

## **OLD HATFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes of Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Taste of India**

#### **Present**

Andrew Starr (Chairman)  
Steve Roberts (Minutes)  
Letitia Hutt (Treasurer)  
Chris Goward  
Margaret Stephens  
Ken McGuinness  
Constance Elliot  
Beth Scott  
Janet Giblin  
Dennis Brooks

#### **Apologies**

Lottie Prescott  
Willow Humphries  
Nanette Mitchell

#### **Chairman's resignation**

Andrew announced that, after four years in office, he intended to resign as Chairman and from the Committee. He said he was prepared to serve a three-month notice period.

#### **Next meeting**

**Thursday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at Letitia's (10 Park Street)**

#### **Feedback from 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Meeting**

About 40 people attended. Willow conducted a survey among those attending to establish the main source of information about OHRA activities (the results are summarised at the end of these minutes)

#### **Salisbury Square Development**

We will leave this for the next month or so, then ask Gascoyne Cecil for an update.

#### **Communications**

Held over until next meeting.

#### **Christmas Carols.**

Arrangements are in hand. Breaks Manor will carry out their own collection. Margaret will contact Hilary Burningham of Breaks Manor and explain that we will need to deduct any OHRA expenses from the money raised.

We need some more song sheets. Andrew will see if he has some left over from last year.

**Action: Margaret/Andrew**

## **OHRA membership for Ryde residents**

The meeting felt that this could be a good thing, but that we should consult the wider OHRA membership first. There are some issues which are unique to the Ryde area, such as the school. This survey could be by mailchimp, perhaps related to the proposed Parking survey.

A sub-committee of Beth, Margaret and Constance will be set up to progress Ryde membership.

**Action: Beth/Margaret/Constance**

## **Ceilidh**

The date is 27<sup>th</sup> February. The subcommittee is organised by Liz Fisher.

## **Finance**

The Summer Picnic raised £380 which has been given to Family Lives and the Nepal Disaster Fund. We do have funds, of which some £700 was donated by the PPZ film company and £260 was collected at the 2014 picnic for Jacob's Ladder. It is difficult to establish the cost of BOH but have spent £275 from April. We hope to get more contributions from local businesses, who do benefit from hanging baskets etc.

Beth is keen to offer more help as the brunt of the work is borne by Margaret.

**Action: Beth**

We would like to support the development of the beds on the A1000 and those in front of the station, but we cannot take responsibility for their maintenance.

*At this point Andrew left the meeting and Ken took the chair.*

## **Neighbourhood watch**

The Police send out lots of paperwork about this, but it really is just a case of people keeping their eyes and ears open and looking out for 'scams'. We can make residents aware of these – for example by using Mailchimp and the notice board. Margaret will find out who our local PCSO is.

**Action: Margaret**

## **Community Interest Company**

Ken has met with Anthony Downs from GCE and he has asked for a business plan. We will review this in six months.

**Action: Ken**

## **Gritting**

All in place. We just need some snow!

## **Parking**

Letitia will be organising a parking survey.

**Action: Letitia**

## **Local Plan/Green Corridor**

This is about future generations, trying to preserve the green belt between Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City while appreciating the need for much more housing in the area. This can include all sorts of things, such as a cycle track from the new housing areas to the station. Chris will invite committee members and the wider OHRA members to walks in the 'green corridor' in the New Year

## **Steve's minutes, with Chris' amendments**

### Results of Willow's poll of attendees on December 3rd

How do you access Old Hatfield news and events?

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| OHRA Emails        | 21 |
| Local Noticeboards | 14 |
| Refocussed         | 10 |
| Gazette            | 8  |
| OHRA website       | 5  |
| OHRA Facebook      | 3  |

What would you like to see the OHRA doing more?

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Local Issues   | 6 |
| More events    | 4 |
| Extend to Ryde | 2 |