

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held 15 /9 /09

ATTENDANCE Present were Nikki Port, Sue Bower, Ann Novotny, Mary Alloway, Elisabeth Stevens, Kim Stallwood, Dick Edwards: Cllrs Sue Palmer, Richard Stevens. Apologies from S. Hawley J. Prior B. Nicol

GUEST SPEAKER REV Robert Featherstone, newly installed Anglican parish priest talked about his hopes and plans for the coming years.

MINUTES of 14/7 were agreed. MATTERS ARISING reply still due from South Coast Ambulance Trust.

TREASURERS REPORT NP reported Current balance £2,05.35 Dep £5,535.46 Payments made to Sarah Evans + Leigh Dyer [artists]. Public Liability Insurance – after debate agreed to NOT arrange cover. NP issued membership reminders. WEBSITE KS explained how he is managing the site. Plans include a calendar, Action alerts, membership list including email addresses using Excel. Agreed to pay for 2 more hours of advice from Adam Clamp.

CHAIRMANS REPORT Issues covered included ;

- Equal Opportunities policy – a draft was amended and accepted
- Isabel Blackman Centre-worrying aspects in the ESCC review now emerging. No clear basis for provision. More meetings planned.
- Chess square – Sarah Evans had finished her work with Torfield pupils Leigh Dyer has started sculpting. Agreed to try to work with Chess Congress organisation
- Secondary schools / academies – good GCSE results with Ninestiles. Open meeting on 20th October – strong panel
- HBC George Street Licensing Review – reduction in hours + better Supervision of outside drinkers BUT appeal pending. Agreed to oppose the application for London Trader to extend outside hours.
- Bembrook Road Natural Play area – work to be completed by March 2010
- Magdalen & Lasher – Old Hastings House – plan to build a 15 bed hostel, joint meeting with OHPS on 30 /9 at the History House
- Stade improvements – impact of amended Planning application explained.
- Lloyds Pharmacy – work on extension into next door shop about to start.

PLANNING MATTERS BN had passed papers to SB to explain. No objections made to plans for Fishmarket, 1 Rock a Nore Road, 5 Marine Parade, 21 Old Humphrey Avenue, 21 West Street. M&L plans unanimously welcomed.

MEMBERS CONCERNS included Police Street meetings – poorly publicised, St Mary in the Castle remodelling, East Hill lift, drug taking in Swan Avenue.

FUTURE PROGRAMME Committee 13/10 @ AN; 10/11 @ PW

AOB Hastings Pier march Noon 17 /10. Congratulations card signed for 40th wedding anniversary for Rosemary and Michael Foster