

## **Highfield Residents' Association**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at the University Staff Centre at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mr Jerry Gillen, Chairman; Dr Julia Brooking, Vice-Chairman; Mrs Caroline Knight, Secretary; Mr Headley Rossell, Treasurer; Mr Steve Connolly, Website Manager; Mr David Ely, Planning Officer; Mrs Peggy Augier and Dr Josie Brown.

**Apologies:** Mrs Gillian Gain, Mr Philip Banyard, Mr Bryan Wakely, Mrs Angela Dyke, Mr Steve Sollitt.

**Welcome:** Mr Peter Knight, Mrs Jean Wawman, Mr James Cox, and Mr Simon Fidler.

**In Attendance:** Mr Nick Bacon of Brookvale Rd

**Minutes of last meeting:** Proposed by Steve, seconded by Julia

**Matters Arising:** Re the use of the Spitfire logo, most members broadly agreed that it could be used selectively this year to mark the anniversary. Gillian had asked that she be noted as opposed to its use.

#### **Correspondence:**

14.06.06 Letter from Council re Planning Application for Faraday Building- no action required

20.06.06 " " " " " for 4 Winn Road - no action

06.07.06 " " " " " 25 Portswood Road- no action

All other correspondence re planning applications are covered in the rolling list.

07.07.06 Letter from Suzanne Claclard-Furter re complaint to Council

16.06.06 Letter from Alan Sayle re HMO properties

27.06.06 Letter from Prof Roger Brown re OTRA AGM

30.06.06 Letter from Dawn Jones re North Neighbourhood Partnership

03.07.06 Letter from Alan Gottschalk in response to letter re ball.

#### **Portswood Time Bank- Peter Knight**

Peter talked to the meeting about the proposal to start a Time Bank in Portswood. He outlined the principles of how a time bank works, roughly the same as a baby-sitting circle in that people can earn credit by donating time and skills and also a deficit by using other people's time and skills. A broker will administer the running of the bank and match people up. People will register with the sort of skills that they are able to offer and the broker introduces them to the person who requires help. There is no impediment to anyone taking part except for those in receipt of a Disability Benefit who are not allowed to work. The University is supportive and students would be keen to have participation in the scheme on their CVs. If any work involved children then a police check would be required. This scheme has been very successful in USA. The Committee agreed that it was a good idea and will write to Peter confirming support. **CK** to action. We will mention it in our next Newsletter, **JB**, and Peter has agreed to come to the next meeting to give us an update, **PK**.

#### **Students' Union application to vary their licence.**

Jean and James talked to the committee about a letter received from Ben Rogers concerning the intention of the Students' Union to apply to increase the late night opening to 2 am on Fridays and Saturdays: to ask for one other day in the week to be open until 2 am and to ask for one other night

until 2 am on a maximum of six occasions per annum. This application has already been submitted and objections must be in by 28th July.

The main concern of the residents is that this application comes approx 4 months after the previous licence was granted on appeal. This is allowed under the new licensing act and it is possible that new requests could be submitted at regular intervals. The original licensing Panel had established a causal link between late night drinking at the SU and disturbance to residents. For its part, the University has implemented a marshalling scheme which has been appreciated by local residents. The police have not been consulted but it is understood are gathering evidence to enable Trevor Lloyd to make a decision concerning grounds for the police to object.

A small group will convene to discuss how best to tackle this worrying development and on what grounds any objection is justified, **JG, JC, SF and Dick Buckle** (to be contacted). Also, it should be noted that George Clegg has signalled his willingness to meet to discuss this matter.

### **Planning and Licensing:**

- Monthly list and addendum circulated as usual by David
- The approval for the Mosque- still no progress
- There are a few small additions which will appear in the next rolling list
- With the proliferation of aerials on the Travelodge building there appears to have been no assessment of environmental impact. David has written to Jean Bridle but has not had a reply. Will write again. **DE**

**Finance:** The Ball came in in profit and the finances are healthy.

**Newsletter:** As Julia is going to be away the content and editing of the next Newsletter will be completed before she goes. There are invoices for Headley to raise re the advertising. JB will check the adverts and there was some discussion whether or not Choxtreme were expecting to run an advert. JG to check. The poetry competition will be in the next Newsletter with a closing date of the end of Sept.

**Action Jerry and Julia**

**Website:** we still require the links to be added and also to determine how to attract advertising to the website CK and Steve to liaise with Tony Knight

**Action Steve and Caroline**

### **Summer Ball Feedback**

Caroline reported that the ball was a great success and that most people had a really good evening. There have been suggestions that it should be an annual event but the committee felt that that would be too much but maybe in a couple of years it could be repeated. There had been some grumbles, which were noted and will be born in mind for any future ventures. Caroline presented a list of the problems and possible solutions to be considered when we hold an event like that again.

### **OTRA v HRA Cricket Match**

Caroline gave details of the Cricket Match to be held on Sunday August 27th at 2.00 pm at The University Sports Ground in Wide Lane. Players and spectators are welcome and it will cost £5.50 to include tea. If rain stops play £5 will be refunded. Unfortunately, many committee members will be away on that date and there were no volunteers to play. Suggestions were made about contacting people who might want to take part and **CK will action.**

**Any other business**

It was agreed that we will pay the University for providing security when it has to be provided just for us when we use The Staff Club for our meetings.

Julia extended the Invitation to visit the Mayor's Parlour but the suggested date was not suitable. She will contact the Mayor's Secretary re a date in October. **JB to action.**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm

**Date of next meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at the University Staff Club.**