

Nutbourne Residents Association

AGM

Sunday 29th January 2023 7: 00 pm The Rising Sun

(kindly offered by Regan Howard)

Committee Attendees:

Bob Allison- Treasurer
Andrew Moffat – NHW Co-Ordinator

Brian White - Chairman
Elisabeth Eatwell - Secretary

Residents:

Lynne White – Ladies Social Group

Jane Cox	Peter Gregory
Margaret Gregory	Nad Guest
Jane Allison	Jacquie Dobson
Rod Wilson	Gil Wilson
Jill Westlake	Paul Clarke - HDC Councillor
Graham Westlake	Ian Hare – PPC Chairman
Sue Burroughs	Robin Martin
Roger Burroughs	Carole Martin
Frank Riddle	Erica Riddle
Liz Williams	Chris Williams
Jeanette Brickell	Chris Brickell
Kim Dennis	Joy Dennis
Betty Sherwood	John Pocock
Liz Pocock	Liz Sollom
Mike Sollom	Sarah Hare

Charlie Goblet d'Alviella

Apologies:

Paul and Carole Nash
Pam Wellard and John Wellard
Charlotte Kenyan - WSCC Councillor
Vanessa and Lee Goosens
Tim and Diane Smith

The Chairmen welcomed all those present in particular Paul Clarke (HDC Councillor) and Ian Hare (PPC Chairman). Their attendance is much appreciated. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, proposed by Jane Allison, and agreed by those attending.

The Chairman also expressed thanks to Regan for the continued use of the Rising Sun for our Sunday evening meetings.

1. Chairman's Report – Brian White

Our last AGM was January 2022. The year has been largely dominated by Royal Events - the Queens Jubilee followed by months later by her passing and subsequent state funeral.

In our Community our Neighbourhood Watch scheme with 122 email address covering nearly 100 homes is growing apace boosted by the appointment of two new NHW Wardens - Ross Phillips and Louisa Hall and their monthly activity reports will be forwarded on to you for your information. They can be contacted on either 07584 337475 or 476. Andrew Moffat's continuing efforts as Co-ordinator are very much appreciated and his alerts published as NHW email news numbered 60 over the year.

Roadwatch now known as Highways Matters will be a permanent Agenda item. We have been able to get WSCC Highways to raise jobs for the fallen 20mph signs near Ragmans Cottage, have foliage trimmed around the width restriction signs opposite Dykes Farm as well as the 20mph signs on Nutbourne Lane. We asked for the 20mph roundel to be repainted but apparently it's not in poor enough condition yet! We also asked for a review of HGV signage at either end of Stream Lane and the Highways engineer who visited decided that the existing signage was sufficient . A job has been raised to repair the very bad road edge damage on Nutbourne Road between Badgers Croft and Bramfold House and finally a number of potholes have been reported and some repaired but it seems to be a losing battle especially as they are prioritising the legal and illegal routes around the A29 diversions.

The HDC local plans have continued to be an issue throughout the year with updates from Paul Clarke and Ian Hare which was very much appreciated. Currently the plan is under review due to recent legislation that covers Water

Neutrality. The potential increase in the number of pitches at Lane Top (thankfully after work undertaken by Susan Burroughs and friends) has now been removed from the proposed plan.

Planning Matters - I spoke with the owner of Carpe Diem regarding the screening of the new house from the neighbouring home and have been assured that this will become less of an issue as the trees grow and mature, and the unauthorised repairs to the 'Ancient Tract' has been raised with the track owner, Neville Estates.

The ongoing concerns with Ebbsworth Cottage continue with an Enforcement Notice issued by HDC. The builders/owners have agreed to replace the roof tiles with handmade tiles and replacement of the chimney. However the new issue is the dreadful double garage which has been positioned too close to the historic building by 4 metres as the builders took the wrong boundary reference point! Watch this space.

The discovery of Japanese knotweed in the village during the summer (an invasive species subject to very strict legislation) has now been identified as Himalayan Knotweed which is slightly less problematic and not covered by the legislation. This has now been treated and removed.

2. Treasurers Report & Subscriptions – Bob Allison

The Treasurers year end report, to October 2022 was presented. This year we have seen contribution for the Defibrillator fund. The Carol concert raised £300 and additional generous donations raised this to £600. The defibrillator required a service and battery renewal which has left £291 which should prove sufficient for some time but in 4-5 years the battery will need replacing and a service will be required in August 2023. The Committee also had to take out public liability insurance for the summer Jubilee celebration.

Voluntary subscriptions are now being accepted £5.00 per individual or £10 for a household. Subscriptions can also be made directly to Nutbourn Residents Association Sort: 60-20-35 Acc: 41528247 please reference your name if you make a payment.

3. NHW Co-Ordinators Report

Co-Ordination with Horsham NHW and Police Authorities continued throughout the year and 'NHW email Alerts' were sent out as and when

deemed appropriate. Despite there being an arrest for the theft of vehicle catalytic converters there has been a further spate of thefts from driveways. There is obviously more than one gang operating in our area and we were advised to always check your car/garage & sheds and lock them securely.

4. Social Report Group – Lynne White

This year we were busy with the very successful and enjoyable Queens Jubilee barbecue and Street Party which was attended by around 150 people. A very pleasant day was enjoyed by all who attended, and, despite the rain at end of day those that remained enjoyed the facilities of the Rising Sun.

We also enjoyed the Xmas Carol Concert despite the very poor weather, which meant the event was held in The Rising Sun. A great evening was had by all and people were very kind with their donations, raising almost £250 towards the Storrington Food Bank organised by Horsham Matters.

Lynne mentioned that the Defibrillator will need a service and new pads sometime in August 2023 for which funds are available.

5. Election of New Officers

The existing committee declared they were happy to continue and Elisabeth Eatwell agreed to continue as Secretary which is much appreciated. The meeting agreed with this and there was a round of applause to show appreciation of the work of the committee on behalf of residents.

6. Matters Arising

- The Parish Neighbourhood Wardens were unable to attend - but their presence has been noted locally with the difficult situation concerning the local diversions on the A29. The Wardens monthly reports will be emailed out to everyone and should come to you on a regular basis. Please contact them directly with any local concerns you may have.
- HDC Local Plan - Updates for the district plan have been held up due to Natural England requesting that each planning Application demonstrate that no additional water is used from the Hardham reservoir - water neutrality— the 170 houses being built in Pulborough will use less water than the Nursery which occupied the site previously. Horsham have

decided to pause all planning permission to wait and see the framework that Southern Waters produce after their consultation in February. Because of the water neutrality a substantial number of housing plans could be cut which could affect residents. Community trust land does exist to create new affordable housing but the trust was due to go to referendum in 2021 but water neutrality stopped all decisions for the time being and legal questions are now being asked for clarity as to their position.

- Neighbourhood plans are due to be released which, if we voted for will allow us to control the way forward with regards to local development. There has been an eighteen months delay in producing this document in an attempt to ensure its decisions cannot be challenged. Once the plans are agreed district funding for the council increases from 15% to 25% .

7. Highways Matters

- Since October the edge of Nutbourne Road has collapsed leading to some expensive and extensive damage to vehicles, repairs have now been promised by WSCC though there is no indication when this may happen.
- The issue of HGV's using our local roads and Stream Lane in particular has been raised with WSCC. But apart from the existing signage it appears little more can be done. Watch this space.
- The A29 now has a bespoke web page on the WSCC website -and any information will be will be relayed via the Parish website. Currently there are three landslips affecting the section of road. HDC Councillor Paul Clarke reported that there is solid greensand underneath the clay which was dried out in our long hot summer last year. The heavy rain this autumn and winter then destabilised

soil causing the landslide. As a result Engineers wish to undertake borehole samples but are worried that this might trigger off more land slips.

Concerns have also been raised as some motorists are removing the barriers already erected and walking and driving in the closed off area. Diversions are now being put in place for pedestrians, and it was confirmed that more road signs being ordered as West Sussex have run out of the appropriate sign because of other road works in the County. The local diversions are causing a number of large potholes which apparently are being repaired as fast as possible.

- Diane Smith commented that in view of our village status White Pickett fencing could be placed at the entrance to the village with the village name. This it was thought might aid speed reduction in the village. When put to the meeting no real interest was expressed.

7. Planning Matters

- Ebbsworth cottage at circa 1450 is one of the older cottages in the village. Renovation by the new owners was welcomed at first but a number of planning issues have resulted in concerns being raised. An objection was made regarding the use of tiles over thatch but was overturned. However an Enforcement Notice had been issued at the end of last year with regard to removal of the original chimney and the roof tiles to be changed to handmade tiles. But now the bigger issue of the huge double garage foundations has arisen. Enforcement Officer Sean Rix has spoken with the owners and builders. A revised application will almost certainly be required.

8. AOB

- Frank Riddle explained that he has installed a heat pump and solar panels in his garden. He invited anyone interested in heat pumps and solar panels to take a look. It is an Air Source , which is partially helped by the solar panels. He also stated that he may need to increase the number of solar panels in the garden due to shading issues or consider roof mounted panels which would require Planning Approval.
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- Chris Williams stated that he has relaunched the organisation ' Friends of Pulborough Church' to assist with the cost of repairs to the fabric of Pulborough Church.

9. Next Meeting date- Scheduled for Sunday 30th April at 7pm in The Rising Sun.