

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held 9-3-10

ATTENDANCE Mary Alloway Sue Bower Shirley Hawley June Prior Elizabeth Stevens Bruce Nicol Kim Stallwood Dick Edwards + Cllr Richard Stevens
Apologies received from A Novotny N Port P White + C Davies

MINUTES of 9/2/10 agreed. No MATTERS ARISING

TREASURERS REPORT [posted] Current Account £765.72 Reserve £5,537.56
WEBSITE KS reported on meeting with NP & DE about internet costs. KS to look at using Wordpress for our website.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

- Academies – letter sent to J Crampton Vice Chancellor Brighton Uni. responding to his statement about Governance [*can be seen on HOTRA website*]
- Education Conference 3/3 – over 120 people attended from a diverse range of interest groups. [*When available report will be on our website*]
- Isabel Blackman centre – deep concern about continuing silence from ESCC. Unanimously agreed that HOTRA censures ESCC. Email to be sent to Peter Jones, Leader and copied to all interested parties + press. Further actions agreed if no improvement / response.
- Multi Use games Area – construction during April/May – subject to HBC
- Chess Square - Draft noticeboard notice agreed. Concern about slippage Agreed to arrange a formal opening event in late May. LD to be asked to bring octopus to AGM !
- Pelham Outdoor gym – application to Big lottery held back until Chess square works nearer completion.

PLANNING MATTERS BN reported on application for a Hog Roast fast food hut in Trade paints garden. Strongly opposed. Queries about building abutting Brays – BN to investigate. Application for 5 en-suite B&Bs in Old Rectory approved. Reply from Crest playgroup re plans for churchyard play area considered.. East Hill lift idea for a café strongly opposed as ‘intrusive’ and undesirable.

MEMBERS CONCERNS Drugs now being sold in Love Lane /Torfield. Spar shop attracting some young street drinkers. Much concern about pavement and kerbs in All Saints + High St. Dog poo bins seem to be steadily disappearing. Lloyds pharmacy in High St – will they open Saturdays? Scam attempt in All Saints St

FUTURE PROGRAMME Committee 13/4 @ Junes, 11/5 @ Bruces t.b.c.
AGM 7th may – dilemma due to General election. Agreed to give Dave the roadsweeper a scroll of thanks as he retires. Allotment party 18/7
Special Annual report newsletter to be produced and sent to all households.