



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Meeting Thursday 6th October 2016

Introduction

The standby Chairman (Treasurer Ray Briscall) welcomed all to the meeting and noted the following apologies had been received, Chairman John Field, John Geoghegan, Councillors Dean Phillips, Peter Hicks & Derek Gardner. It was agreed to vary the agenda slightly due to John Grace needing to leave early.

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 4th August 2016 were accepted without comment.

2. Matters Arising

John Grace used the opportunity to raise some planning concerns.

- Cadnams – both developers (Persimmon & Martin Grant) wish to vary and, in one case remove, reserved matters. This has led to objections being raised.
- Railway Station – As part of the Alton Eastern Gateway Project the proposals include improvements to the steps down to Paper Mill Lane. However, the proposed island in Paper Mill Lane looks like it could create a pinch point. Resident were encouraged to raise any concerns they may have via the EHDC Website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index/transport-schemes-petersfield-east-hampshire/alton-improvements.htm>

John Grace also commended our Chairman, John Field, for his efforts in creating the new (and indeed free) website. All agreed with the sentiments he expressed.

3. Presentation from Energy Alton

Our guest speakers, Jenny Griffiths and Chris Chappell, of Energy Alton gave an interesting and entertaining presentation. Currently numbering some 60 members it is a Community Interest Company which is a non-political, not-for-profit community enterprise. Their main aims are to provide information regarding; energy efficiency and minimising damp problems, practical advice on how to save energy and reduce fuel costs plus cut CO² emissions, stimulate discussion on how to achieve a more sustainable local community.

They offer free services such as; home energy surveys, thermal imaging surveys and advice on energy issues.

They have links with other groups such as Winchester Action on Climate Change and have an obvious interest in issues such as global warming (reportedly 15 of our 16

warmest years have been since 2000) and conserving natural resources for our future generations.

They have been involved in projects such as the solar panels on our library, electric vehicle show at Lasham and providing insulation for houses for the poor.

All showed their appreciation of their presentation. Further details can be found at their website <http://energyalton.org.uk/>. Membership cost £3 per annum.

4. Matters Arising (Continued)

Bob Curtis went through the draft version of the written report he had prepared, drawing on information and evidence provided by himself and other residents. Following a discussion, the following points were made:

- Drainage was not a material consideration in the determination of planning applications; ***I have made representation personally on the grounds of flooding on Cadnam farm. I spoke to the case officer this morning and raised questions which she couldn't answer as she had not fully considered that matter.***
- It would be advantageous to consider the pre-existing drainage problems separate to any drainage problems owing to the development site at Cadnam Farm. Seeking to resolve both simultaneously would not yield a resolution; ***I have received a reply from HCC regarding my complaint and am dealing with Andrew Joy there are many issues unresolved.***
- Alton Town Council were currently challenging EHDC planning's decision on the drainage element of the Cadnam Farm development; ***At ATC's Thursday meeting of Transport and Planning Councillor Titterington made representation regarding flooding which appears to have been noted.***
- Residents with anything to add to Bob's report should make contact. A clear plan of how to use this report should be made. ***No one else has come forward. Dean did ask me to include Victoria Road, I asked for information that he holds, I have not heard back from him.***
The Plan - It was resolved that we should use the Report as a working document on the website. Any addition should be made through the committee by way of amendment to the controlled document submitted to and approved by members.

5. Reports

i. Update from Flooding Sub Committee

Further flooding; 16th September. Reported to HCC and Photographs reported to follow on website.

GOV.UK Flooding - New interactive web site; shows to the pixel, flooding in Geales Crescent but looking at page 27 of the Alton Neighbourhood Plan and refer to the new website and it appears the EA haven't updated it! The recent planning applications were based on this.

Plans for Alton station- Check the GOV.UK website and the predicted flooding from the head waters of the Wey, see the path of flows. Photographs reported and to be displayed in the flood report on the website.

ii. Update from Planning Sub-Committee

Peter Field provided some updates. Our Chairman has attended a meeting with the Cadnam developers; a draft report has been produced but is not yet ready for publication. Regular (4 – 6 weekly) meetings are proposed at which one member of our Residents Association can attend. Councillors Dean Phillips and Peter Hicks plus Directors of both companies will also be attending. Persimmon have been invited to attend one of our future meetings.

A decision on the proposed closure of Upper Anstey Lane is expected within the next month or so with work due to commence on site access roads during the following 2 – 3 months. Local disabled parking will be impacted. Site traffic proposed over Old Odiham Road / Gilbert White Way. It has been suggested that Anstey Lane could be used after peak hours. It was noted that Old Odiham Road does have a 6' 6" vehicle width restriction in place.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Summary of Actions

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

Note there will be no meeting in November due to lack of availability of the Committee. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st December 2016, 7pm to 8:30pm at the Alton Buckle Community Building.