



Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents Association

Thursday 17th April 2014

Present

Residents: Derek Holloway, Thelma Anker, Bob Armstrong, John Cargill, Mary Westbrook, Jane Briscall, Ray Briscall, John Field, Peter Field, Mary Field, Peter Collings, Kathy Hines, Tom Perkins, Hugh McNally, John Grace, Philip Page,
With:; Helen Humphries, Radian; John Geoghegan, EHDC; PCSO Stewart Day; PC Kirsty Westropp, Hampshire Constabulary

Apologies

Cllr Dean Phillips, District Councillor; Margaret Filley, Neighbourhood Watch Winchester and East Hampshire

	Action
<p>Previous Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p>Update from Committee The newly-elected Committee had agreed a constitution and relevant policies, and were currently working to set up a bank account. Various funding had been secured to support the work of the group and its sub-committees, and the Committee had already identified a few potential projects, for instance setting up a website for the Residents Association.</p> <p>Feedback from Planning Sub-Committee John Grace, chair of the Planning Sub-Committee, gave an update on their work. The group met on 3rd March, followed by a positive meeting which took place with EHDC Planning department on 14th March. The department are aware of the group's concerns and the group are confident that the planners will do their best to deliver the best result for Alton. Discussions had opened up with other local Residents groups such as the Old Odiham Road, Amery Hill and Anstey Residents Groups, the Alton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Alton Town Council. The Sub-Committee met again on 24th March, and the next steps would be to meet with Hampshire County Council Highways department on 25th April – John Grace will feed back at the next meeting – and another Sub-Committee meeting on 28th April. The purpose of that meeting was to look at a second leaflet, publicising the Alton Neighbourhood Plan consultation on 17th May. The Residents Association unanimously supported the idea of a leaflet. John reiterated the ways people could find out about planning applications and have their say. Planning applications were listed in the Alton Herald every week, and also on the EHDC planning portal (http://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do;jsessionid=5F9F4DC84288DC522198AE08FACC09BC?action=advanced)</p>	<p>JGr to feed back next time</p>

Here are some links that may be useful to anyone looking to make comments on a planning application. They are blogs/pointers on what grounds objections/comments can be made:

<http://planninglawblog.blogspot.co.uk/p/how-to-object.html>

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/general/faq/faqapplyprocess#Whatarematerialconsiderations>

Alton Community Festival

John Geoghegan reminded the group about the Community Festival taking place on Saturday 5th July. It will be a Brazilian-themed family fun day including Barbecues, inflatable activities for kids, a 5-a-side football tournament, music performances from the local schools, and all kinds of “have-a-go” sessions from local clubs, groups and societies.

Any other business – local issues etc

1. The accident black-spot at the Golden Pot was raised. It was suggested to make a Freedom of Information request on the number of incidents at that location – the email contact address would be road.safety@hants.gov.uk
2. Please beware of what you're flushing down the toilet! There have been problems with sewerage recently caused by residents flushing things like baby wipes, so please be aware.
3. There was a drain cover missing outside Tesco. If you spot pot-holes, drain covers missing, etc on public highway you can report this with the County Council here: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems> or 01329 225393
4. There was still litter in the alleyway between Spitalfields and Edward Road, by the allotments. Mary Westbrook volunteered to head a small sub-committee to organise a Community Clear-up day. The college could be contacted to bring their litter pickers along, and neighbours would be encouraged to join in.
5. Outline planning permission has been sought for the Moulson Coors sports ground development, so there was no detailed plan available yet.
6. This group publicised itself late in 2013 with a letter-drop to every address in Eastbrooke and Wooteys wards. There is also a Facebook page www.facebook.com/altoneastbrooke with regular updates, and residents were reminded to encourage their neighbours to come along to these meetings.
7. The request for double yellow lines at the back of the college has been put to Hampshire County Council highways team. The proposal was not to have double yellows everywhere but for a short stretch of road near the bend in the road
8. John Grace (Chairman) and Peter Field (Vice Chairman) were supported by the group to lead the Planning Sub-Committee.
9. Peter and Cathy from the Radian's Rother Area Panel of Tenants introduced themselves and told the group about some possible funding opportunities available to them. Helen Humphries could provide details of how to access this funding
10. Residents were encouraged to use the Alton Buckle Community Building as much as

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possible to support this important local facility

Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th June 7.00pm-8.15pm, venue tbc with agenda

Ongoing actions:

Action: CDP to investigate with Hampshire County Council about improving and increasing lighting in alleyways (Aug)

Action: Anyone interested in setting up Neighbourhood Watch in their road should contact: Margaret.filley@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Action: Any residents interested in being involved in the planning of the Community Festival should contact john.geoghegan@easthants.gov.uk