



## Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014

### 1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### 2. Update from Committee

A website has been created – <http://eastbrookeandwooteys.squarespace.com/>  
A leaflet has been produced and distributed, raising awareness of the Highmead application.

### 3. Community Clean-up day

A Community clean-up day was planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, residents were invited to participate, meeting at 10.00 in Anstey Junior School (tea and coffee provided)

### 4. Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) presentation

Ann Foulkes and Sonia Clark gave a presentation on ALFI. It's aim is to raise awareness of growing locally, encouraging and supporting people to do so. It supports distribution and sharing of expertise of growing food. ALFI has a roadside plot at Westbrooke Road by Lenten Street, one by the railway station, which offers the public the opportunity to "help themselves" to food, with an honesty box available for contributions. There are also some planters in the town centre, and the group are finalising a new plot next to the Allen Gallery. Volunteers for ALFI do monthly checks and weeding at the plots, but there is a need to raise awareness of what the group does. One initiative is called "seedy Saturday", and takes place in January/February, allowing growers to exchange seeds in the Methodist Church. In May there is a seedling swap. The group have involved local schools, asking pupils to design a herb garden this year. Consistent and recognisable branding was also high on their priorities. Support for this group was encouraged, and any supporters receive a quarterly newsletter.

### 5. Feedback from Planning Sub-Committee

The Highmead application was now in, and the Planning Sub-Committee had been considering it. The leaflet had been distributed, but the group were concerned about "objection fatigue", and urged everyone to have their say once again. The main problem with the application was traffic implications. The Alton Society was supporting AEWRA, as this site appeared the second least favourable site for housing in the emerging Alton Neighbourhood Plan. A formal traffic survey would be undertaken by Hampshire County Council, any others undertaken to date would not be considered by the planning committee as they had been commissioned by the Developers themselves. There were

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50 public comments on the application so far, but more were encouraged. The AEWRA unanimously agreed that the Chair should “Object” on behalf of the Residents Association.

## 6. Any other business – local issues etc

1. The double yellow lines at the back of the College were raised. Cllr Phillips explained EHDC was taking powers in-house from Hampshire County Council to enable a streamlined process for this, though it was a lengthy one
2. Parking enforcement was raised. Residents can refer to their parking flyer for information on who is responsible for various parking offences – contact John Geoghegan if you need a copy of this flyer.
3. Part of Anstey Road would be closed for five days from 20<sup>th</sup> October.
4. Plovers way would be re-surfaced early in 2015
5. There seemed to be a problem with mice/rats up Victoria Road and Littlefield Road. This could have been due to the demolition of Travis Perkins’ building
6. Wetherspoons would be coming to Alton. There should be minimal cause for concern about this
7. Tesco Express would be disappearing in the future.
8. There was another case of a parked car blocking in a resident on Edward Road.  
**Action: Mary Westbrook to provide Dean Phillips with details of this to make enquiries**
9. Helen Humphries would be leaving Radian so this would be her last meeting. The Chair thanked Helen for all the work she had done in helping the group to set up and wished her well for the future. A replacement should be in post in December.

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm-8.15pm, Alton Buckle Community Building**

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