



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Hockley Residents Association Meeting
Held on Tuesday the 14/02/12 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House
Chaired by Vice Chair Alan James – AJ

The meeting was attended by 11 members / visitors. From AJ's memory and a few notes the residents meeting ran as follows:

1. Future Meetings

Just the March meeting will be held in the Greensward Academy Lifelong Learning Centre (enter through the main front doors it's on the left) at 19.30 hrs on Tuesday the 13 March. All other meeting will be held as usual at 19.30 hrs at Kilnfield House. The Police presentation will now be held on Tuesday 10 April.

2. Police Neighbourhood Meeting

The next Hockley Police Meeting will be on 16 Feb and in Hawkwell on the 15 Feb. There was no one to report on the January meeting. AJ attended the Hawkwell meeting in January, the crime figures are still low in our area and antisocial behaviour has been reduced mainly due to the Dispersal Orders that were introduced last year. There is a police proposal to relocate our local police to different areas as a way to save money. We cannot see any savings and we are concerned that we could lose our local police with local knowledge. AJ wrote to the Chief Constable with his concerns but did not get a positive reply. AJ has heard and hopes that these proposals have been reduced.

3. HAAP

The Factory Shop will be closing next month and it seems it will not be moving to Eldon Way. We believe Sainsbury's is still taking over this building. The new Domino's is still being worked on. We discussed the delivery issues for this location in relation to times and the proximity to the crossing. It was pointed out that the book shop has closed. We discussed the village against town title for Hockley. It was stated that RDC believe calling Hockley a town could have advantages but we did not agree. We also discussed the future of Eldon Way for housing.

4. Public Toilets and Hockley Woods Car Park

RDC have now decided not to close five public toilets in the district including the one next to Hockley Library. The public toilet at Hockley Woods was not included in the five but RDC is now considering charging for parking there and at the Freight House. RDC said it carried out a survey of traffic at the woods and found there were lots of commuters using it. We find this a bit hard to believe as the Hockley Woods car park is nearly a mile from Hockley Railway Station. We believe RDC are trying to finance the car park toilets allowing them to remain open. We also believe RDC should drop Hockley Woods from this car park charging proposal as they will put off local residents from using Hockley Woods to walk their dogs, potentially creating more dogs mess on the streets.

5. Core Strategy

RDC have produced 3 new documents that are available on their website. The main item is the allocation document the 50 new homes proposed for Church Road. We had a brief discussion about this subject but nothing new came out of it. We also discussed the RDC outlined approval for 600 homes in Hall Road, Rochford and other developments.

6. Southend Airport

Ford has now added a third destination with weekly flights to Turkey. AJ attended the test run of the new terminal with about 400 people including a considerable number of school children. There were a lot of issues and delays but hopefully they will be ironed out by the April opening.

7. Digital TV

We had further discussions with Tim Gleadall (the local representative) about the switchovers. The last areas to change will be London in April and Meridian in June.

8. Apex Recreation Ground Parking

Brian Shipway, who lives adjacent to Apex Recreation Ground, informed us of an issue with parking when games take place on Sundays. We had a long discussion on who is or should be responsible for the parking issues. We also discussed ways to prevent bad parking and parking on grass verges. Brian Shipway was given some advice and people he should make contact with. Councillor Brian Hazelwood said he would take up the issue with the Parish Council.

9. Next Meeting

The next Hockley Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 19.30 hrs in the Greensward Academy Lifelong Learning Centre.

AJ closed the meeting.

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