



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association Thursday 5th March 2015

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Update from Committee

The AGM would be held on Monday 30th March, where the committee would report back on the year's activities, elect officers, and report on the group's financial position. Radian had also provided funding for the group for the year, which was very much appreciated.

3. Feedback from Planning Sub-Committee

John Field gave an update on behalf of the Planning Sub-Committee

- The Alton Neighbourhood Plan was currently out to consultation – all residents were encouraged to view and comment on the plan online, or using The Association's printed copy (please contact John Field for this). Presentations were taking place on Friday 20th March (2-4pm) and Monday 23rd March (7-9pm) at the Assembly Rooms.
- Cadnams Farm application had been approved, with elements of road infrastructure and Section 106 agreement yet to be set. The developers have been invited to this meeting to talk to residents but no response as yet.
- Will Hall Farm application for 180 houses had been approved.
- The Inspector's hearing of the Highmead application would take place on 1st April at the Assembly Rooms in Alton, at 10.00. Case Officer Julia Mansi is recommending refusal.
- Thames Water have said they will be able to implement the required sewerage infrastructure improvements quicker than the three years originally suggested, provided the finance is in place to do so.

4. Local Policing

PCSO Stewart Day introduced PCSO James Merrell, the new Officer in the Safer Neighbourhood Team covering Alton Town. There would be more PCSOs coming into the town in the coming months.

There would be a Speed Enforcement day on Edward Road, Alexandra Road and Nursery Road imminently for Police Officers to show StudentWatch how to operate speed cameras and provide a visual presence, having an impact on vehicle speeds at

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the rear of the college. This would be most successful as a deterrent rather than to secure speeding convictions.

Action: PCSO Day to feed back the outcome from the speed enforcement day

There would also be a conference on 9th April, at the Buckle Centre, for all Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in Alton. NHW was experiencing a revival and PCSO Day was hopeful to set up a further 30 new schemes in Alton. There had been no noticeable spike in the presence of drug paraphernalia recently.

5. Community Clear-up day, 21st March

Charlotte Wigzell from the Alton Society and Mary Westbrook updated on the clear-up planned for 21st March. AEWRA were encouraged to meet at 10.00 at Alton Infants School, those clearing up the Town Centre would meet outside the old Post Office at 10.00. All Hi-viz jackets, litter pickers and refuse sacks would be provided. Free lunch was available to all volunteers courtesy of AEWRA and Waitrose – but please let Charlotte/John know so that food could be provided.

6. Any Other Business – local issues etc

1. Richard Bingham gave an update on the Community Investment Plan for Alton Eastbrooke. There was a Community walkabout on Friday 27th February which key partners (and AEWRA Chair) attended, highlighting local issues suitable for intervention.
2. There were parking obstructions outside Lloyds Pharmacy
Action: Phil Page to provide photos of the issue
3. **Action: John Geoghegan to chase Alton College re Student Volunteers for litterpick, and pass poster to college to display**
4. There was currently a consultation on the future Alton Sports Centre. Anyone interested in the facilities can drop into the Sports Centre to comment on the plans, or go here & give comments by 15th March
<http://www.easthants.gov.uk/ehdc/planningpolicy.nsf/webpages/Alton+Sports+Centre>
5. A public consultation on the proposed extension of the 20mph speed limit zone beyond the high street ended on 6th March. Further information will be fed back to the group as it becomes available.
6. **Date of next meeting (AGM) – Monday 30th March 7.00pm-8.00pm, Alton Buckle Community Building.**