



HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2006 at the University Staff Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. J Gillen – Chair, Dr. J. Brooking- Vice Chair, Mrs. C. Knight- Secretary, Mr. H. Rossell- Treasurer, Mr. P. Banyard, Mrs. G. Gain, Mr. S. Connolly, Mr. D. Ely and Mr B Wakeley

Welcome - Mr James Cox EBRA and Mrs Angela Dyke

Apologies, Mrs. J Brown, Mrs. N. Martin, Mrs L Wall. Mrs P Augier

Minutes of last meeting were taken as read Proposed by Brian and seconded by Julia

Matters arising:

The Planning Core Strategy Workshop Meeting attended by Jerry had been excellent and worthwhile. There was a presentation from Paul Nichols, head of SCC Planning Dept.

There will be a £50 charge from the photographer for taking Newsletter photos

We now have confirmation of sponsorship from Taittinger Champagne for the Summer Ball

Correspondence:

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| 9 th March. | Email update from D Ely - re 53 Shaftsbury Ave & HMO code. |
| 13 th March. | Invoice from Tudor Distribution - £169.67 |
| 2 nd March | letter to ChocXtreme re their ad. |
| 28 th Feb. | Invoice from University Print – £47.00 |
| “ | Letter from Tudor Dist. Notification of new delivery rates. |
| 27 th Feb. | Planning notice re 38 Shaftsbury Ave. |
| 22 nd Feb | Confirmation from SCC of SU Appeal outcome |
| 19 th Feb. | letter to Airport re routing trials. |
| No date | Notice from SCC re proposals for Highcrown St & School. |
| 6 March | reply from BAA |
| 9 March | letter from SCC re the Development Forum. |

OTHER ITEMS

Details from Friendship Association re travel to SA and example of raffle tickets.

Sainsbury's vouchers for raffle

Membership renewals from Ann Wardle & Mr & Mrs Wedge of Glebe Court

Report from James Cox.

James reported his disappointment with the performance of the Council Solicitor in relation to the appeal at So'ton Magistrates Court by Southampton University Student's Union and The Cube Nightclub, against the Licensing Sub Committee's conditions.

The main concerns are:

- It would appear that the original objectors were not notified of the date of the appeal.
The original hearing was very well attended by residents opposing the licensing but only four attended the appeal.
What went wrong in the Council's procedure?
- The solicitor acting for the Council did not adequately defend the licensing sub committee's earlier decision.
- The appeal was effectively a re- hearing.
- The appeal was upheld in part- no entry after 11.30 and on 6 evenings closing time is 1 am.
- James and Simon Fidler have written to express their dissatisfaction. HRA will also write. **DE**
- James also raised the issue of the marshalling scheme being a voluntary act and therefore could be withdrawn at any time. There were no marshalls the preceding Friday and Saturday nights and James was told that it was because the club was not busy. We should also write to George Clegg asking for reassurance that the marshalling scheme will stay. **CK**

Angela Dyke outlined her involvement with Highfield and brought the committee up to date with the state of play in regard to 53 Shaftesbury Avenue. There has been an enforcement order that the property should be returned to a family dwelling. Since a noise abatement order there has been improvement. The house is currently for sale but the price appears to be excessive. The law changes after 4th April and there will be heavy fines imposed upon owners who disregard the HMO policy - particularly in relation to fire escapes, fire doors and furniture.

The owner/HMO ratio is out of balance in the Shaftesbury Ave. area. David recommended a book called "Studentification" by The University Press. This is available on the web.

Angela was asked if she would like to join the committee as her part of Highfield is not currently well represented. Angela agreed and her appointment will be ratified at the AGM.

Membership & Street representatives: no report as Nicolla is away

Finance:

Headley presented the accounts for year end December 31st 2005. Some grant money for Carers and Meeting expenses has not been spent; Headley has written to SVS to clarify.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jerry and seconded by Julia. Jerry expressed thanks to Headley for all the hard work he has done.

Current position is we need to issue invoices for the adverts carried in the Newsletter. **HR**
It was felt, with the number of hits we are now receiving, we could also carry adverts on the website. We need to quantify - **CK** will ask Tony.

Planning & Licensing:

- Rolling list as circulated by David.
- An excellent publication currently only sent to Vice Chancellors, "Studentification" can be downloaded from website - <http://bookshop.universitiesuk.ac.uk>

- latest publications - Universities engaging with local communities.
- City Web - requests for enforcement notices. Breach of conditions.
 - We will need the assistance of the Street Reps in April and May re HMO monitoring.
 - **David** will write to Sheffield asking how they manage to force landlords to keep rental property in good repair.
 - There are no plans at present to reconvene the liaison committee with the University. Steve Waring will notify us when it is to be reconvened.

Spring newsletter, March 2006.

Jerry expressed thanks to Gillian for all the hard work she has put into the Spring Newsletter which is a bumper edition. 4,100 copies have been printed and will be distributed W/C 20th March. The next Newsletter will be in the early autumn.

There was no room for the Poetry and Prose competition in this issue – to be included next time.

30th Anniversary 2006:

The events committee have met re Summer Ball prep and will meet again on 11th April at Jerry's house.

Ceno's buffet evening was felt to be a great success – we have been charged for 114 attendees. For future reference it was felt the music was unnecessary and the organisation of guests in the restaurant could have been slicker. Also additional help at the door for taking people's coats upon arrival.

A date for the Committee Dinner was set - 18th October.

Jerry will speak to Jamie re possible sponsorship.

Website: Steve reported that all is fine. Banner for 30th Anniversary is up. Continues to liaise with Tony K. **SC**

Any other business:

None

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 10th April 2006 at 7.30pm at the University Staff Club.

(Jerry to write to Staff Club confirming dates, ensuring Security are aware)