

# ADRA Meeting Minutes

Alton House Hotel, Alton  
at 7.30 p.m. **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

## Attendees:

Giles Lock (Ashdell Residents' Association) Acting Chair.  
John Grace (Eastbrooke and Wooteys Residents' Association)  
John Field (Eastbrook and Wooteys Residents' Association)  
Peter Field (Eastbrook and Wooteys Residents' Association)  
Louise Parker (Amery Hill Residents' Association)  
Charles Kaye (Amery Hill Residents' Association)  
Pat Lerew (Holybourne Village Association)  
Vernon Burford (Holybourne Village Association)  
Mike Heelis (Neighbourhood Plan)  
Gordon Anderson (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association)  
Sue Bottomley (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association)  
Robin Lees (Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road Residents' Association)  
Dickie Murrell

## 1 Welcome and Apologies.

GL welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from the following:  
Becci May (Chair and Upper Anstey Lane and Old Odiham Road Residents' Association).  
Mike Hayward (Ackender Road Residents' Association)  
Simon Stoodley.(Alton Society)

## 2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

These were approved.

## 3 ADRA's website. Update on site visitors (JF)

	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug
Unique users	178	238	157	219	114	141	292
Average session	0:35m	1:32m	0:43m	1:08m	1:29m	1:30m	1:47m
Pages per session	1.82	2.25	1.25	2	2.4	2.59	2.4
New:returning	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)

Marked increase in January

#### **4 Alton Society Annual Spring Clean Litter pick – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

This will take place from 10am to 12 noon with 2 starting points: Kings Pond and the old Post Office. Please inform own Residents' Associations and remind them that Alton Town Council is supporting the National Campaign from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Details on ATC website.

#### **5 Planning/development issues/important updates/proposed actions for ADRA.**

- Upcoming Local Plan (LP) consultation. MHe, BM and PL attended first consultation on Feb.9<sup>th</sup>. Next (and last) consultation on March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynch Hill. Planned extension to current site. (GL) Ashdell R.A. had decided not to complain about it at this stage but to await developments.
- Coors Brewery. Development surprisingly listed for 2028-2031 just in case it ran late! PL said that the Community development on the site was still listed as 2019/20.
- Treloar College plan to build staff accommodation beyond the settlement boundary. PL reported that Treloars had brought these to the last meeting of HVA and they had met with unanimous disapproval from those in attendance. The major concern was that Treloars had promised that the previously agreed infringement beyond the settlement boundary would only ever be for car parking and sports facilities. Concern also that once permission had been given for Treloars to build beyond the settlement boundary it would mean a precedent had been set for others to follow.
- Proposed 3-point leaflet to cover Lynch Hill, Basingstoke Road and Treloars developments. GL said that it had been decided not to proceed with this as it had become too complicated. PL expressed disappointment that she had not been party to this decision. At the HVA meeting on 12th February she had persuaded members to wait for the joint ADRA leaflet rather than making their own. They would now need to do so as the Treloar planning application was imminent.
- LP said ADRA would still need a general leaflet to cover the major points of the LP.  
**ACTION GL/LP.**
- Butts Bridge and Traffic routing. Now running surprisingly smoothly after horrific incidents by individual motorists when it first started such as driving across the Butts.

**6. Speedwatch update.** Now operating throughout the town, specifically in Kings Road, Highridge, Basingstoke Road, Anstey Road. There were some problems about sharing kit. PL said that HVA had its own which might be available but it could be out of date as they had been operating Speedwatch for some years.

#### **7. Any other issues from RAs and Alton Society.**

LP. Alton Town Council full council meeting had agreed to take over the lower field of Will Hall Farm for the Wey walk. Landscaping would be done by Redrow (Developers) and ongoing maintenance by ATC. at a budgeted cost of £6000 pa.

SB. Sue & Gordon recently attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting which included a presentation given by the police with regard to crime in the area. Although figures for Alton are low for crime in general, there is currently a fair amount of purse pinching being reported, whereby figures are increased on market days. Having said that, the day after the presentation Sue witnessed a 'professional thief' being chased after by a shop assistant from M&Co, who was later caught by police.

#### **8. Agenda items for the next meeting**

All members are reminded that we still do not have anyone to take on the role of Chairperson when Becci stands down at the AGM on 18 June after 2 years. We need an active chair to ensure that we continue to have good attendance – it seems that we all believe that ADRA continues to be worthwhile. On the one hand we can help and support each other where necessary and, as well as the normal agenda items, we still have influence over ATC, EHDC etc. So we fulfil a role, not just objectives. ALL ARE ASKED TO SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT DOING THIS ROLE FOR THE GOOD OF ADRA AND ITS CONTINUING IMPORTANCE. Finally it was noted and agreed that we continue to value the input and support from Alton Society at ADRA meetings.

#### **9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday April 16th 2019.**

Minute takers: Church Triangle RA.

## **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 <sup>th</sup> April	Church Triangle RA
7th May	Upper Anstey Lane & Old Odiham Road
18th June AGM	Ackender Road RA