

Minutes of Road Representatives Meeting, 2 June 2003

Apologies: M Bowers, B Bromham and P Rose.

Present: T Baker, D Bennett, J & G Bridger, N Casey, C de Chazal, R Cornelius, I Dale, B Edwards, P Gautrey, J Kyte, A Marriage, A Patterson, I Thurley, R Tuke, T Williams, A & S Wright, J Yendole.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of last meeting agreed. Still waiting for Holy Trinity Parish Centre application; Appeal re 24 Epsom Road launched; HTAG proposed to support Tim Harrold on turning out lights at night; Centenary Cycling in Chartlotteville; Sever plans for Hall in Chartlotteville.

Matters Arising: 24 Addison Road – development of a small cottage to a 4-storey house. Neighbours concerned that this is over-development. To be looked at in Planning.

Website: Thanks to Izzy for setting up. Proceed slowly to avoid legal issues. Izzy Spoke re how she has developed the site. A natural progression from Newsletter. Already registered Domain Name. Could have separate Planning page. £30/year to register and £5/month to run. Could ask for voluntary contributions for advertisements. Will re-write using HTAG logo. There is no official Guildford site except for GBC. Would like ideas as to what members want. All changes would be made through Izzy as Webmaster. Will have links – open to suggestions re links. Anyone can submit copy. Proposed launch 1 October to give people opportunity to express views first. Will not replace Newsletters or Road Reps. Of those present, 11 for website and 4 against.

Agreed to print Road Reps names but not addresses or phone nos.

Those on email can be asked to look at website before it is launched.

Stephen proposed an increase in subs to cover cost. See what we need and then raise it – discuss at AGM.

Insurance: £230 for Public Liability or £157 for cover excluding bouncy castle. Agreed to take out lower cover and insure bouncy castle separately if necessary.

Geographical Boundaries of HTAG: Jean said we had never covered the whole Ward. The Committee will draw up recommendations for the AGM on HTAG boundaries.

Ian felt we ought to add St Luke's, although it has its own Residents' Association.

Jenny to find boundaries of other EGRA residents group.

Jean to discuss boundaries.

Chris reported there are already 4 members in St Luke's.

Adult Education Centre: Tamsy said there is an opportunity for us to retain the Art Centre bit because SCC hasn't thought what they are going to do. Perhaps development of the bottom half could finance retention of top half. Important to list building. The Harvey Gallery Committee is looking into listing the building.

Reports:

Planning Group met representatives of the proposed new Friary Development. HTAG has given views – like more permeable nature of the site, increasing housing component. Retail floor space needs to be reduced. Must have basics in shops. More variety in roofscape needed. Hopes for district heating. Expects Section 106 to be part of scheme – planning compensation.

Tribute to Bob who has worked extraordinarily hard on Planning. We must not spread ourselves too thinly. Bob spends many hours on planning issues. (See entry in Surrey Ad. 31/5/03 re Bob's comments on hoardings in High Street).

Jean – thanks to Bob's intervention The Chestnuts will look much better and only Bob is prepared to do this detailed work.

Social Group – Compton Ramble successful and well attended. Jean said that cakes are needed for Garden Open Day (29/6) and drivers for the Seniors outing to Polesdon Lacey (16/7).

EGRA – Jennie Kyte gave report. Meeting with Westfield and negotiating about Friary development. They say they cannot provide hard figures, therefore they are still consulting.

Membership – Barbara is taking this up. Barbara to find out the range of each Road Rep. They collect subs in the normal way and then give to Barbara, who passes them to Steve Palmer. She explained that she has heavy work commitments at present and there would be a delay before she collates list of members on to a database.

Adverts in Newsletter: Albert Roux Café in House of Fraser is open in evenings. A personal note on same would be fine. May consider for Website. Spot in Newsletter each time “our members recommend”, saying what an HTAG member has enjoyed locally.

Social Aims of HTAG: Deferred to next meeting.

A.O.B.:

1. Overhanging Trees – Rosemary Cornelius feels back gardens should be cared for so they don't overhang their neighbours.
2. Castle Hill – Jean Bridger reported that the residents had done a survey of cars per day down Castle Hill – 3,500!
3. Charlotteville Conservation Project
4. Gordon Bridger asked for ideas on Minor Works - £40,000 from Environment Panel for, perhaps (a) seats at bottom of Castle Hill, (b) Pavement Harvey Road, (c) Area outside Cambio Restaurant.