

HOCKLEY HEATH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 January 2010
AT
THE PAVILION, HOCKLEY HEATH

Those present: Stu Barbour (Chairman) David Cox
 Annie Rayson (Treasurer) Sue Byrne
 Joyce Duffield (Secretary) Bert Robinson
 Maria Vernon

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Chairman Closed Public Forum

2 APOLOGIES

Janice Adams

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of 10 December 2009 meeting were agreed and signed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

None.

5 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

5.1 Chairman reported that at December's meeting there was a presentation outlining the value of a Parish Plan. Various village groups were invited, but none turned out. This will now be repeated to a wider audience at a future date.

6 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

6.1 There has been no MC meeting recently. No report.

7 FINANCE

FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 14/01/10

Residents Association:

Bank balance 1747.50

Loss (565.19)

(NB Donation of 886.42 to MC to help towards expenditure)

Profit on years activities 321.23

Management Committee:

Bank balance 1481.03

Loss (2182.75)

Projected income/expenditure to year end predicts profit of 293

reducing loss to 1889.75

8 VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

8.1 Conservation

8.1.1 BR reported more difficulties in getting witness statements returned, for the use of the Public Footpath behind the recreation ground. He has issued 4 more proformas.

BR requested help in advertising the cause, and will make use of the HHRA noticeboards.

8.2 Planning Matters

8.2.1 Ex Jaguar Garage, Stratford Road. DC has sent in representation with queries regarding the [lack of] Parking and need for a central refuge on the Stratford road. It was agreed that this is sufficient for now.

8.3 Highways

8.3.1 DC to speak with Matt Gardner at the council regarding potholes on roads throughout the village caused by recent adverse weather, and large puddles forming on Stratford Road.

8.4 Transport

8.4.1 SBy is still chasing for the new bus shelters. Particularly on corner of Stratford and Aylesbury Roads. SBy is meeting with an interested party from the Centro at 9am 15th Jan.

8.5 Policing Issues

8.5.1 Chairman read out a response to a letter sent by the HHRA to the Neighbourhood Inspector regarding reallocation of one of the Village's police officers (Simon Harrison) to Shirley policing team. Main Reason given for this were in order to take Simon's Experience to a group of new officers to the area, and to backfill him with more of these new officers, where they would benefit from Colin Jewell's experience.

It was decided we could do no more on this matter for now.

9 SOCIAL & FUND RAISING EVENTS

9.1 None

10 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

No general correspondence.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 The Future of the HHRA, in light of a new PC and dwindling numbers on the HHRA Committee.

The Chairman reiterated and checked his understanding of the outcome of an informal meeting to discuss ideas on this subject, held the week before. The committee then decided the following:

1. The HHRA should continue, though it's remit, operating parameters and processes may change.
2. Further discussions to clarify the **purpose** of the RA, and produce some form of artifact describing this (i.e. Mission Statement, Constitution, etc.) – this was to combat the perceived public confusion regarding the position and use of the RA.
3. Further discussions to agree the best way to **communicate** the matters described in (1) and who to communicate too.

4. Chairman to report back to the PC and ask for any thoughts.
5. Chairman to push the agenda of an organized Communication strategy with the PC (i.e. noticeboards, email (in and out), telephone answering service, website, mailing address, [e- and snail] mail drops and press links).

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next formal meeting - Thursday 11 February 2010 at 8pm in the Pavilion.