

**Issues discussed:**

**Grit Bins** – informed that will be an agenda item in October

**HCC minerals and waste** – a statement was made by the Association of Verwood Residents: That they are a separate body from the No2purple Haze Campaign. The AVR will still support the work of the campaign. The focus of the AVR will be on stopping the extra housing in the Core Strategy and will maintain their independence from the Council and Councillors.

The campaign group have now formed themselves into a community interest company trading as Friends of Ringwood Forest. This is a company limited by guarantee and will have public accountability. There will be annual accounts and they are registered with the inland revenue. There will be a statement of social purpose which will require sign off by the government. The aim is to protect the heathland of Hampshire and Dorset with a particular emphasis on Ringwood Forest. A major London chambers are interested in supporting the campaign.

Current membership of the campaign group is 2594 of which 1800 are Verwood residents. 25% are not on the internet. Total letters to Hampshire on the minerals consultation is now at 3562 with 1420 from Verwood.

HCC Cabinet meeting 26/9 and the reports are released 19/9. Full Council is 13/10 where final decision will be made. Then will go forward to Secretary of State. Cllr Flower is to meet with councillors before the Council meeting.

**WOTS (Word on the Street) Bus** – update given of the activities during the summer

**Core Strategy** – Statutory consultation in February, final outcome in the summer 2013.

**Housing** – Cllr Jean Hazel gave a short presentation on her role as lead member at EDDC for housing. There are to be seminars on Community Land Trusts as a way of providing affordable housing for local people. **Action: That VTC arrange for a local seminar, potentially in partnership with the LAG. A decision will have to be made on whether it is open to the public or just for councillors. There was a level of interest from residents in attending.**

**LAG Future** – A major agenda item for November, Ron Tomlin from EDDC to attend. General consensus from the meeting that it was worthwhile and should continue. Jim Fiander has stepped down as Chairman due to ill health.

**Bakers Hanging Junction** – Again concern raised at the level of traffic movement from Plumley Wood extraction and also accident record.

**Chiltern Drive** – Abuse of double yellow lines and parking across dropped kerb. This will be dealt with during planning application process for Morrison's expansion.

**Burnbake** – report of second hand cars being sold from properties in street. Toold to report details to Val Bright.

A lengthy meeting with lively discussion!

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