

HOCKLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 November 2006

(AGM Deferred from October meeting)

Guest Speaker:

Roger Plant, Governor, Bullwood Hall Prison spoke on the current situation following the change from a ladies' prison to a men's prison. He reported that only 184 foreign national, Category C prisoners, nearing the end of their sentence were housed in Bullwood. As a consequence, risk is low and problems within the jail have declined. He stated that substantial upgrades would be required before the prison could be used to house more serious prisoners and he believes this is unlikely. He would like more community involvement with the prison eg prison visitors.

Chief Inspector John Walker also attended and endorsed the Governor's views.

Chairman's Report:

The chairman highlighted another hard year's work, touching on issues such as:

- PCT strategic plans for 'super surgeries' in the area
- Objections to the planning application to convert part of Pond Chase, Mushroom Farm into industrial units.

but his key concern remains lack of active membership. He also reported that the HRA web-site is nearly ready for launch. This will be a 'basic' version, which we hope to improve on in future.

Secretary

The secretary reported that the role had changed as a result of increased use of e-mails and is less demanding. She is spending more time helping with newsletter production etc.

Newsletter Editor's Report.

The editor summarised his activities and three high quality newsletters had been issued during the year. Looking for advertising/sponsorship to reduce cost.

Social Secretary's Report

A summary of past and planned trips was given. 12 events were held/completed during the year.

Treasurer's Report:

The association made a net profit of £1,291.11, as a result of the Social Secretary's activities. The Treasurer highlighted the need to ensure expenditure is managed against income, and we do not rely on capital.

Election of Officers:

The officers were unanimously re-elected en-masse:

Chairman - B Guyett
Vice Chairman - R Vingoe
Secretary - L Vingoe
Newsletter Editor - R Vingoe
Social Secretary - B O'Shea
Treasurer - J Worden
Membership Sec. - J Worden
And representatives:
Hockley Day Centre - B O'Shea
Public Hall - M Sewell

(Brian O'Shea reported that the Day Centre is trying to change its image and attract more members. Malcolm Sewell reported on the good progress made under the new committee over the last. The meeting thanked him for his significant achievements.)

Date of Next AGM: 10 October 2007
