HRA

Meeting	HRA Committee Meeting
Date	2 December 2025
Time	19.00
Venue	Brew House & Kitchen
Attend.	Grant Bowden (GBo) – Chair, Planning and Legislation lead Chris Royce (CR) – Safety & Welfare lead Gareth Steer (GS) – Secretary, Values lead Ian Pickup (IP) – Easements lead Jen Caple (JC) – Development lead Kiran Emery (KE) – Media & Website lead Sue Steggles-Cole (SSC) – Technology lead
Apol.	DiBs Bucknell (DiBs)– Treasurer, Highways lead Gemma Bate (GBa) – Environment & Open Spaces co-lead John Byron (JB) – Active Committee Member Wayne Subryan (WS) – Environment & Open Spaces co-lead

1	**Minutes of previous meeting: 16 October 2025** To be verified ex-committee
2	**Declaration** GBo noted apologies and that meeting was quorate Asked for AOB No conflict of interest declared.
3	**Opening Remarks** GBo wished everyone a Merry Christmas Thanks to: • SSC who is stepping down from active duty due to relocation to Australia • DiBs for highways signage • WS & Kate for the Quiz & GLRFC for hosting • GBa for stall of the EcoChurch and the teracycle bins • JC and Jim for the Christmas tree for the Church • GS for laying the Remembrance wreath Set current focus on: • Christmas Carols at the Quays
4	**Treasurer's Report** The bank balance stands at £949.97 • This includes £434.91 ringfenced for laptop fund • Spent £20 on flowers • £12 on Christmas Tree for the Church • £15.59 on Domian registration • £25 on hall hire for drop-in session
5	**Project reports** • **Highways – DiBs.** Notice of roadworks • to repair mini roundabout outside post office expected prior in next few weeks • outside Lions estate in January • **Environment and Open Spaces WS & GBa**

Council bids made for improvements to Court Gardens appearance, more dog bins ("Swan's Nest" bridge) and improving the gateway to the path at Lions Court.

- **Media and Website – KE**

  GS & KE to discuss best approach to implementing community events calendar on website

- **Planning and Legislation – GB**

  No significant planning applications

- **Safety & Welfare – CR (update in advance read by GS)**

  Cllrs approached re road safety on Hempsted lane.

- **Technologies – SSC**

  Broadband
  - Virgin Media and City Fibre withdrawn commitment
  - BT Openreach in plans to connect via canal tunnel – availability expected Dec 2026

  Laptops
  - SSC to handover to person taking responsibility TBD
  - 1 laptop ready for distribution

- **Easements – IP**

  The muddy footpath through the woods to the canal will need resources and it's something the council do not have at present but there could be some Section 106 and they will make some further enquires

- **Development – JC**

  Letter to MP regarding drop in postal deliveries.

  Woman's group continues to be well attended.

  Drop-in session planned for 31 January 2026 to be hosted by GS & JC. Needs promotion.

  Welcome back to be developed by AGM.

- **Community Champions – All**

  GBo bringing someone on board for Easter

	• **HRA Values – GS** GS walked through draft values – to be consulted on with committee ahead of AGM
7	**Parish Magazine articles** SCC to lead on drafting content • 10 Dec (Jan) – Looking ahead to the New Year • 10 Jan (Feb) – AGM and recruitment drive • 10 Feb (Mar) – Open Spaces
8	**AOB** • None identified
9	**Dates of future events and meetings** • 22 January - Committee • 12 March – Committee • 22 April - AGM