



## Meeting Minutes, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 19.30hrs on Zoom

### Attendees

Dean Philips, Chair and Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents' Association (DP)  
Mike Heelis, Alton Neighbourhood Plan (MH)  
Peter Field, Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents' Association (PF)  
John Field, Treasurer and Alton Eastbrooke & Wooteys Residents' Association (JF)  
Louise Parker, Amery Hill Residents' Association (LP)  
Charles Kaye, Amery Hill Residents' Association (CK)  
Susan Bottomley, Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association (SB)  
Gordon Anderson, Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association (GA)  
Pat Lerew, Holybourne Village Association (PL)  
Special Guest – Bob Booker, on behalf of Church Triangle Residents' Association (BB)

### 1. Welcome and apologies

Welcome by Chair. Apologies were received from Becci May, John Grace and Giles Lock. LP volunteered to take the minutes.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting dated 23rd March 2021

Approved. **ACTION: JF to post on the ADRA website.**

### 3. Litter Pick Conversation with lead discussion from Bob Booker

BB took everyone through his advice for litter picking. Refer to his notes which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting. There was then an open Q&A session.

Q: DP asked if BB was aware of the East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) litterpicking which had been purchased but no longer in use? BB was not aware of this. **ACTION: DP to email EHDC contacts and ask what has happened to the 45+ litter pickers and high viz jackets.**

Q: CK asked about insurance cover for organized litter picking. BB advised that those volunteers from Church Triangle Residents Association (CTRA) do so at their own risk. BB also advised that the town-wider litter picks which are organized by the Alton Society are covered by the Alton Society's insurance. DP advised that EHDC's insurance covered the litter picks carried out by Eastbrooke &

Wooteys Residents' Association. Radian Housing Association had also been invited to participate in the litter picking and so their insurance would also have covered the event. GA advised that Shalden Parish Council insisted that paperwork was signed from a Health & Safety perspective for any litter picking activities. There was a general discussion about Health & Safety principles, e.g. not picking up dog mess or sharps, and double-bagging items collected. BB also noted that they separate the recyclables from general rubbish and dispose accordingly. It was agreed that if ADRA progressed with a town-wide litter picking event, ADRA should approach Alton Town Council (ATC) in relation to insurance cover. **ACTION: DP to ask EHDC for clarity on insurance for litter picks.**

BB reported that CTRA covers the areas of the Cairn and the Old Cemetery. BB had persuaded ATC to put a litter bin by the Cairn.

GA reported that Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association had carried out a litter pick a couple of months ago, and most of the items retrieved were burger boxes and drinks cans, thrown from car windows. They would not be able to organize them on a weekly basis like CTRA.

BB reiterated that litter picking encourages pride in the local area. For CTRA, there are no historic buildings or items of note in their area and so the litter picking enhances the area and fosters a community spirit. BB also noted that their idea of spray-painting dog mess in a bright colour so that it is visible for pedestrians, particularly parents pushing buggies had been a particular success. BB had also liaised with business premises owners where there are office workers to arrange for cigarette butt bins to be installed.

PL commented that enforcement of littering offences by EHDC was selective. DP responded that EHDC was being mindful of the current pandemic climate, which was having an impact on enforcement.

At this point, BB was thanked for his valuable and interesting insight into the litter picking activities he was involved in around Alton. BB then left the meeting.

#### **4. Consider the Draft Constitution**

MH reported that the only comments received in relation to the draft constitution had been from Amery Hill Residents' Association, and he had incorporated them into the document.

LP briefly went through the comments for the benefit of the other members:

- 6.7 – clarity about when minutes can be published
- 8.3 – number of members for quorum
- 12.2/3 – corrected the numbering
- Under 12 Standing Orders, suggested addition of 12.4 in relation to meeting documentation
- There are three references to Secretary in sections 8 and 9, yet we have removed the position of Secretary from the list of officers. We therefore need to re-align these references.

PL had two more comments which she would send to MH so that these could be incorporated into the final version. No-one else had any comments. **ACTION: MH to recirculate final version for formal approval at the next ADRA meeting.**

#### **5. Additional Agenda Item – Comments on Alton Town Centre Plans / Public Consultation**

DP introduced this as an additional agenda item. He has been approached for ADRA's opinion on the plans for the town centre. MH said he'd welcome LP's opinion. LP responded that she had not yet looked at the details. PL advised that she had completed the survey and the questions were very bland. CK felt that there needed to be collaboration for this. GA suggested that Becky, albeit absent from the meeting, may be interested in forming an ADRA sub-group to look at the matter. SB had not seen the survey. JF circulated the link to the survey in the meeting 'chat' facility.

**ACTION: DP to confirm and circulate the timetable for the consultation before the end of the week (COB 23/04/21).**

**ACTION: LP and CK to put some information together in advance of a meeting specifically to look at this issue.**

**ACTION: DP to schedule an ADRA meeting prior to the deadline of the consultation so that we can form a consensus as ADRA's opinion (if possible) which we can then submit as ADRA's response.**

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

JF advised that there has been no change to the finances since the last meeting. JF also provided a website report at this point, as he had to leave the meeting. JF advised that the new Planning Tool which had been introduced to the website has proved popular. At this point, JF left the meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

PF noted that the question about timing of the Esso pipeline had been raised at the last meeting and whether the work would have an effect on traffic. Apparently, there will not be an effect on traffic on the A31 / A32 due to the construction method. The work is scheduled from the end of 2021 and through 2022.

GA reported that the bollards at the end of Upper Anstey Lane have been bombarded again – this is the second or third time that this has happened. SB is liaising with Mark Kemp-Gee to resolve this. There was a question about installing a lockable gate there instead; in response, SB advised that Mark Kemp-Gee is liaising with Ian James at Hampshire Highways to make the signage more prominent, and also that enforcement action is being pursued.

PF advised that the roadworks at the Anstey Lane / Anstey Road junction have been delayed and will continue until the end of June at the very earliest.

SB picked up on her item from the previous meeting about not being able to book an appointment at the Household Waste Refuse Centre on the day, and advised that there will not be any change to the current process of booking at the Household Waste Refuse Centre until after 6<sup>th</sup> May.

PF advised that the planning application for Alton Convent School was still open until the following Monday. ATC had it on the agenda for their planning meeting the following evening. As of 12 noon 20<sup>th</sup> April, there were 34 Public Comments, all of which were in support of the planning application.

MH advised that he had been invited to comment on the planning application for 60 Wilson Road, and was baffled as to why it had been sent to him. **ACTION: MH to scan the letter and send it to DP. DP to pass it onto Giles Lock.**

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Date to be confirmed. **ACTION: DP to circulate date of next 'normal' meeting in addition to the special meeting in relation to the Town Centre Plans.**