



Hastings Old Town Residents' Association

Management Committee Meeting minutes

Tuesday 11th April at 5.00 at Hazel Lloyd's – 98 All Saints Street.

ATTENDANCE

Dick Edwards, Richard Platt (minutes), Phil White, Hazel Lloyd, Vivien Harrison, Shirley Hawley, John Reynolds, Christiane Gunzi, Dawne Poole, James Bacon, Tania Charman

Apologies: Richard Stephens, Satu Pitkanen, Ann Novotny

MINUTES OF 14/3

Approved

REPORTS

Treasurer PW, inc Membership 159 paid up, with 45 new or returning; 5 donations; Overall cash assets £1478.62

PW Circulated draft accounts for the AGM and briefly presented them.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Surgery – update

Planning application has been resubmitted, but owing to errors in the new application, it must be submitted once more and will not be considered until June at the earliest.

Because the current building is unsuitable it must eventually close, but Old Town Surgery has 8350 patients, and only 500 or so have registered with Dr Parker's new practice at Beaconsfield. The Roebuck Street practice must therefore continue for the time being. There is no capacity in any of the other Hastings practices.

Should it close, 7000 people would be left without health care.

The District Valuer is expected to revise the valuation of the Ice House downwards, which may result in the site no longer being considered viable as a hotel.

This would improve the chances that the planning committee will pass the application for change of use.

Public Space Protection Orders

DE reviewed HOTRA's submission, as outlined on the website.

TC drew attention to the fact that *Hastings Online* is the principal source of statistics for the council, and complaints sent by this route are most effective.

DE reviewed aggressive begging and drug sales and the areas where they are most prevalent, especially St Clement's churchyard. Discussion followed about whether PSPOs apply to the churchyard.

New member concerned about Begging

A new member contacted Police and got a response; raised question of a meeting.

DE discouraged the idea of a meeting on the basis that the police don't have the resources to improve services. Suggested that a discussion at the AGM might be more effective since the Home Secretary will be there.

AGM – Annual Report and elections

Arrangements for 5th May in Stade Hall. Amber Rudd expected to preside Likely to be 80 people or so. **ACTION** Vivien to organise food and drink. The FILO supply this, and glasses. Committee members to arrive 6.15 please to set out chairs.

SP and RS are standing down. We need new members for the committee.

New government funding is becoming available to improve education

Likely to be £1 million in Hastings. DE outlined the problems in education locally. He has raised his concerns with Steve Mainwaring, Amber Rudd and Peter Chowney.

Planning matters

In the past month there have been 12 applications listed. We only need to note most of these as they are minor but 3 need consideration.

Restored lifeboat location-- HOTRA endorses

Woodbine Cottage - proposal to demolish and rebuild. Nobody has commented

3 Coburgh Place: new dwelling application. Past the point at which we can object.

Members' concerns

DE: a member who lives in West Street has plans for an 'Event' in December to focus on the history of the street.

She has identified people who have dwelled on the street and plans to draw attention to the street's history.

VH: House on Croft Road opposite St Clements Church Hall : road signs added to the scaffolding now make the pavement impassable.

Thanked the councillors for tree lopping on Croft Road.

Future programme

AGM Friday 5th May. Guest Speakers – Tush Hamilton and Dee Day White. "*Boys on the beach - growing up in Hastings Old Town*"

Management Committee 9/5 @ Anne's; Wednesday 14th @ Vivien's

AOB

Smaller fire appliances will be in service within this financial year.

DP: Air B & B. Complaints from residents. There is no planning restriction on repeated late night parties. DP solicited comments.