



# RAPS Newsletter

## Port Solent's voices and AGM

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### RAPS Socials

#### April 4

**Quiz Night at The Botanical**, 7.30 pm start and on the first Thursday of the month throughout the year apart from December. £2 per person, teams of 6 max. Prizes - chocolates for the team in last place, wine for the runners up, £100 cash for the winners.

Quiet times, says the Chair's Report to this year's AGM. That has enabled the RAPS Committee to take a closer look at its communication channels with the membership, starting with the website. As things stood, a newcomer to RAPS could be forgiven for wondering what RAPS was all about without further digging. A strap-line displayed prominently might help, so we added **Ensuring your voice is heard** plus some small print: *RAPS is an independent, non-political association representing the interests of the whole Port Solent community, helping to sustain Port Solent as a pleasant, safe and unique place to live, work and enjoy.*

There was talk at the 2023 AGM of providing an interactive discussion space on the RAPS website. The Committee gave it some thought and concluded that this was better left to social media groups with a Port Solent focus, such as Stuart Taylor's *Voice for Port Solent* on Facebook. Stuart takes up the story:

"When I moved to Port Solent in August 2023 I was made aware of an old Facebook group that had once been very active for Port Solent residents but had been archived earlier in the year as the admins were no longer able to run it. I was able to contact them and have the group re-enabled as *Voice for Port Solent*. Since then the discussions have been varied, with people looking for help and with businesses advertising themselves in the area - mind you, we keep coming back to questions about the heating systems! Early in 2024 we started to suffer from spam and resolved this by making the group private, which meant that we can spot and reject spammers when they try to join. The group continues to grow by around 5% each month and we are now at 1024 members, many of whom post regularly about events or activities that might be of interest to members. We have found it a great source of information since moving here and gained plenty of advice and knowledge about the houses and about the area. We hope this will continue."

Do join *Voice for Port Solent* if you're on Facebook and while you're about it, join RAPS too!



# RAPS AGM

**Sunday 28th April 2024, 11:30 am at  
The Port House, Port Solent**

*Special guests: the Rt Hon. Penny Mordaunt MP,  
Tim Raw (PCC Engagement Manager), Mary Delaney  
(Tipner West Regeneration Project Leader)*

Photos::

Front: Port Solent from Oyster Quay, cover image for Voice for Port Solent on Facebook.

Above: Tipner West Regeneration Project: artist's impression of link to Horse Island. Source Business Hampshire <https://businesshampshire.co.uk/land-property/development/tipner-west/>

Coffee served from 11 am. Sunday lunch available afterwards but please pre-book. Please note that the AGM is for RAPS members, or prospective members only. You can renew your membership or join before the meeting starts: still only £10 per household per year.

*To save on printing costs please bring this Agenda with you and print AGM papers \* from [www.portsolentresidents.co.uk/raps-agm](http://www.portsolentresidents.co.uk/raps-agm)*

## **Standing for re-election to the RAPS Committee**

Chair Christopher Clark  
Treasurer Angela Britton  
Membership Olivia Firth  
Committee member Peter Lang

The Committee needs a Social Secretary. And please do not take it for granted that existing Committee members will continue to stand year after year. Members wishing to stand or be nominated should contact the Chair: [chrisleclark2010@gmail.com](mailto:chrisleclark2010@gmail.com)

## **AGENDA**

1. Chair's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM \*
4. Chair's report \*
5. Treasurer's report \*
6. Election of auditors
7. Election of Officers and Committee Members
8. Tipner West Regeneration Project - presented by members of the Project Team
9. Any other business (*Please notify the Chair before the start of the meeting of any substantial AOB so that sufficient time can be allocated*).