

Highcliffe Residents Association – CIC.

Minutes of Members Meeting 21st September 2015

Started early at 7:20 , Alan and Charlie took the opportunity to explain the work of “Sessions” weekly music group – which is an informal, drop in, musical group for young people aged 11 – 19, providing the opportunity to try out different instruments, receive some guidance and tuition and play along with other musicians.

Councillor John Lofts joined the meeting at the scheduled start time of 7:30.

Resume of finances – 26K at bank with expenses for refurbishment of cottage and repairs to School house to be paid out.

Highcliffe and District Charitable Trust – Malcolm Mawbey spoke about the Highcliffe Centre Partnership which is a local fellowship, formed 18 months ago and consisting of about 20 people who are trying to improve Highcliffe village and high street. So far they have erected gateway signs, revamped signposts, planted flowers, and cleaned up litter.

He went on to describe The Charitable Trust which has been set up to collect money, in the form of donations, grants and bequests, to finance activities that will improve Highcliffe and District.

The Trust would like to hear from Residents with views and suggestions for events and activities to improve Highcliffe.

Vision for Highcliffe – H&DCT taking over the old Lumen8 shop, 296 Lymington Rd. on 6th and 7th November from 10am to 5pm to gather views and suggestions on how to improve Highcliffe. Historical and business presentations, Hoburne’s plans for their new offices on display, and a prize draw for best descriptive phrase for Highcliffe.

Planning issues. – Cobb's Camp, Cllr Lofts confirmed that plans have been passed subject to environment committee agreement on stream and flood water.

Stuart Road plans can be viewed online and displayed until November for comment, Cllr. Lofts pointed out that only 16 parking spaces included and suggested, as a residents association, we should object.

Roeshott Hill Development. - Taylor-Wimpey had a presentation at Somerford on 30th September, 4pm to 8pm, seeking consultation on provisional plans for 800 homes.

Residents raised concerns over access and increased traffic on Roeshott Hill which is already dangerous and the site of several serious accidents in recent months. Suggestions of speed cameras and removal of overtaking lane were made. It was resolved that HRA-CIC should write to Councillors expressing these concerns.

Residents also concerned that no provision is required for additional School and Medical facilities to service such a large increase in local population.

Highcliffe Schools for Highcliffe Children. – following the issues raised by Roeshott and Cobbs Camp developments, there is increasing concern about school places. The traffic problems around local schools have been increasing for some years, particularly St. Mark School which has an irrationally large cachement area extending into Hampshire. The problems of traffic flow, parking and drop off, will reach crisis level with the addition of so many new family homes in the area.

Cllr. Lofts, also a governor at St. Mark School, re-iterated that the school is already fully subscribed, having increased entry to 3 forms and undertaken extensive building work to accommodate them. He suggested rationalising the cachement area to remove New Milton and Barton. He advised that Dorset County Council are in control of admissions to the school.

A resident has emailed safety concerns about lorries exiting from Hoburne Estate Farm buildings, no one present shared these concerns.

Roads and Transport. The recommendation for a 20mph limit through Highcliffe was discussed, a member asked why this was thought to be necessary and it was explained that traffic flow might be better controlled and larger vehicles might be discouraged from the route.

It was also felt that the 40mph limit from the Milestone roundabout should be reduced to 30 mph to discourage overtaking, calm the traffic, and to reduce danger to pedestrians crossing a difficult section of road.

Doeset Waste Partnership. – members asked their views on the proposed charging scheme at Wilverly Road tip. It was confirmed that the charges mainly applied to asbestos and building materials and would not significantly affect residents.

AOB. – some Road Wardens had not received magazines in time for the meeting. Efforts will be made to improve communication to identify when wardens are away from home and not able to distribute.

Charlie Rose apologised for late magazine, Sue Taylor thanked Charlie for a fantastic issue and for her work as editor. Charlie thanked Leonie for completing the layout and artwork by internet, whilst on holiday in USA.

Suggestions were made for an email reminder of meeting dates and that the magazine could be put out in PDF format.

Culmore Steps.- Malcolm Mawbey has organised a petition for re-instatement of the steps from Wharncliffe Rd. Cllr. Lofts confirmed that no decision has yet been made.

Date of next Members meeting 7th December 7:00 pm

Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 9pm.