



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Thursday 12th June 2014

Present

Residents: Derek Holloway, Jane Briscall, Ray Briscall, John Field, Peter Field, Mary Field, Tom Perkins, Hugh McInally, John Grace, Philip Page, Tony Souter, Gareth Knight, Colin Aiken, Judith Coldrick, Steve Cook, and two unknown.

With: Helen Humphries, Radian; John Geoghegan, EHDC

Apologies

Cllr Dean Phillips, District Councillor

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Update from Committee

A bank account was very close to being set up, and following that a website could be paid for. The Committee had also been invited by the Alton Society to form part of Alton District Residents Associations (ADRA) – a group which would share information and coordinate activities of residents across Alton. The Committee thanked all those who had distributed flyers to their neighbours.

Feedback from Planning Sub-Committee

John Grace, chair of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave an update on their work. Meetings had taken place with Hampshire County Council Highways team, which were constructive. They confirmed that they did consider the cumulative effect of other developments when commenting on applications. Below is a table summarising the current planning applications

Application	Proposed number of houses	Deadline for comments	To have your say...
South of Alton	530	12 th June	CLOSED
Will Hall Farm	200	26 th June	http://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_EHANT_DCAPR_232575
Cadnam Farm	275	2 nd July	http://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_EHANT_DCAPR_232605
Highmead (120 dwellings), West Old Odiham (110 dwellings) applications due shortly.			

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Members were encouraged to “have their say” on these applications, either in writing to the planning department, or through the EHDC Planning portal (links in the table above). Tony Souter of the Anstey Residents Group (ARG) commented that a good database of contacts, and a functional website was crucial in their group organising around the Moulson Coors application, which would be heard by the EHDC Planning Committee on 25th August.

All residents were encouraged to have their say and tell their neighbours to. John Field passed around a leaflet outlining the main pros and cons of the Cadnam application, which residents may like to use as a basis for making their own comments. The categories listed in bold are known as “material considerations” and would be taken into consideration when determining the application.

The Residents Association unanimously agreed their position would be to **object** to the Cadnam application.

Alton Community Festival

John Geoghegan reminded the group about the Community Festival taking place on Saturday 5th July. It will be a Brazilian-themed family fun day including Barbecues, inflatable activities for kids, a 5-a-side football tournament, music performances from the local schools, and all kinds of “have-a-go” sessions from local clubs, groups and societies. Please come along, and encourage your neighbours to!

Any other business – local issues etc

1. Residents could look at the ARG website at www.ansteyresidents.org.uk
2. Grass cuttings from English Landscapes works were being left strewn across paths – **John Field/John Geoghegan to raise this with relevant agency.**
3. There was an issue with rubbish being dumped at the back of properties on Wooteys Way. **The issue would be resolved with Radian.**
4. Ross McGauran, who is new in post at Hampshire Arts & Museums, has put together the bones of an excellent project aimed at marking the 100th anniversary of WWI, specifically focussing on Alton, gearing up to an exhibition. The intention is that the exhibition will tell the story of life in Alton during the War, and be displayed at the Allen Gallery, launching this winter. Anyone who wants to get involved should contact john.geoghegan@easthants.gov.uk (01730) 234184

Date of next meeting – Thursday 7th August 7.00pm-8.15pm, venue tbc with agenda

Ongoing actions:

Action: CDP to investigate with Hampshire County Council about improving and increasing lighting in alleyways (Aug)

Action: Anyone interested in setting up Neighbourhood Watch in their road should contact: Margaret.filley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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