

Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Public Meeting held on 11 May 2010

1. The March meeting was a speaker meeting (Heather Glynn re Southend Pier) and the April meeting was a joint meeting with the Parish Council on the latest Core Strategy (DPD) proposals.
2. **Core Strategy DPD proposals:** The public meeting last month was well attended with 250/300 people packing out Greensward main hall and voicing their anger and concern. There were two key areas:
 - i) Keep Hockley a Village'
 - ii) Resistance to possible gypsy sites in Hockley.After discussing the issues raised, tonight's meeting agreed to invite Mark Francois MP to come and speak to us. **BG**
3. **Core Strategy Inquiry:** The inquiry is underway and Tim Gleadell and Brian Guyett will be speaking on behalf of Hockley. It is also very clear that numerous developers are pushing for their particular project. Unless the new government changes the rules, the CS must deliver the required number of 3,500 homes or, if the CS fails, developers will be able to push through their own proposals. The meeting agreed guidelines for the chairman, when addressing the Inquiry in this regard, based on the HRA's original decision. **BG**
4. **HAAP:** Still no date for next version and suggestions of further delay.
5. **PCT:** The Chair and vice-chair met with the PCT to discuss:
 - i) the problems relating to selecting and implementing a new dentist. The PCT admitted to some problems but were unsympathetic to the ongoing problem of people having to travel to Rayleigh until the new surgery opens (now due 30/9). We will continue to monitor and press.
 - ii) The PCT policy of only investing in Central Southend. The PCT said the new PBC (Practice Based Commissioning) initiative will help address this. We are sceptical but following up and awaiting further info. **BG**
6. **HPPG:** The current plan is approaching the end of its 5 year life. Existing HPPG team members will continue to support the HRA. Need to consider possibility of establishing a new team and finding finance for a new plan. **All**
7. **MASSIVE:** the new youth club is due to open on 14 May. We wish them every success.

Next Meeting: 8 June 2010 – Speaker: RDC on recycling