

**HINDLEY GREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Held at Hindley Green Family Church at Bethel on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

**PRESENT:** Debbie Birchall - DB, Jim Burtonwood, Mike Lynch, Mike Walsh - MW, John Vickers - JV, Jeff Unsworth - JU, Barbara Unsworth, Avis Shone, Lynn Collier, Margaret Wright, Alan Wright, Maxine Armstrong, Barbara Lane - BL, Ken Ellison, Sheila Woodward, Joan Blundell, Ann Sutton, Andy Sutton, David Dale, Pauline Hilton, Doreen Pye, Julie Bradshaw, Tony Brisco

**APOLOGIES:** were received from Dawn Draper, Cllr. Bob Brierley - CBB

The Chair welcomed both existing and new members to the meeting and advised everyone of the escape routes in the event of fire.

1. **MINUTES:** There were no minutes available from the previous meeting. It was agreed that these be carried over to the September meeting. These minutes have been drawn up by the Chairman utilizing the Secretary's notes with some amendments.
2. **COMMITTEE:** A nomination was received for committee member for Barbara Lane. Proposed Debbie Birchall and Seconded Barbara Unsworth. After a show of hands Barbara Lane was unanimous.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - i. **Bethel Update**

Committee held talks with the elders and put forward proposals. We came to an understanding and the Church Elders went away to recommend HGRA have access to the building as long as events did not coincide. In the meantime the Elders picked up on the June minutes where **CBB** had made his opinions known. Upon seeing this the Church Elders took back the invitation to HGRA. The committee have since spoken to **CBB** and told him that he does not speak on behalf of HGRA. We are willing to work alongside. Other options and alternatives were then discussed by the meeting.
  - ii. **Engineer's Fund**

Funding for scheme at side of Bethel now available. HGRA will write to residents and ask them to comment. Plans and pictures circulated to the meeting. Now awaiting WLCT feedback
  - iii. **Sponsorship**

**JU** originally took this on but now has other commitments. Help needed, also help in attracting other funding to the association. Anybody interested let the Secretary know.
  - iv. **Thomas Street One Way System**

No further information available. Stephen Bell, Wigan MBC Traffic Department, now fully understands the issues involved.
  - v. **Grot Spots**

Sometime during the month Grot Spots to be cleaned up by Wigan MBC grot spot team. Areas to be passed on include, Blair Avenue verges which are in a bad state. Land before Rod Raines. Land at side of Spinners. Coupland Road.
  - vi. **HGRA Projects 2009/2010**

A discussion took place around what projects the association should take onboard for the coming year. Suggestions included area on Leigh Rd, Gated alleyway near the hairdressers. Harlea Avenue. Clayhole noticeboards.
  - vii. **Traffic Issues**

Coupland Road now adopted as from today, the road will continue to be gritted and roads, drains and lighting will be maintained also. Further attempts being made to divert all HGV traffic down Coupland Road. Three people attended a demonstration on Swan Lane regarding HGV traffic
  - viii. **Christmas Lights**

Last years position explained, and suggestions put forward for this year. **CBB** paid for last years tree at St John's, perhaps one in the middle of the roundabout and one at either end of Hindley Green. Lights for shop premises HGRA can get for £2.5K cheaper than last year than paid by Cllrs. Fagan.

**4. FINANCE**

As of the 5<sup>th</sup> August the bank balance stands at £939.23 with an income of £12.90 and no outgoings since the last report.

**5. PLANNING MATTERS**

No planning applications received for Hindley Green since last meeting. A discussion took place around the development framework consultation and its implications for Hindley Green. **JU** to add information to website **ACTION 139 - JU. JV** to gather further information **ACTION 140 - JV**.

**6. COUNCILLOR ITEMS**

None received. HGRA website carries dates and times of all Hindley Green Councillors surgeries.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i. Alleyway behind hairdressers twice reported to police, customers at hairdressers blocking in residents who have also had aggressive behavior from the shop owner. HGRA to write to shop owners asking them to show consideration to the residents **Action 141 - MA**.
- ii. Concerns regarding the state of the roads on Green Lane and Crossdale Avenue. **JV** to raise at Township Forum.
- iii. Leigh Road definitely improved since improvements made, speeding still a problem but situation much better.
- iv. Promotional and financial support given by HGRA to an initiative by Colin Walsh regarding under 16s meeting and disco. £50 donation.

At this point Councillor Barry Fagin joined the meeting and gave the Association an update on various items he had or is involved in including the land at the Dray King. No further monies available for Surestart. Councillor Fagan's Brighter Borough fund money being kept for specific projects. Council entering difficult times, have to save £35million over next two years

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 commencing 7.00 pm at Hindley Green Family Church at Bethel.

Apologies for any errors and omissions.

Ref	Date	Action	Owner	Comments
<b>2008 ACTIONS</b>				
47	05/11/08	Request further footprint be carried out at Atherton Road/ Leigh Road junction from Wigan MBC	DB/ CBB	E-mail sent to CBB 28/11/08 – awaiting response from WMBC – Chased CBB 20/01/09 & 02/02/09
<b>2009 ACTIONS</b>				
104	07/01/09	Contact Wigan MBC regarding inadequate lighting on Ludlow Avenue	DB	Ongoing - E-mail sent 21/01
114	04/02/09	Investigate proposals for bale hostels	JV	Ongoing - No further information available at present
119	04/03/09	Obtain information regarding the PACT Process from Township Forum	JV	Ongoing - Not at last meeting
120	04/03/09	Raise at Township Forum problems with vehicles parking on grass verge Blair Avenue	JV	Ongoing – Greenspaces investigating
121	01/04/09	How do Highways consult with residents regarding proposed projects/plans?	CBB	
122	01/04/09	What can we do to encourage our local Councillors to support us?	JV	Currently in hand
124	01/04/09	Who owns the land on Leigh Road, the old railway gap	DB	
126	01/04/09	Add waste collection details to website	JU	
130	03/06/09	What proposals do Cllr. Barry and Louise Fagan have in the pipeline for their Brighter Borough Funds	DB	Ongoing
131	01/07/09	Chase 5 <sup>th</sup> boundary sign at Westhoughton boundary	DB	E-mail sent to Malcolm Coe
132	01/07/09	Arrange for shrubbery to be cut back to the rear of the land adjacent the Bethel	CBB	
135	01/07/09	Put forward traffic issues to TE&E Sub Group	DB	E-mail to M Coe & Traffic Dept
136	01/07/09	Who is responsible for Bexley Street?	DB	E-mail sent to D Jenkinson
137	01/07/09	Add Local Development Framework to website	JU	
138	01/07/09	Provide list of sources available for funding	JV	
139	05/08/09	Add details to website regarding development framework consultation	JU	COMPLETE
140	05/08/09	Collate further information regarding the development framework consultation	JV	
141	05/08/09	Visit shop owners requesting consideration be given to residents	MA	