

**HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING 3 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Apologies: June Prior, Kate Francis, Cllr Dawn Poole, Richard Stevens

Attendees: Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, David Woolf, Elizabeth Stevens, Bruce Nicol, Ann Novotny, Cllr John Hodges, Harris Woodcock, Shirley Hawley, Phil White

Minutes of 15 August Committee Meeting and any Matters Arising: Minutes agreed.

Treasurer's Report

HOTRA Co-op Bank A/C £839.58 (£62 to pay in), Storytelling Account £2,456.33. 163 paid-up members.

Secretary's Report: Heritage Open Days 12-15 September, free information leaflet is available or online at www.1066heritage.org. Free Hastings Week Programme 12-20 October available. Hastings Castle improvements presentation at Town Hall Weds. 4/9 6pm.

Hastings Community Network: no report as KF away.

Website: DW has added more items, little response to new members button. Thanks to DW.

Chairman's Report based on new September newsletter

"Clean Seas Please!" Campaign: Open Meeting on Friday 18 October at 7pm in Stade Hall, Southern Water (SW) representative to be invited. Steve Mannering (HVA) and Rother Voluntary Action representative will speak. JH commented main problem is quality of discharge from Priory Stream incl. smaller tributaries from Alexandra Park. Checks needed each end of culvert, check Buckshole Reservoir water quality. If problem persists, new outfall pipe needed, could be HBC responsibility. SW have taken some action re misdirected domestic sewage pipes. JH will keep us updated.

Older People's Services: HOTRA focussing efforts on dementia care. Clinical Commissioning Group currently consulting on future provision, please go to www.eastbournehailshamseafordccg.nhs.uk or phone 01273 403687 for questionnaire. ESCC are funders for Isabel Blackman Centre, Pinehill and Mount Denys, significant cuts will be made next year. Please go to DPSconsultation@eastsussex.gov.uk to complete questionnaire, also please sign Hastings Senior Forum petition at www.hotra.org.uk and print copy to collect as many signatures as possible.

ESCC Highways : ESCC/AmicusHorizon have apologised in writing (printed in newsletter) for mishandling of 109 High Street issue. DE to write thank you. Survey done re traffic flow at junction of A259 and Rock-a-Nor Road. Consultation in October then possible amendments.

Planning: Nothing of concern.

Members Concerns

- 1066 Friday Market on Stade disappointing, now craft market no fruit/veg/meat. Possibly poor attendance due to bad weather early on, needs to expand. We want it to succeed.
- Rubbish left on beach by harbour arm. Let JH know.
- Bad drains smell in George Street, JH will raise issue again.
- Questionnaire from HBC to go on HOTRA website - all please fill it in.
- Gull-proof recycling bags to be distributed soon.
- Work progressing on The Crown.
- Possible street closure in December for Christmas Market incl. reindeer.
- Motorists parking $\frac{3}{4}$ on pavements/driving on pavements.
- Dangerous kerbstone corner of Crown Lane/All Saints Street and corner Hill Street/Exmouth Place. Let JH know of any more.
- Thanks to JH for his hard work.

Future Programme

Next meetings: 8 October @ Phil's (8 ½ Exmouth place), 12 November (venue tbc)

Post-meeting note from JB: 12/11 clashes with Coastal Users Group Meeting. Another date please.

Meeting finished at 7.55 p.m. Thanks to Ann for her hospitality.