



HIGHFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th April 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 N Martin- Membership Secretary, Mr. P. Banyard, Dr J Brown, Mrs. G. Gain, Mr. S. Connolly, Mr. D. Ely, Mrs P Augier and Mr B Wakeley

Apologies, Dr. J. Brooking, Mrs Angela Dyke

In attendance - Mr Colin Smithers, Upper Shaftsbury Ave.

Minutes of last meeting Proposed by Headley and seconded by Bryan

Matters arising:

Page 1 - details of SA Friendship Association – They will give us one free raffle ticket for everyone who attends the ball - these will be entered into their monthly draw for free flights in July. We are also pursuing the possibility of purchasing two tickets at a subsidised price which can then be auctioned with the B&B accommodation.

Page 2- James Cox and Simon Fidler have written and also David.

Last page- Jerry has contacted Jamie re sponsorship - not positive and has also written to the Staff Club reminding them about our meeting dates.

Correspondence:

6 th March.	Copy Simon Fiddler letter to Chair Licensing Comm. Re SU Appeal
Undated.	Lloyds Bank refusal of funding
13 th March	letter of appreciation from Mayor re Ceno's evening
6 th March.	Planning application for Mosque & flats, 96-100 Portswood Road
23 rd March	email complimenting us on Newsletter from Prof. Brown
25 th March.	D Ely letter to Cllr. Baston re 96 – 100 Portswood Rd asking for referral to P&RW Panel
25 th March	D Ely details re 67 Shaftsbury Ave & 3 Blenheim Gdns.
March	Newsletter & AGM notice (27 th April) for EBRA.
27 th March	copy EBRA letter to Chair licensing Panel re SU Appeal hearing
27 th March	revised invoice from Residents Gardens
28 March	Planning Application from Sainsbury's
25 th March	Missed deliveries list from Tudor Distribution
31 st March	Letter from Community Involvement SCC re new "Neighbourhood Directorate".
15 th March	Letter from Caroline Hogg thanking us for Ceno's buffet and expressing interest in joining committee.
4 th April	Letter from George Clegg in response to letter re marshalling scheme.
5 th April	Letters from council re planning applications in respect of Hot 2 U and 27 Grosvenor Gardens.

Membership & Street representatives:

We now have 491 members and are aiming to reach 500 by the AGM. Some membership card numbers may appear the same as redundant numbers are reallocated. Jerry thanked Nicolla for all her hard work.

Finance:

Headley reported that the finances are healthy - we are still waiting for sponsorship and advertising money to come in.

Planning & Licensing:

- Rolling list as circulated by David.
- Hot 2 U have applied for variation in opening hours - local residents are objecting
- The planning application for a mosque opposite Wickes was refused in 2003 - application has been called before the committee again and could proceed without further consultation. David has written to Councillors Baston, Samuels and Slade to protest that as there have been significant changes in the proposed development there should be public consultation. Originally there were to be 4 flats for mosque employees and now there are 6 to be let on a commercial basis. There was to be a takeaway and now it is for all retail. There is no provision for parking - only spaces for bikes.
- The only reply has come from C. Samuels who is in agreement that the application should be called before the panel again.
- The development in Winn Road has been approved.
- The mobile home in 3 Blenheim Gardens should be subject to planning regs and an enforcement notice applied for.
- There has been an enforcement notice on 18 Brookvale Road.
- There is increasing unhappiness with the squalid state of student accommodation in this city. David has approached Sheffield Council to find out how they maintain standards. There is the Sheffield Student Housing Association Scheme. To belong to this certain standards have to be met but belonging means housing is easier to let and also reduces workload for the Council. There is no mechanism in Southampton to ensure that landlords maintain standards on their rental accommodation. Jerry expressed the gratitude of the committee for David's hard work on our behalf.

Newsletter

There has been extremely good feedback in connection with the Spring Newsletter. Gillian has interviewed the Adolescent Unit in Brookvale Road - there will be a party in June to celebrate their Anniversary. She has written an article on the Residents' Gardens and also on Reiki. The next edition will feature the Ball.

30th Anniversary 2006:

AGM - Jerry produced the proposed agenda - **Headley** will arrange printing of 50 copies also a few copies of the accounts and the minutes of the last AGM. A notice will be posted on the website asking for any agenda items to be submitted prior to the meeting. We will have a table for people to renew membership and also a table to sell Ball tickets.

There is an Events committee meeting on Tuesday re the Summer Event. Jerry thought that canapés might be a nice touch as we have the champagne reception. We need to be mindful of costs and so this will be left until nearer the time. Caroline and Josie are willing to make some. **Jerry** will contact Sainsburys.

Website:

Steve reported that all is fine. We could approach local businesses re advertising. It was suggested that £50 a year would be a reasonable amount. **Steve, Caroline and Tony** to liaise. Should we be putting in more links to other organisations?

Any other business:

The state of the Highfield Pub was raised again. Environmental Health have visited and told them to clean up - will be revisiting. There should be a new manager in place in two weeks. If there is no improvement a letter will be sent to Head Office. It might be an idea to involve Public Health - **David** will investigate.

Parking in Highfield is still a problem. Residents must write to the Council. We need a Street rep for Westwood Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.

Date of next meeting is Monday 8th May 2006 at 7.30pm at the University Staff Club.