

## Accounts

The inaugural meeting of the Association held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 received generous donations which established a solid working fund. Subsequent donations of money and resources, such as paper, ink and printing services, have ensured that a sound financial footing has been maintained. Abbreviated interim accounts for the first three months of the year are presented below:

1 January – 31 March 2016 Income & Expenditure		
Income	£	£
Donations	381.55	
Total Income		381.55
Expenditure		
Room Hire	20.00	
Printing & Stationery	51.79	
Total Expenditure		(71.79)
Balance Carried Forward		309.76

The Association has no membership fee, and relies upon donations for income. Following this AGM it is intended to open a current account with Barclays, Chesterton Road, with expenditures authorised by any two of the three officers on the committee who will be signatories on the account. No overdraft facility will be sought.

*Prepared by Richard Cushing as Interim Treasurer  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2016*

## 4. Draft Constitution

available at <http://hpera.co.uk/about/constitution>

# HURST PARK ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting

at the Good Shepherd Church Hall, Mansel Way, Arbury

7.00pm on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## AGENDA

Introduction\* and Welcome

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Inaugural Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 – matters arising
3. Chairman's report and accounts
4. Adoption of draft Constitution
5. Election of committee for 2016/17
6. Forthcoming events
  - Local Election Hustings 28<sup>th</sup> April
  - Petition on Parking Controls closes 31<sup>st</sup> May
  - City Deal Joint Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - Street Party 11<sup>th</sup> June
  - City Deal Executive Board 16<sup>th</sup> June
  - SpeedWatch next date in the Autumn
7. Future role of HPERA
8. Any other business
9. Close of AGM – Start of social evening

### **\*Your Interim/Acting Committee**

Michael Page (Chair), Mary Pountain (Secretary), Richard Cushing (Treasurer), Jo & Luke Tunmer (Social media/Website), John Beasley and Andrew Milbourn

### **2. Minutes of Inaugural Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016**

available at <http://hpera.co.uk/assets/hpera-minutes-060116.pdf>

### **3. Chairman's Report and Accounts**

Our Association was set up in January of this year in response to the so-called consultation on the City Deal's plans for Milton Road. Feelings ran so high that we had an estimated turnout of 180 people at the inaugural meeting. Thanks to input and efforts from countless residents we were able to put together a 43-page submission in rebuttal of the plans but also proposing alternatives, because we would all like to see an investment made to improve the traffic management and streetscape along Milton Road.

During the last four months we have held six full committee meetings, distributed four newsletters and carried out six mailings via our email database. I would like to stress that this database is kept strictly confidential and will not be divulged to any other individuals or organisations.

Committee members have also attended, and asked questions at, meetings of the City Deal executive board and assembly, the City North Area Committee, the Cambridge Joint Area Committee for transport and parking, the City RA Forum and had separate meetings with council officers and the Managing Director of Stagecoach East. We attended meetings of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign and also Cambridge-Connect which has published an alternative and exciting vision for the future of transport in and around Cambridge. We also walked the length of Milton Road with colleagues from Milton Road

Residents' Association and representatives from Cambridge Smarter Transport when trying to formulate alternative ideas.

Through this process we have learned that we can achieve more if we can collaborate with other residents' associations and, thanks to Wendy, Tania, Lynn and Barbara from the Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations (FeCRA), we are making common cause with others who are facing similar threats to their urban environment. The FeCRA AGM on April 18<sup>th</sup> brought together residents from across the city to hear a presentation and panel discussion about getting our voices heard in the midst of an avalanche of planning applications and transport developments.

The council elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May have given us an opportunity to ensure that candidates in our local wards are alert to our concerns, so we sent out a questionnaire to all of them and we will display their responses on our website. This is a prelude to a hustings event organised together with MRRA and Friends of Mitchams Corner planned for next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm at Chesterton Community College. Please get along there if you can.

Finally, a word about parking. We've all heard that 'something needs to be done' – but yellow lines at the bottom of Hurst Park Avenue are in a lengthening queue of requests to a council with no spare cash. We like the idea put forward by Smarter Cambridge Transport to put pressure on City Deal to spend a small fraction of their millions on a trial of parking controls across the city. These could be light-touch schemes (including yellow lines) tailored to the needs of individual communities to dis-incentivise commuter parking without the heavy-handed approach of typical residents' parking schemes. We urge you to read their proposal and sign the petition for a 6-month trial – it's the only way to find out if the system will work and to measure if there would be a positive impact on congestion and perhaps reduce the need for dedicated bus-lanes.