library, the Crown and October Books etc. Adverts will be priced at £85 for 1/6th of a page.

30th Anniversary 2006:

85 tickets have already been sold for the Buffet Supper at Ceno's. With invited guests this brings us very close to being sold out. **Brian, Nicolla and Jerry** will go to Ceno's to discuss the layout and to ascertain whether it will be possible to reserve tables for those people who have requested to be able to sit together. There will have to be an official table to accommodate the Mayor. A poster will be put on the door to explain that the evening is a private party - **Caroline to organise.**

It was agreed that the ticket prices for the Summer Event would be £15 each.

Caroline has written to the marquee company and to Galley Slaves to book their services. Galley Slaves required a deposit of £150 which has been paid.

A date for the Events Committee to meet will be decided at the February meeting.

Official invites for Ceno's to go to local Councillors, Steve Waring and Eileen Richmond.

Caroline

Website:

Steve reported that all is fine. 30th Anniversary banner to be displayed on front page. **Tony K.**

Any other business:

OTRA is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday February 4th in the Church Hall. HRA will try and field a table of six. **Liase with Jerry**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.57pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 13th February 2006 at 7.30pm at the University staff club.