



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Hockley Residents Association Meeting
Held on Tuesday the 11/06/13 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House
Chaired by Vice Chair Alan James – AJ

The residents' meeting was attended by 8 members / visitors and ran as follows:

1. Coach Trips

Brian O'Shea reported that the trips are doing quite well at the moment and the next trip on the 29 June to Hemmingford Abbots is nearly sold out even though this is about the tenth year this has been on the list. He also stated that he is getting quite a few new customers but he doesn't seem to be getting people from our article in Hockley Living. Brian suggested putting a detailed item in Hockley Living for the next trip. AJ said he has done the article for July but he will detail the 11 August trip to the Hawk Conservancy Trust for the August edition and will do this for all next trips in all future editions.

2. HAAP

AJ has received a letter from RDC giving the pre-hearing date as the 19 June and the hearing date commencing 17 September. Unfortunately AJ is on holiday on both dates. People will not be allowed to speak at the pre-hearing meeting but they will be allowed to speak at the Hearing. A couple of members had also received the letter and have requested to speak at the main hearing. We spoke about John Glover investigating professional legal representation and getting costings for this meeting and investigate Mary Portas on the internet for her site, but he has not arrived. AJ said he would email John Glover to find out if he has got anywhere with these items. We had a general discussion about the HAAP and the fact that although RDC say they have taken the Hockley Parish Plan into consideration, they have not. It was pointed out that as the Hockley Parish Plan is now over 5 years old it is no longer valid but it is doubtful that a new plan would be produced in the near future. We went through the pre-hearing agenda and discussed the September hearing. We went through the list of speakers for the September hearing. We generally were in agreement that the main issue we have with the HAAP is the building of a large supermarket in the centre of Hockley and that we should be keeping Hockley as a village. AJ said he would try to contact the Coop with a view to collaboration for the hearing. AJ said he would also try to make contact with RDC councillor Michael Hoy (Green Party) to see if he may be able to assist us.

3. Chair Replacement

AJ's article about our chair replacement in the Hockley Living magazine has now been out for about a week but AJ has so far has had no response. AJ has now put a further item on this subject in for the July edition that had to be in yesterday for the 10 June deadline.

4. Police Meeting

AJ was not available to attend the May meeting and there will be no June meeting. The next Hockley Police Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 19.00 hrs in Hockley Library. Brian O'Shea suggested that the police could attend a future meeting to promote attendance. AJ will make enquiries.

5. Sainsbury's Local

AJ has tried to find out when the railings adjacent to the zigzag lines outside Sainsbury's will be done but no one seem to know anything. AJ will continue to pursue this item. We discussed the Sainsbury's delivery situation again. AJ will try to bring this and the railings up with RDC councillor Michael Hoy.

6. Flights over Hockley

Brian Guyett has emailed AJ about the noise from the increasing number of Easyjet flights over Hockley and suggested getting flight statistics from the airport. AJ said he had noticed a number of Easyjet planes over the village centre but from where he lived there was little noise. AJ pointed out that in meeting he had attended at the airport they said at the time that only a few planes would fly our way. This will obviously get worse when the numbers increase to, according to the Echo, a possible 5 million passengers per year. No one in the meeting had notice a problem and said that helicopter and light aircraft was a greater nuisance at the moment. AJ attended the Rochford police meeting on Monday and a number of residents were complaining about the noise over Rochford and getting double glazing paid for by the airport. AJ said there seems to be a constant background noise from aircraft at the moment but they are probably going to other airports.

7. Next Meeting

The next Hockley Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 July 2013 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House. As AJ will be on holiday but Brian O'Shea has kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

AJ closed the meeting.

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