



Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of meeting of the Management Committee Tuesday 10th April at 5.00 at 18 High Street.

Attendance

Dick Edwards, Richard Platt, Shirley Hawley, Bruce Nicol, Ann Novotny, Phil White, Hazel Lloyd, Vivienne Harrison, John Reynolds, James Bacon

Minutes Of Previous Meeting

...and any matters arising not listed below.

DE has had no reply from Stables Theatre to his letter proposing extra residents' parking on their spare land.

Reports

Treasurer & membership

PW presented and explained draft accounts for the 2017-8. (These will be available to members at the AGM).

HOTRA has 160 paid-up members, 50 of them new or returning.

We have had 8 donations totalling £60

Our total assets are £1430.03, with £210 owed to creditors.

Chairmans Report

Drugs and Anti Social behaviour

DE provided an update and identified premises from which drugs were being sold, and drew attention to Hastings' unenviable record as third in the league table of heroin deaths. DE proposed writing to Amber Rudd.

ESCC estimate cost of footway repairs in Rock a Nore Road

Total is £800,000 which seemed excessive

DE will consult a highways contractor about the cost to verify whether this is reasonable

Ecclesbourne Glen

HBC's refusal to publish confidential information has been upheld in High Court.

DE asked What steps are being taken to restore closed Right of Way.

He outlined the history of the issue. HOTRA proposes to pursue the county council to get the RoW reopened. DE will write.

Isobel Blackman Centre

ESCC plans cuts of £10m on a £270m budget in Adult Social Care [Meeting to be held 1.30 Tuesday 10th] An e-petition opposing the cuts is being organised by Jonathan Mendenhall. DE had attended a meeting at IBC. He described the history of the centre and drew attention to the fact that it still offers free baths to residents. He mentioned the number of independent elderly people living in the Old Town.

Best walking neighbourhood

Hastings Old Town came first in Ramblers Association poll for best Urban walking. DE proposed sending a letter of thanks to Anthony Slack.

Lower Torfield Allotments Association BBQ

The allotments team have invited HOTRA to be joint organisers of a BBQ in Old Town Week. There was a discussion and the committee decided to participate: ACTION VH and PW to pursue

Parking

DE has sent a letter to Southern Water about possible use of space around the Rock-a-Nore pumping station for new surgery staff parking.

Planning Matters

BN reported.

77 the Bourne. Agreed not to object to the replacement of a timber hoarding by a wall

Holme House/Croft House Agreed not to object

Roebuck Yard and enclosure of Amusement Park Planning permission has been refused.

Members concerns

DE: 1] Abandoned cars on Fishermen's beach; in train with the council

2] Loud music on Stade, and from the London Trader.

AN: pots on the steps of St Clement's church full of rubbish and hypodermic needles. DE replied measures to stop drug use have only been partially implemented.

VH: terrible radio reception. Planters in seating area near trampolines dangerous. DE will contact golf course owner. Rubbish along Pelham Beach and prom. JB agreed to pursue.

PW: house at the bottom of Coburg Place being rented for very noisy drunken parties. JB will pursue if PW provides the precise address.

HL: paving of pavements hazardous.

Future Programme

11/5 **AGM** arrangements. DE has asked Amber Rudd if she can preside otherwise he will ask Michael Foster, previous MP

Management Committee No May meeting 12/6 @ Phil's

AOB

RP to contact Anne Scott about the possibility of arranging a **jumble trail** in Old Town Week

Green Party has proposed that Hastings should be a **UNESO World Heritage Site**

DE described his disappointing correspondence with the assistant chief fire officer about **smaller fire appliances** which, though promised, have not been forthcoming.