



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Hockley Residents Association Meeting Held on Tuesday the 10/01/12 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House Chaired by Vice Chair Alan James – AJ

The meeting was attended by 9 members / visitors. From AJ's memory and a few notes the residents meeting ran as follows:

1. Future Meetings

Greensward Academy has informed the HoRA that we can carry on using Kilnfield House for our meetings except for the one in March. The March meeting will be held in the Greensward Academy Lifelong Learning Centre (enter through the main front doors it's on the left) at 19.30 hrs on Tuesday the 13 March. Brian Guyett is unable to chair the January and February meetings. The Police presentation originally planned for January will now be held on Tuesday 10 April at 19.30 hrs at Kilnfield House. AJ asked if anyone was interested in attending the Big Lottery Funding Event in Wickford on Friday 13 January and the Neighbourhood Planning Training Session at Feering on Saturday 4 February but there were no takers.

2. Police Neighbourhood Meeting

AJ attended the Rochford meeting for the HaRA. He reported that the two representatives from the police that held the meeting seemed very depressed about the future police relocations. Neither knew where they will end up after the 1 March and also for this reason they were unable to set the date for the next meeting. AJ is very concerned that the outcome will be a complete change of local police so they have no local knowledge, giving no advantage and make no savings. AJ will write to the Chief Constable with his concerns.

3. HAAP

We had a general discussion about Eldon Way being blighted but it was reported that some units are being regenerated. Someone had heard that the Factory Shop will be moving to Eldon Way. Sainsbury's planning is going through and Domino's is still going ahead.

4. Public Toilets

We discussed again the RDC threat to close five public toilets in the district including the one at the library but not the one at Hockley Woods. Shirley James said that RDC are still trying to get HoPC to run the one in Hockley but no decision has been taken. It was generally agreed that they should not be closed.

5. Core Strategy

AJ believes that David Willson Homes are working on an appeal for the Christmas Tree Farm in Hawkwell and will bring the plans in line with RDC requirements. The Hawkwell Parish Plan is now out and it shows some not surprising views from the residents regarding new homes building, green belt and infrastructure but it is doubtful RDC will take these into consideration.

6. Car Wash

No news on the appeal.

7. Southend Airport

The new Holiday Inn is pushing ahead and the new radar system will be in operation by March. Newmarket Holidays will be running package holidays and Ford have now restarted weekly company flights to Germany plus Rumania. AJ stated that from his recent organised trips round the airport he has now been asked to test run the new terminal in January. Tim Gleadall pointed out that work is being carried out on the field east of the Southend Airport Railway Station. AJ was informed by Rochford Parish Councillors at yesterday's police meeting that they are only raising the level of the field and not building a car park.

8. Digital TV

We had a discussion with Tim Gleadall (the local representative) about the latest and future developments. The last areas to change will be London in April and Meridian in June. AJ asked Tim if it had been a success and he said Anglia was reported to be a complete success.

8. Massive Youth Club

John Worden confirmed that the £500 donation was made but he did not know if they had acknowledged this.

9. Christmas Lights

We had a general discussion about the pros and cons of the Christmas Lighting Celebrations.

10. Next Meeting

The next Hockley Residents Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 19.30 hrs in Kilnfield House.

AJ closed the meeting.

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