



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents' Association 7th January 2016

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Update from Committee

The Chair had approached developers (again) in order to work more closely together, it is hoped that once the Community Liaison Officer is in place the lines of communication will be significantly improved.

3. Planning Sub Committee

Cadnam Farm – forms have been filled out and submitted by the developers to give more detailed answers to the “Reserved Matters” on the outline planning application.

John Grace has proposed inviting an expert (from a developer not currently associated with activities in Alton) to share his knowledge with us. It was agreed that this would be appreciated.

4. Alton Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

This will take place on 24th February 2016 and it is very important to have your say. The hard work of the volunteers in getting the plan this far was acknowledged, as was the impact that even the emerging plan has had so far on appeals to the Planning Inspectorate.

5. Flooding Issues

There have been concerns raised by residents about flooding incidents as well as the impact of future developments in the area.

- The Environment Agency (EA) report for 26/8/15 (flash floods in the area) noted that this was NOT an extraordinary event (i.e. 1 in 30 years).
- The assets were however “overpowered” on this date.
- This meant that rain water was forced into the foul sewer.
- Drains were lifted and sewerage expelled into people’s gardens.
- Several residents reported this.

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It was proposed, seconded and voted that a “**Flood Sub Committee**” would be formed to address these concerns and the specialist knowledge this requires. Bob Curtis will be heading up this initiative.

6. It was proposed that given the higher turn outs a Thank You letter, and a precis of the residents’ concerns should be sent to the Herald. It would also be an idea to provide a summary to the Herald on a monthly basis: **ACTION:** Chair
7. It was proposed, seconded and voted that an “**Anstey Lane Traffic Safety Sub Committee**” be set-up to focus on how to approach Hampshire County Council and best express our increasing concerns. Chaired by George Longland. All residents should focus on collecting evidence of the scenes encountered daily.

8. **Health Consultancy**

The event on 12th January 3-8:30pm at the Maltings was highlighted and impact given by Graham Titterington.

- There are dangers to the future of both the Community Hospital and the Health Centre at the Wilson Practice.
- The Community Hospital is underutilised as measured by cost per service and per person.
- One idea tabled was that other services could be closed elsewhere and moved more of them to Alton to increase the economies of this asset.
- There is a real chance of losing beds in Alton (there are about a dozen in use)
- We have a shortage of Mental Health, Palliative Care and an urgent need to stop “bed blocking” in Basingstoke all of which could be aided by providing more services from Alton.

9. **Litter**

George and family highlighted that litter around the Tesco alley and Anstey Lane was building up and doesn’t portray the area in the best light. **ACTION:** George to Approach Tesco, AEWRA to focus on these hotspots on the next community clean-up day.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 4th February, 7pm at the Alton Buckle Community Building.

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