

# St Helens Resident's Association

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## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Venue: 28 Highlever Road

Attendance: Clare Singleton CS  
Alexa Pellumbi AP  
Ruth Hillary RH  
JH  
MT  
AK  
NW  
HP  
MHM  
TN  
TM

Apologies: Adrian May  
JC

### 1. Health:

- Ms. Frankie Lynch Director of Primary Care PCT will be coming to talk about proposed local health reforms
- Questions will be prepared and presented in advance by CS covering the following topics:
  - Explanation of exactly how the polyclinic will function
  - What surgeries will be threatened with closure
  - Timescale of changes
  - What will the transitional arrangements be
  - What are the plans for the vacated surgery premises
  - What are the plans for the keyworker flats proposed for St Charles Hospital
  - How will the beds in the Phoenix Ward for older patients be re-distributed
- It is expected that local GP's will attend the public meeting but will not be expected to address the meeting

### 2. Finance

- Treasurer RH presented updated accounts and will give a brief report at the public meeting
- A community account at the Co-op has now been set-up
- It was decided that a contribution box will be available at all public meetings to raise funds to cover fixed costs such as hire of the church hall and data protection

### **3. Community Safety**

- The new sergeant Richard Griffiths has been invited to the public meeting to speak about his role in the community
- A report on local crime statistics will be presented at the April public meeting
- It was requested by AD that a brief update of local crimes be included in all public meetings. This will include attempted burglaries and other crimes that may not be reflected in the official crime statistics.

### **4. 53 St Helens Gardens**

- Some confusion has arisen over the planning application for the old hairdressers at 53 St Helens Gardens. There are no plans pending to remove the shop,
- NW will write to Cllr. Blakemore to clarify the misunderstanding.

### **5. SHRA Policy and Decision Making**

- Discussions will be held at committee meetings where possible and special meetings may be called to discuss individual cases
- Where timescales allow the committee's decision will be included for discussion at public meetings
- It was agreed that the committee is made up of a good cross section of the community and as such the committee's decision will be deemed to be representative of the members

### **6. Sub-Groups**

- There is still some confusion as to who / how these will work operate, this will be clarified as and when the need arises.

### **7. Next Committee Meeting** - tbc date prior to public meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009