

**Minutes of the Outer Avenue Residents' Association Ordinary General Meeting
Monday 22 January 2018 at Bevois Town Primary School following AGM**

PRESENT: As identified on the attendance list as follows:

Alma Road :

Barbro Fitzjohn(Membership), Peter Wirgman, Chris Jackson.

Avenue Road

Fiona Barnes, Ally Hayes, Des Hayward, John Hayward (Vice Chair), Ann Woolnough (Minutes Sec).

Cambridge Road

Colin Aubrey

Gordon Avenue

Phine Dahle, Jerry Gillen, Andy Haslehurst(Treasurer), Dorothy Haslehurst, Hilary Jackson, (Secretary), Maggie O'Connor, Sue Swallow(Chair).

Spear Road

Ed Parsons

Other attendees

Cllr Barnes-Andrews, Cllr Burke, Phil Collins (Inner Avenue RA), Gill Ghahouni (PPG), Manzoora Ashraf

1. Introduction

The purpose of the OGM was to identify what else OARA can do to create a clean, safe, attractive, healthy and welcoming environment for all residents to enjoy living in and share ie create "Quality Streets".

The aim was to share ideas and agree priorities for action with respect to traffic, parking, pollution, Lodge Road, litter, bins, overdevelopment, planting more greenery, being creative, digging up history, having fun, feeling well, being a proper community.

The circulated green sheet broadly set out provisional plans for the years ahead and those present were invited to help prioritise through discussion. _

The table below sets out suggestions and points arising for further consideration. These would be looked at by the committee to help them revise OARA plan and priorities for the year ahead.

Theme/Suggestion	Action
General	
Strengthen the committee by finding a Secretary and Treasurer designate to be elected at the AGM in January 2019	Need to be publicised in the newsletter
Strengthen the committee by identifying someone with planning experience perhaps in an ex officio, co-opted capacity	Need to be publicised in the newsletter
Community and Social	
Use the new link with the university to address distress caused to residents by student parties	
Support initiatives to set up interest/ hobby groups	Help with publicity, support as part of the overall OARA structure, link to patient

	participation options, help if applying for agreements of any description
Promote cycling by residents	Organise a re- familiarising cycle round The Common for lapsed cyclists. Publicise new tool facilities on Common opposite church.
Dementia contact group at Mayflower Court	Join/ promote engagement with the new support group at the care home.
Organise a music group to parallel arts initiatives	A summer event?
Exhibition crossovers with Latin Dance Club	
Help publicise exercise group at the church, cafe, scrabble afternoons, film club	Use OARA notice board, surgery notice board, OARA newsletter. Avoid a dated directory arising from maintenance difficulties
Revitalise the link with the local police	
Nurture continued SU representation at OARA meetings	
Support surgery patients away from expectation of a medical solution towards a social prescription	Engage with new surgery manager. Join with self care for life initiative
Getting a surgery fit for purpose	Panel consideration of Blockbuster site
Communications	
Continue to raise profile of OARA in catchment area especially with the ' new generation' of residents	Leaflet to all in October with party notice to reach as many people as possible. A second leaflet per year?
	Consider opportunities of Council's events website and 'Discover Southampton'
	(Permanent) posters in the library, outlets such as fish and chip shop
	A weekend of door knocking in pairs
	Continue use of post cards to welcome and thank.
	Topic with speaker per OGM so people know what they are coming for.
Visit mosque	Meet the women after prayers on a Friday 1.30/1.45pm
Smart Streets	
Address litter from late night takeaways	CCTV role, litter bin provision
Continue to promote litter pick to get more helpers	Allow individuals to pick their day of the week? However lose 'branding' of activity if not a core group and social element if not a set routine? Need to keep in contact to report serious messes. Start earlier in morning as days lengthen? Have a text group? Formalisation of coffee or pub visit afterwards?

Re educate each wave of students	Publicise Council approach to bins
Influencing student behaviour at changeover.	OARA rep as a catalyst to meet student rep soon/ before Easter. Poster campaign on recycling? Liaison with charities? Sorting on campus? Dissemination of bulk collection rules?
Continue via photos to highlight to Council serious messes	
Parking issues	Hold a well prepared OGM in March on this issue and Lodge Road Survey.
Potholes/ flooding	Sink hole in Earls Road, flooding at sliproad at Lodge Rd/ Portswood Rd lights. Also at the Gordon Arms.
History	
Continue to raise funds for projects	
Repeat craft fair held before Christmas.	
Blue Plaque for Thomas Lewis	
Repeat some walks(church asked for dedicated walk)	
Talks to primary schools	
Welcome to locality sign	Identify how Highfield one funded . Need a grant and permission.
Celebrate suffrage centenary and Soton's role	
Publish 5 th calendar	
Continue to update facebook and website	
Greening	
Publicise trees still available for planting	
½ barrels still available for frontages	
Pursue planted pot scheme for students	
Involvement of greening group in Lodge Road improvement	
Maintenance work ... weeding, planting and cutting back	
Planning	
Continue to monitor and comment on applications and petition in respect of unauthorised development	
Funding	
All groups need money and/or volunteers..	Speak to local businesses

The chair thanked everyone for coming and contributing their support.

Meeting closed: 9.05pm