



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Meeting Thursday 5th January 2017

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed, subject to the correction of a spelling mistake. Graham Titterington, Margaret Filley and Jonathan Hughes offered their apologies for the meeting.

2. Update from Committee

Regarding the letter to the Herald about Littlefield Road parking issues, Dean Phillips spoke to residents on Christmas Eve. He believes residents parking (as they request) is a double-edged sword as there is no guarantee of available spaces. In fact the new developments are renting out their "spare" spaces. He has assured local residents that he is talking with the lineage and signage team about putting in parking bays (as opposed to the double yellow, single yellow with a 1-2pm time as proposed) however there are 17 original dwellings on the road with a maximum of 7 or 8 bays.

There will be new lineage implemented on Nursery Road/East Victoria Road soon.

Action: John Field and John Geoghegan to revisit old "parking enforcement guide"

3. Update from Planning Sub-Committee

The following points were raised:

Full planning permission had now been granted on the Sports Ground site on Anstey Road. Concerns were expressed about the flooding that was predicted on the site. There was disappointment that this was not discussed in the Planning Committee meeting, though Dean Phillips explained that this would not have been allowed procedurally. Cllr Phillips explained that he had not seen a legitimate planning reason to vote against the application, and did not wish to abstain from the vote, so voted to approve the application. He felt the Neighbourhood Plan would have more weight when determining future applications.

ATC was seeking legal advice with regards to the Sports Ground application, and the parking provision, and would act according to the advice received.

Although the Neighbourhood Plan had not been considered advanced enough to affect the above application, Planning officers were working with the developers of the upcoming Will Hall Farm and South Alton sites to implement its policies where possible. There was disappointment expressed that the Cadnam Farm reserved matters application had not been called in, and frustration that Cllr David Orme had such a low attendance record. Questions were asked whether Cllr Orme could commit the time needed to represent the Wooteys Ward and if not, maybe someone else should be

afforded the opportunity.

4. **Flooding sub-committee update**

Blocked drains could be reported here:

<https://roadenquiries.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems/highwaydefect/otherdrainage.aspx>

Bob Curtis gave an update. Nothing to report since Storm Angus which mostly passed Alton by. Bob updated the group on the situation regarding flooding of the Sports Ground site and expressed concerns around this in relation to the planning application.

5. **Traffic sub-committee update**

There was nothing new to update at this meeting.

6. **Any other business**

- There was a developer liaison meeting taking place on Friday 13th January with Miller Homes in relation to the Sports Ground site on Anstey Lane. This Residents Association could have a representative on this liaison group and all resident questions/concerns should be raised through that representative.
- A similar arrangement would soon be set up for the Will Hall Farm development site as well – details to follow.
- Questions were asked of what constituted trespassing. Residents were advised to contact the police if there were concerns over uninvited guests.
- The proposed new community facility on the old brewery site in town was raised. At the moment, no developer for that site had been announced, but as soon as one is known, Alton Town Council and EHDC will look to progress with this work.
- A multi-agency meeting had been set up by Dean Phillips to look at flooding in the Geales Crescent / Spenser Close area. Cllr Phillips would ask whether AEWRA could be represented on that group.
- There was a house in Chauntsingers Road which had cut a gate into the wall. It was unclear whether this was under permission or not.
- The hedge trimming at Edward Road had half been completed.
Action: Peter Hicks to follow this up within ATC.

7. **Summary of actions**

John Field and John Geoghegan to revisit old "parking enforcement guide"
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Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Thursday 2nd February 2017, 7pm at the Alton Buckle Community Building.

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