



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Meeting Thursday 8th December 2016

Introduction

The following apologies had been received, John Geoghegan, Councillor Dean Phillips, Janet Johnston.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Last months meeting had been cancelled due to non availability of committee members. The minutes of the meeting held Thursday 6th October 2016 were accepted without comment.

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Reports

i. Update from Flooding Sub Committee

1. Events

1.1 Storm Angus was expected to be accompanied by heavy rain, with 20-40 mm within a 6-9 hour period, according to the Met Office's Chief Forecaster.

1.2 The storm was **given 'amber'** alert status but the only flooding that seems to have occurred was reported by Bob Graham 3:39 am Nov 22 2016 on Alton News F B post, "on the main road at the bottom of Anstey Lane, one huge puddle".

ii. Update from Planning Sub-Committee

John Field provided some updates having attended a meeting with the Cadnam developers; once again the draft minutes are not yet ready for publication

It was noted by Bob Curtis that the Environment Agency flood zoning should have been 3b on the site which should in turn have triggered a Schedule 3 screening. It is most unfortunate that the application has been approved at a time when updated information was not available.

When discussing the Lifetime Homes standard John Grace mentioned that such standards (or their up-to-date equivalents) will be included in Part 3 of the EHDC Local plan to safeguard all future development in the area. Once more something that has slipped through.

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Peter Hicks reminded the group that the Construction Method Statement included in the Planning Applications associated with Cadnam farm/Maple Fields contained information of what is and isn't permitted on the site and off e.g. movement hours, mud on the road. Links are on the website <http://www.eastbrookeandwooteys.org/community/alton-eastbrooke-wooteys-residents-association-12998/planning/>

Miller Homes who are developing the Anstey Road Sports Ground site have been reported for two infringements already; the mud left on the road (no wheel wash available) and the direction construction traffic took (toward town instead of away). Alton Town Council put in an official complaint to EHDC enforcement. This will result in a warning, too many warnings and a Stop Notice can be issued.

Residents are advised to remain vigilant and report potential infringements to Alton Town Council so that they can verify whether it is a breach or not and will officially report 01420 83986 or townclerk@alton.gov.uk

John Grace suggested that the Planning Sub Committee may work to simplify the document for all local residents.

ACTION JF: Coordinate the simplified version of the document

Philip Page wished to acknowledge that the forward looking meetings with our councillors and our group with the developers was a good thing for the community and wondered if Miller Homes would be doing the same. They have not as yet.

Bob Curtis fed back on the Miller Homes Flood Assessment. He understands that the ground at the back of the site is being built up to prevent flooding of the railway line. Again they are working on old data from 2008, the 2015 update supersedes the planning application however.

Bob Curtis wanted to thank the Town Councillors present (Hicks, Titterington and Gardner) for putting their time in. He however was not impressed by Cllrs Phillips, Orme and Andrew Joy who he does not believe have been making representations on the Residents' behalf. He would appeal through this group for them to better represent us at EHDC and HCC.

Cllr Hicks suggested that perhaps residents taking some personal responsibility, particularly with fallen leaves in their patch may reduce the drain blockage issues.

ACTION BC & JF: How to report and monitor blocked drains.

iii. Update from Anstey Lane Road Safety Sub-Committee

No updates provided

Action JF: Chase up HCC

4. Any Other Business

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Bins are regularly overflowing at Alton Food and Wine – ATC Cllrs noted this.

Changes to the Littlefield Road parking restrictions were questioned. Why has the 1-2pm proposed parking restriction be brought in? There is a counter-belief to the current wisdom that commuters are using the area extensively; when tickets were issued recently it was 100% local residents and not commuters. Residents at the meeting believe that the proposals will not solve the problem but result in knock on effect to other streets.

JF ACTION: Write to the Herald to canvas for wider opinion

5. Summary of Actions

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6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th January 2017 7pm to 8:30pm at the Alton Buckle Community Building.

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