

ADRA Meeting Minutes

Alton House Hotel, Alton
at 7.30 p.m. **Tuesday 16th April 2019**

Attendees:

Becci May (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road) Chair.
Ian Sutherland (Amery Hill Residents' Association)
Peter Field (Eastbrooke and Wooteys Residents' Association)
Pat Lerew (Holybourne Village Association)
Mike Heelis (Neighbourhood Plan)
Simon Stoodley (Alton Society)
Gordon Anderson (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road)
Sue Bottomley (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road)
Marian Oakley (Church Triangle Residents' Association)

1 Welcome and Apologies.

BM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from the following: Rosie and Mike Hayward (Ackender Road Residents' Association), John Field, John Grace (Eastbrook and Wooteys Residents' Association) Giles Lock and Rachel Palmer (Ashdell Residents' Association) Mark Lanchbery (Church Triangle Residents' Association), Vernon Burford (Holybourne Village Association), Robin Lees (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road), Louise Parker, Charles Kaye (Amery Hill Residents' Association)

2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 26th February 2019.

These were approved.

3 ADRA's website. Update on site visitors

JF was not present at the meeting but he had provided the following figures:-

ADRA's website. Update on site visitors

	Mar	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Unique users	147	178	238	157	219	114	141	292
Average session	0:31m	0:35m	1:32m	0:43m	1:08m	1:29m	1:30m	1:47m
Pages per session	1.72	1.82	2.25	1.25	2	2.4	2.59	2.4
New:returning (%)	85:15	88:12	85:15	80:20	85:15	80:20	80:20	89:11

October Most visited pages (by %)

17% Butts bridge website launched (news)
9% Butts roadworks (news)
7% Local plan page
7% News page
7% October update

November Most visited pages (by %)

20% Minutes
18% Butts bridge website launched (news)
9% Butts roadworks (news)
7% News page
3% October update

December Most visited pages (by %)

17% December Update
10% Butts bridge website launched (news)

9% Butts roadworks (news)
8% Minutes

January Most visited pages (by %)
35% Butts bridge website launched (news)
10% Butts roadworks (news)
5% News page
4% New Year Update (news)
3% Minutes

February Most visited pages (by %)
19% Butts bridge website launched (news)
5% EHDC Local Plan page
4% News Page
3% Minutes
3% Butts roadworks (news)

March Most visited pages (by %)
13% Butts bridge website launched (news)
10% EHDC Local Plan page
9% Minutes
6% Butts roadworks (news)
4% Spring Clean (news)

BM said this indicated that there was about the same steady level of new and returning traffic but the time spent was not long. The most visited areas were Butts Bridge and ADHC Local Plan.

ACTION: BM to check new and returning figures with JF.

4 Revitalising Alton - Town Team Update

There has been no meeting since ADRA last met and therefore there is nothing to report. However, Alton Matters now have a sub-team which is concerned with tidying up, clearing up bikes, ensuring retailers keep their areas clean etc.

The Alton Society were invited to the Regeneration of Alton meeting with EHDC. This may lead to some developments re community assets, transport and helping the town centre with refurbishment amongst other things.

It was agreed that ADRA would pull together a list of things which we feel need to be done in Alton so that we could decide what to follow up on with the relevant Council, and whether there are things we could help with, with the possibility of bringing together volunteers. We'd also need to link in with other conversations and efforts going on by others.

ACTION: All to send their ideas for things which would make Alton a better place to BM by Friday.

5 Community Grants Available

There are two community grants available at the moment:

- Supporting Communities Fund - This is £1m over 3 years but it is not clear how to apply. Priority will be given to projects which focus on welfare and wellbeing and in order to get a grant it will need to be shown how the project will benefit the residents of East Hampshire.
- Councillor Community Grants - IS said that this had been granted a couple of times for a student drop in centre.

ACTION: BM to circulate link re community grants and all to share any ideas for these

6 Planning/development issues/important updates/proposed actions for ADRA

Neighbourhood Plan - This has gone very quiet and the NP monitoring group meeting is overdue. Concern was expressed regarding some policies in the Neighbourhood Plan being absent from the draft Local Plan (in particular NP policies DE1 and DE2).

Local Plan (LP) consultation – While BM was away, the ADRA flier was produced, but it had changed from that discussed at the previous meeting. This was shared via email by the RAs, and put on the ADRA website, hopefully sign-posting residents to important policies. The 3 specific development sites were not in the flier, but ADRA needs to follow the plans for these developments. It was also noted that the way of commenting online on the draft Local Plan was very difficult to navigate.

Updates on live or expected planning applications/development processes

- The three sites in the Local Plan which were identified at the last meeting, and the brewery site, all need to be on our radar
- Treloar College plan to build staff accommodation beyond the settlement boundary - PL reported that the planning application for this is still going ahead.
- IS reported that there is a change of use planning application out for consultation now – and it appeared that the Town Council may have bought Bartlett & Butcher. The proposal is for a change of use in order for the Kings Arms from Petersfield to operate their youth service from there, for Alton, open 7 days a week from 8am to 11pm. One neighbour in particular is concerned. A manager has already been appointed and is being paid even before consultation has taken place. Concerns were raised regarding its location and financial plan / sustainability. The final date for comments is 25th April.

ACTION: IS to find out the application number for the Bartlett & Butcher change of use, and send any information to BM to circulate.

- MH said that Treloars are planning to build on the top meadow but this still has to go to committee. This is something to keep an eye on.
- Butts Bridge and Traffic routing. Not much could be discussed at this time as nobody was present from Amery Hill Residents Association. However there are a lot more HGVs going down Amery Hill and up Vicarage Hill.
- Sports Centre - MH said this is progressing very quickly and Phase 1 will be finished in January 2020. Unfortunately when this part opens there will only be 89 parking spaces whereas once the old sports centre is pulled down there will be 169. The whole thing should be finished in July next year.

7 The Wey Walk update; Pocket Park update

The Wey Walk is progressing - ideas for the dipping pond are being modified. However there is some concern regarding a flood risk at the New Odiham Road end and Tanhouse Lane. The flood meadows will be improved through funding that Amery Hill RA was involved in applying for – the Pocket Park project. This is great news.

8 Events: Great British Spring Clean/litter pick activity updates. Alton Walking Festival in May; Alton Community Fayre - stall for ADRA?

- Alton Society Spring Clean (Litter Pick) - this was a good event and over 100 people attended. EWRA assisted in a personal capacity.
- Bus Project success - the AEWRA community bus service starts on Saturday 27th April with Community First providing a half hourly service on Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. It will run around the Manor, Wooteys and Eastbrooke estates to the Health centre (Tuesdays only), the High Street, Sainsburys, and Mill Lane (for Aldi). It will run for an initial period of 3 months, but hope it will become a permanent feature (the details to be reviewed after 3 months). It will run every half hour between 10am and 2pm on Saturday and 2pm - 4pm on Tuesdays. There will be a suggested donation of £1.00.
- Alton Walking Festival - this is happening in May.
- Alton Community Fayre - ADRA have been offered a stall for this and BM asked if this was something we should consider. The general view seemed to be that it would not be worth doing, as it would probably require purchase of a gazebo, banner, and other materials to attract people, as well as volunteers to be at the stall, and also we don't have much to attract people to a stall.

ACTION: All to email their views on the Community Fayre ADRA stall to BM, if they feel strongly either way.

9 Any other issues of wider relevance from RAs and Alton Society for info/action (All)

The next Alton Society litter pick will be on 14th September.

BM said she is still waiting to hear from anyone who is interested in taking on the role of Chair from June. Support will be given to anyone taking on the role. Perhaps we should have fewer meetings to reduce the workload for the new Chair. BM raised the possibility that if there is no chair, we will have to consider dissolving ADRA.

If we want to change anything in the Constitution, it says the following:

9.1 The constitution of the group may be altered at the Annual General Meeting.

9.2 Any suggested changes must be handed to the Chair / Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

9.3 Changes to the constitution must be agreed by two-thirds of those present at the meeting with an entitlement to vote

ACTION: BM to circulate the ADRA constitution. If anyone wishes to propose a change to this, please email BM before the end of May, as this needs to be shared before the AGM, where it will be voted on.

10 Date of next meeting: AGM on Tuesday 18th June. The May meeting will be cancelled.

Minute takers for the AGM: Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association.

There will be no meeting on 7th May. If something crops up then BM will call a meeting.

ADRA Objectives

- To share knowledge and experiences to enable each Residents' Group or Association (RGA) and other organisations to be as effective as possible in meeting their aims, and to facilitate the formation of new RGAs.
- To act as a lobby platform to influence decisions for the benefit of Alton residents.
- To monitor the Alton Neighbourhood Plan, planning applications and local developments to ensure they deliver benefit for Alton residents.

Minute-taking rota

11th September 2018	Amery Hill RA
16th October	Ackender Road RA
27th November	AEWRA
15th January	Ashdell RA
26th February	Holybourne VA
16 th April	Church Triangle RA
18th June AGM	Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road