

## Accounts

Residents have again donated generously and this enabled us to continue with professional colour printing of the five newsletters that we distributed during the year.

Abbreviated accounts for the financial year are presented below:

Income & Expenditure	1 January – 31 December			
	2018		2017	
Income	£	£	£	£
Donations	319.13		664.25	
Total Income		319.13		664.25
Expenditure				
Room & Refreshments	91.08		108.87	
Printing & Stationery	247.58		264.50	
Total Expenditure		(338.66)		(373.37)
Balance – Current year		(19.53)		290.88
Balance Brought Forward		488.33		197.45
Balance Carried Forward		468.80		488.33

The Association has no membership fee, and relies upon donations for income. It will be seen that expenditure is roughly matched by income, and the Association has sufficient reserves to absorb fluctuations. From the outset, the Association has operated a Community current account with Barclays Bank plc. Most transactions are made on-line, with expenditure authorised by any two of the signatories. John Beasley was added as a signatory during the year, making a total of four. The signatories are able to inspect the bank transactions at any time by logging in to the account. No overdraft facility is sought.

*Prepared by Richard Cushing, Retiring Treasurer 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019*

## 4. Election of committee/officers

Existing committee members en bloc                      prop. Gerry Rose  
 Treasurer: John Beasley    Secretary: Nicky Webb                      prop. Mary Pountain

# 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> March 2019

## AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM of 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018 – matters arising
3. Chairman's report and accounts
4. Election of committee and officers for 2019/20
5. Consultations
  - North-east Fringe 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - GCP Choices for Better Journeys 31<sup>st</sup> March
6. Meetings . . . elections
  - FeCRA AGM Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April
  - County Highways Comm 16<sup>th</sup> April
  - City Council Elections 2<sup>rd</sup> May
  - North Area Committee 13<sup>th</sup> June
7. Street Party 15<sup>th</sup> June
8. Any other business
9. Close of AGM

Start of social evening

## **Introduction - your HPERA Committee**

Michael Page (Chair), Mary Pountain (Secretary), Richard Cushing (Treasurer), Luke Tunmer, John Beasley, Andrew Milbourn, Hilary Goy, Jane Wheatley, Barbara Thomas

## **2. Minutes of AGM of 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018**

See separate document – also at <https://hpera.co.uk/documents/agm-minutes-2018.pdf>

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

During the past year we held four full committee meetings, sent out ten email bulletins and delivered five printed Newsletters to all households in the estate. The news articles covered a variety of matters of local interest and concern, but they weren't all centred on difficult or contentious issues. For example it was a pleasure to support Milton Road School pupils and the Library Friends in their efforts to camouflage the library construction site with colourful hoardings. And it was heart-warming to report on the huge attendance at the second year of carol-singing organised by Nicky and Ruth which raised £330 for the BackUp Trust.

At last year's AGM we invited our guest speaker, Dr Colin Harris, to give us a presentation on the viability of the CAM Metro project being promoted by Mayor Palmer. Colin was sceptical about the costings in the consultants' initial report which came in at £1.5-1.7 billion. In their latest report published last week the consultants' estimate has now risen to £4 billion. An indicative map of a future transport network including the metro is shown on one of the table displays. I'll leave you to judge how much of it we can expect to see in our lifetimes.

Also shown on the tables are design ideas for the streetscape and landscaping of the GCP Milton Road project. We continued to maintain a strong presence at all the consultation and workshop design forums for the project along with colleagues from Milton Rd Residents' Association and CamCycle. Following these efforts the GCP Board this week approved a set of plans that are much more in keeping with a street built for people rather than a corridor built for buses. Construction is now scheduled to commence in April 2020 with completion at the end of 2021. Also, construction of the Histon Road scheme should commence in the autumn of this year.

Once again we found ourselves dealing with a continuation of the themes from the previous year – unabated growth agendas being pursued by government, big business, the universities and colleges, and property developers. These pose big challenges for the quality of life of existing communities in the city and surrounding villages, but also create concern about the quality of life likely to be experienced by those who will come and live in the new areas. Will they offer the affordable accommodation so badly needed by people working in our essential public services, for example? One such is the North-East Cambridge Fringe development which has just received a boost with a pledge of £227 million from the government to fund a move of the sewage works. This will release sufficient land to build a new community of up to 8000 dwellings – enough to house the population of Ely - across the other side of Milton Road from the Science Park. Andrew Milbourn and John Latham on behalf of HPERA, MRRA and FeCRA have attended some of the early community engagement meetings. The online consultation on this closes this weekend – details are on the HPERA website.

Parking has remained an unresolved issue. Our county councillor and the GCP are now trying to reconcile conflicting needs in neighbouring areas because of the planned removal of parking spaces on Milton Rd. We will do our best to keep everyone informed about any consequences for our estate.

Many of you have asked about the controversy caused by the removal by the County Council of a hedge bordering the Arbury Play Park which is actually a City Council Protected Open Space. We eventually lodged a formal complaint about the process with the authorities involved and we are still waiting for their response. Likewise we were surprised to see the removal of barriers two weeks ago at the original cycle path leaving an unencumbered 3.6m wide roadway available for all-comers. Again our written protests have not produced a proper response or explanation. That seems to be par-for-the-course when dealing with the County Council administration.

On a more positive note one of our city councillors has obtained funding for two extra streetlights and yellow lines to discourage parking at the corners of road junctions. Also a vehicle activated speed warning display that can be moved to various locations on the estate. Volunteers will be needed!

In conclusion I would like to thank fellow committee members for their efforts in helping to look after the interests of our neighbourhood. It would be nice to think we could relax and look forward to an entirely uneventful year to come!