

HRA

Meeting	HRA Committee Meeting
Date	17 July 2025
Time	19.00
Venue	Gordon League
Attend.	Grant Bowden (GBo) – Chair, Planning and Legislation lead DiBs Bucknell (DiBs)– Treasurer, Highways lead Ian Pickup (IP) – Hon Secretary, Easements lead Chris Royce (CR) – Safety & Welfare lead Wayne Subryan (WS) – Environment & Open Spaces co-lead Sue Steggles-Cole (SSC) – Technology lead Jen Caple (JC) – Development lead Gemma Bate (GBa) – Environment & Open Spaces co-lead Gareth Steer (GS) – Active Member
Apol.	Kiran Emery (KE) – Media & Website lead Alex Kirby (AK) – Community Champion John Byron (JB) – Active Member

1	Minutes of previous meeting: 3 June 2025 Grant proposed acceptance; DiBs seconded. Approved.
2	Declaration No conflict of interest declared.
Ian	Opening Remarks Thanks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Bucknell for tenacity on highways concerns in particular regarding the swing bridge. • Gemma Bates and other volunteers for supporting the school fete where £62 was raised to support the school • Gloucester City Council, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pam Tracey for facilitating £300 grant ◦ Rebecca Trimmell for access to the speed fund • Ian Pickup for 8 years of services as Honorary Secretary, that ends today. Ian will continue to service on the committee
4	Treasurer's Report The bank balance stands at £710. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £20 spent on prizes for the stall at the school fete. • £250 is ring-fenced for moving the GLRFC defibrillator from inside the building to an outside wall. A letter is being drafted to confirm commitment and timetable for this work. • £200 is ring-fenced for a summer party and £25.00 set aside for prizes at a stall to be placed and the school summer fete. • Therefore £235.42 is in the kitty unallocated. • We are expecting £300 grant from Gloucester City Council to be used for insurance & software licences for 2 years but this is yet to clear • We are yet to procure insurance that has been quoted at £9.31 p.c.m.
5	Committee changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Pickup resigned as Hon Secretary. • Only Gareth Steer expressed an interest in the role. He was nominated by Jen Cable, seconded by Gemma bates and voted in unanimously.

6	<p>Project reports</p> <p>A. Highways – Dave Bucknell.</p> <p>A speed survey has been conducted at 3 points on Hempsted Lane, the results have not been analysed.</p> <p>Met with Alex McIntyre MP who will raise the issue of swing bridge with the council. Alex to ask if partial blocking may allow opening until works commence.</p> <p>B. Environment and Open Spaces Wayne Subryan & Gemma Bate</p> <p>The Terracycle bin is back. Now collecting 4 new streams: Pringles tubes with metal bases; BabyBel packaging (wax, net and plastic); Biscuit and cake wrappers as well as rice cakes and crackers; Bread packaging including pitta and wraps etc.</p> <p>School fete stall raised £62.</p> <p>C. Media and Website – Kiran Emery</p> <p>Broken links on contacts page fixed. Gareth to speak to Kiran to get access and training to website to upload minutes and for resilience.</p> <p>D. Planning and Legislation – Grant Bowden</p> <p>No significant planning commitments to report.</p> <p>Consultation for new planning bordering village (Llanthony Road), HRA to raise concerns over impact of lack of parking provision.</p> <p>Regarding the Belway development, hedges have been trimmed. Concerns have been raised regarding dust from the site, we will continue to monitor the effectiveness of dust suppression methods.</p> <p>E. Safety & Welfare Chris Royce</p> <p>There is currently a focus on anti-social behaviour across the city.</p> <p>Discussion on incidents of ASB from group of youths and poor parking including complaints on Facebook about impact of social media targeting on properties and individuals incorrectly linked to reported poor parking. Clair notes that we cannot resolve these issues on a case-by-case basis. If any parking is illegal or dangerous, it should be reported directly to the local PCSO or the relevant enforcement authority. It is not the role of the HRA to forward such complaints.</p> <p>The PCSO, Suzanne Sexton, has returned after a period of absence.</p> <p>Other issues flagged, monitored and escalated as appropriate include: hazards at the “bat caves” off Midsommer Walk where safety barriers had been removed and reporting of needles on the site; abandoned trolleys; and defecation against the church.</p> <p>F. Technologies – Sue Steggles-Cole</p>
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	<p>Written to broadband providers for update on full-fibre plans.</p> <p>Regarding laptop recycling scheme, HRA continues to support. DiBs highlighted target of 12 laptops per year, assume 6 from laptop donations and 6 funded from donations (funding target £1000). Scheme will favour school but be open to residents with other educational needs.</p> <p>G. Easements – Ian Pickup</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>H. Development – Jen Caple</p> <p>Plans for drop-in sessions being progressed with a pilot being planned for October, to be promoted in Parash Magazine.</p> <p>Jen has spoken with Thiva about the availability of Post Office service following complaints around PO availability, and suggested notifying customers should there need to be any amendments to published opening hours. He has undertaken to use the FB page to announce one short emergency closure.</p> <p>Discussion with Sainsburys about extending 2 hour parking limit, executives to draft letter.</p> <p>I. Entertainment – Alex Kirby</p> <p>Grant led discussion on summer event to include bouncy castle and picnic at GLRFC. Opportunity to promote laptop scheme and drop-ins. Sue open to organising face-painting and rounders.</p>
7	<p>Parish Magazine articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 July (Aug) Speeding in Hempsted – DiBs • 10 Aug (Sept) HRA engagement including drop-in sessions - Jen/Gareth • Promote quiz night – German theme (Oktoberfest)
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning from stall at fete, signage could have clearer that money raised was going to the school not the HRA • John to work with Cllr Trimnell on funding for youth opportunities
9	<p>Dates of future events and meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 September, GLRFC • 16 October (TBC)
10	<p>Actions arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executives to draft letter to Sainsburys • Gareth/Jen to work up drop-in plans and draft article for Parash Magazine • Gareth to discuss with Kiran access to website