



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Hockley Residents Association Meeting
Held on Tuesday the 09/04/13 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House
Chaired by Vice Chair Alan James – AJ

The meeting was attended by 6 members / visitors. From AJ's memory and a few notes the residents meeting ran as follows:

1. Brian Guyett's Resignation

Brian Guyett formally resigned as chair for various reasons and AJ chaired the meeting. We thanked Brian for his many years of service. AJ agreed to put an article in the May edition of Hockley Living highlighting the HRAs current lack of a leader. We could also put notices around the village.

2. HAAP

AJ was asked if he had the number of responses RDC had had on the Pre-Submission Document. AJ had contacted RDC but at that time around a month ago they were still putting them on their website. AJ will try to find out for the next meeting. AJ agreed to write something on the HAAP for the May edition of Hockley Living including the number of responses (if we get them) and a thank you for those that responded. John Glover (a member) has had a reply on the HAAP from Mark François and he will continue to correspond with him. He will also find out who will be standing in the local elections on the 2 May 2013 and contact them for their views. It was suggested that supermarket chains including Sainsbury's are not too interested in building a supermarket of 3,000sqm; they would prefer to build one that is more than 10,000sqm or under 1,000sqm. We spoke about which party had instigated the HAAP and concluded that the Core Strategy was brought about by the last Labour government and the HAAP was part of the response by our Conservative council. It was suggested that we employ a professional speaker to speak at the government inspectors meeting. Other areas have done this but so far they have all lost and there is a considerable cost involved. It was decided John Glover will investigate this idea. We went over the whole of the HAAP once again, mainly repeating issues we have made before.

3. Sainsbury's Local

We spoke about the delivery issue to Sainsbury's again but there doesn't seem to be a solution. It was reported that approval has been given for the railings adjacent to the zigzag lines outside Sainsbury's.

4. Coach Trips

AJ stated said Brian O'Shea has a number of spare spaces on the trip to Ely & the Cambridge Fens at the end of the month. There were no takers. AJ has just written an article for the next Hockley Living and has included the list of trips for 2013.

5. Alzheimer's Society

It was proposed to send £50 to the Alzheimer's Society on behave of Stan Barnard who died in December 2012 and who was a long time member of the HRA.

6. Police Meeting

PC Michelle Rawson is doing a good job but we believed she was being overloaded covering the whole of Hockley and Rochford parish areas. On the 1 April 2013 there was another reorganisation of the police for our area. Sergeant Claire Dunn covers the whole of the Rochford District area and Hockley and west Hawkwell now have PC Matthew Zurowski. PCSO John Venner remains but he is now joined by PCSO Julia Lamb and from May/June PCSO Zoe Nuth. We are not happy that our local police are being changed every 4 months. We also don't believe it's a good idea that all these officers now also cover Wakering some 9 miles away centre to centre. We will bring this up again at the next Hockley Police Meeting that will be held tomorrow evening Wednesday 10 April 2013 at 19.00 hrs in Hockley Library. Tim Gleadall attended the Police & Crime Commissioner Nicholas Alston meeting last month in Rochford and said it went well and was well attended. We had a general discussion about police coverage for the Rochford area.

7. Planning

Tim Gleadall reported that the 3 story block of 8 flats replacement for a bungalow in Main Road near the Library has been rejected by Hockley Parish. He also reported that the block of 8 flats proposed for the corner of Aldermans Hill and Folly Lane was rejected by RDC on the grounds that there was insufficient parking. Tim said it has now gone to appeal and it is likely it will be accepted.

8. Next Meeting

The next Hockley Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2013 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House.

AJ closed the meeting.

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