

Minutes of the Havant Civic Society AGM
St Faith's Church on Wednesday 26th September 2018

- 1) Thirty plus local residents (and including some from further afield) assembled at St Faith's at 7.30pm and several joined the HCS.
- 2) Tracey Viney from Portsmouth Water gave a comprehensive 50-minute talk on the Havant Thicket Winter Reservoir. Work will begin in 2022 and is expected to be completed and fully available to wildlife and the community by 2029. A number of questions were asked and answered by TV.
- 3) Vernon Stradling talked us through the HCS accounts. No questions were asked. The meeting approved the accounts.
- 4) A new HCS Committee was proposed for election:

Chair – Bob Comlay

Vice Chair – Peter Hammond

Secretary – Anna Glanville-Hearson (with help from Ann Buckley)

Planning & Local Plan consultant – Christopher Evans

Treasurer – Vernon Stradling

Gazebo Garden Coordinator – Ann Buckley

The committee was proposed by John Worley and seconded by Brian Nash.

- 5) Christopher Evans talked us through a selection of local planning applications that HCS had commented on. He pointed out that many of the applications currently being considered had been submitted prior to agreement of the Havant Local Plan.
- 6) Ann Buckley gave an update on a recent Havant Borough Residents Association meeting with the HBC (and East Hants District Council) Head of Planning, Simon Jenkins, and others from the HBC Planning Dept. She described how points were raised re lack of infrastructure, the agreement of housing developments before the local plan is agreed, lack of build on the many brown field sites in the Town Centre, lack of emphasis on heritage and ecology. A poorly publicised Local Plan consultation had resulted in a low response. Ann urged people to contact councillors re East Pallant Car Park and the exclusion of East St from the Town Centre in the Local Plan. A Council meeting will take place on 30th January 2019 to consider the Local Plan and it will then be voted on. The audience and other members of the public were urged to attend the meeting so that their voice would be heard.
- 7) Anna Glanville-Hearson gave an update on activities in the Gazebo Garden during 2018, and reminded people that the venue was available for events and that we

would welcome more in 2019. No questions.

- 8) Bob Comlay gave a quick update on progress with the Signal Box project.
- 9) Peter Hammond gave a Small Business update. He said HCS had spoken to 30 small businesses re having a voice through the HCS. He talked about East St, the fact that local businesses are not aware of what HBC is doing and how it affects their businesses. PH expressed the hope that more small businesses would join HCS so that influence over HBC decisions would be greater.
- 10) Bob Comlay gave a report on results of the website questionnaire; he rounded the meeting off with thoughts on the degeneration of the town centre over the last 10 yrs, including the poor state of the West Street shopping area. This was met with general agreement.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.