

HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING 12 JANUARY 2016

Apologies: Richard Stevens, Cllr. John Hodges, ESCCllr. Tania Charmin.

Attendees: Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, Bruce Nicol, Ann Novotny, Cllr. Dawn Poole, Shirley Hawley, Elizabeth Stevens, Richard Platt (first half), Satu Pitkanen.

Minutes of 8 December and any Matters Arising not listed below

Minutes were agreed. SH reported over 59,000 visitors to Lifeboat Station in 2015, including 75 booked groups and 45 unbooked groups. DE requested updates on progress of building of new lifeboat.

Reports

Secretary's Report: nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance is £1,124.54. 184 paid-up members in 2015 including 43 new or returning.

Website: RP requested approval to delete News page and rename HOTRA News page News. All agreed.

Old Town Portal: Satu circulated Oldhastings.uk Terms of Reference (copy attached to these minutes). All agreed. If anyone has inclusions or exclusions please contact Satu. Many thanks for her hard work.

Chairman's Report

Old Town Surgery Update: JB has heard Ice House has been purchased for new surgery and paperwork is being completed. They are hopeful of planning permission being granted in next six months. DE to contact Dr Craig Namvar re a further public meeting at Stade Hall.

High Street improvement works: DE inadvertently gave incorrect information in *Special Newsletter Spring 2016* just circulated. An explanatory note will be included in February's Parish News. JB has copy of map showing road closures/alternative routes which is attached to these minutes.

ESFRS - new smaller fire appliance - update: no further information at present.

Ecclesbourne Glen: Planning Inquiry to be held at 10 a.m. on 20 January at Stade Hall. Public welcome but numbers limited. HOTRA very concerned at loss of public footpath.

Old Town Hall Museum: DE and Anne Scott to meet with Cllr. Peter Chowney on 13 January. If no practical commercial interest is shown then community use would be considered. New community trust would need to be set up. ***Post-meeting note: at 13 January meeting it was decided a public meeting will be held at the History House, 21 Courthouse Street, on Monday 14 March at 6pm for 6.30pm to discuss setting up a new body to take over the running of the Old Town Hall Museum.***

On-street Parking: DE meets with ESCC officers on 29 January to look at problem of parking in Old Town.

Planning

34a The Croft: HBC refused planning application. Owners are appealing.

West Hill Pavilion: HBC refused smaller planning application. BN submitted HOTRA's objections. All agreed DP should also speak in objection.

New Government proposals about building on "brownfield sites" this year may affect such decisions.

Members Concerns

What happened to Monday 11 January waste bin collection? Inadequate street cleaning, rubbish on pavement by All Saints bus stop, dog poo on pavements. DP requested all such complaints are either phoned in to HBC on 01424 451077 (Waste & Recycling), 0800 0854500 (Dog Fouling), or online at <https://my.hastings.gov.uk>
Street lamp by Sinnock Cottage will be removed. All commented on new lighting being inadequate.
Canopy at 29 Croft Road (next to "Foyles House") almost collapsing and dangerous.
Church Passage slippery with uncleared wet leaves.
Complaint to Aquila House re broken street sign at corner of The Croft and Salters Lane left on path dealt with quickly and sign removed same day. Unfortunately sign has now disappeared

Future Programme:

Tuesday 9 February at Ann's (Garden Cottage)
Tuesday 15 March at Satu's (134 The Croft)

Items for Newsletter: road closures re High Street improvements, how to report complaints re rubbish etc., Old Town Surgery update, Old Town Portal

Meeting finished at 8.30 p.m. Thanks to Phil for his hospitality.

Attachments:

Oldhastings.uk Terms of Reference
High Street improvement works map