



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Thursday 4th December 2014

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Update from Committee

A discussion area has been set up on the website –

<http://www.eastbrookeandwooteys.org> - where people can discuss local issues between meetings or raise things for discussion at the meeting.

The Committee thanked all those who delivered fliers relating to the Highmead application – and Cllr Peter Hicks from the Town Council for his help.

Hampshire County Council is running a “Good Neighbour award” – consider anyone active in the community, or organisation who deserves recognition – more information is available here: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/goodneighbourawards>

The Community clean-up day took place on Saturday 4th October, the weather was awful but some progress was made, and good press coverage received. A follow-up was being considered for March, potentially linking in with a litter-pick that the Alton Society are organising. Residents are encouraged to participate.

3. Future meetings

John asked which time and date suits the group to meet. It was agreed to hold meetings monthly, on the first Thursday of every month, from 7-8pm. Planning issues would be dealt with early, and be finished by 7.30.

4. Feedback from Planning Sub-Committee

The Planning sub Committee (PSC) last met on Oct 27th. AEWRA members delivered 2000 leaflets about Highmead application – thanks for your support.

- The application, AEWRA members’ letters and the Alton Town Council hearing made the front page of Herald. 143 public objections lodged, which was a good response.
- Old Odiham Road (OOR) application will be heard at EHDC Penns Place on Dec 18th. Cadnams farm due to be heard in Alton (venue tbc) on Jan 14th 2015. Highmead will follow on and might be adjusted by the applicant.
- There will be a Planning Committee site visit on 12th December which the public can observe. Residents were encouraged to attend, but not to ask questions/make comments unless invited to do so by the Councillors.

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- PSC have sent letters to District Councillors on the Planning committee about OOR and plan to do the same for Cadnams and Highmead.
- EHDC Planning Officer's reports on all applications are published 1 week and 1 day ahead of the scheduled hearing. This gives the public chance to adjust their 3 minute speech.
- All who "had their say" will be notified of the dates of the hearings.
- Our RA helped deliver the Neighbourhood Plan leaflet publicising the consultation on Nov 22nd. Over 1000 people attended.
- Revisions have been made to the Cadnam Farm application. There's another opportunity to "have your say" on these amendments before 19th December.
<http://bit.ly/cadnamfarm>
- Molson Coors application was unanimously approved by EHDC planning committee on Thursday 20th Nov 2014. Molson Coors have since announced they will be leaving the Town – it is unclear what will happen in the future to the site at this stage.
- The Neighbourhood Plan had identified its preferred sites for development, removing Highfield, Old Odiham Road and Borovere from these.

5. Any other business – local issues etc

1. Emptying litter bins was raised as an issue. The bin at the northern end of the Chauntsingers-Edward Road alleyway was often full, possibly leading to littering problems in the alleyway.
2. There were not so many cars parked in the Edward Road/Alexandra Road area recently which was positive.
3. There seemed to be someone living in a van parked on the highway. This wasn't causing a problem at present and unless it was, no action needed to be taken.
4. Lighting at the back of Harold Road was raised as a health and safety issue.
Action: Derek to talk to Lisa Boydell outside of the meeting

Date of next meeting – Thursday 8th January 7.00pm-8.00pm, venue tbc

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