

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday 24th January 2017 at The Barn, Long Platt

ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

Brian White (BW)	<i>Chairman</i>
Bob Allison (RA)	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carole Martin (CM)	<i>Secretary</i>
Andrew Moffat (AM)	<i>NHW Coordinator</i>
Jilly Marcuson (JM)	<i>Alternate Secretary</i>

Residents:

Ruth Simmonds	Lynne White	Chris Williams
Robin Martin	Peeta Keown	Frank Riddle
Rod & Gil Wilson	Jim & Rachel Butcher	Sandra Martin
Jean Baker	Andrea Lawson	Steve & Liz Winning
Audrey Rose	Martin & Paula Streeter	Chris & Jeanette Brickell
Mary Smithers	Sarah Brown	Barry & Heather Davis
Bridget Gladwin	Peter & Linda Williams	Richard Brown
Ian Hare		

Apologies:

John & Pam Wellard	Jim & Jill Shaw	Mike & Betty Sherwood
John & Nadine Guest	Roger & Susan Burroughs	Paul & Tracy Daly
Peter Gregory		

WELCOME

The Chairman (BW) welcomed residents and expressed pleasure at the good turnout. He thanked JM for the ongoing use of her barn, and Lynne White presented her with some flowers as a token of our appreciation.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1st November 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st November were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (ATTACHED)

BW presented his report. As many of the issues in the report are ongoing and feature in 'Matters Arising', BW simply highlighted the progress made over the year, with further updates to be presented later in the agenda. Key points are as follows:

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – 80 homes in the area are now part of the scheme.

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- **Aircraft Noise** – BW thanked Ian Hare for all his hard work and congratulated him on the notable progress thus far, and especially for keeping the NRA informed of the complex issues and discussions involved.
- **Roadwatch** – Some potholes have been repaired in Stream Lane and it is hoped that a full resurfacing will take place during 2017. Many residents still feel there are issues with speeding vehicles and an update on BW's correspondence with WSCC will be discussed later.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – This is still lodged with HDC and Ray Quested, who has been a supporter of the NRA over the years, will keep us informed of progress.
- **Neighbourhood Wardens** – Two wardens, Vanessa Green and Carol Boniface, have been appointed and have begun to make an impact, especially improving the welfare of vulnerable people such as the lonely elderly and disabled.
- **High Speed Broadband** – Substantial progress has been made in bringing high speed broadband to the village, and the new cabinet has been installed in Nutbourne Road. Some problems remain but will hopefully be overcome soon. BW thanked Rod Wilson (RW) and Mike Sherwood for their hard work and dogged persistence. RW will bring the meeting up to date later in the agenda.
- **New Access Road on Nutbourne Lane** – Concern had been expressed on a new access road on Nutbourne Lane near the reservoir by a small vineyard. The NRA lodged their concerns with WSCC, however the planning application has now been approved.
- **Social Events 2016** – There were a number of very successful social events over the year, such as Pumpkin Rolling, Carol Service and the Queen's 90th birthday celebration event. BW expressed his thanks to the social committee.

Finally, BW thanked Paul Seaton for his ongoing help with the website, especially as he does this without charge.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (ATTACHED)

Bob Allison (BA) presented his report. Key points were as follows:

- The surplus at year end stood at £416.45
- As the NRA depends on voluntary subscriptions only, BA thanked those who had paid in 2016 and reminded the meeting that 2017 subscriptions were now being received.
- There was one exceptional payment in 2016, of £100 towards the event in the Rising Sun to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

3. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Andrew Moffat (AM) presented his report. Key points were as follows:

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- There has been one particularly unpleasant burglary in West Chilton, during which a couple were held at knifepoint. The culprits have not been caught and are thought to have left the country.
- The police believe at least 2 criminal gangs are active in the area, using the A29 as an artery. They usually strike between 2pm and 8pm, having staked out premises beforehand. Jewellery is their main target. The police advise all to be vigilant, and when out or away, to consider the use of timer lighting.

4. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruth Simmonds (RS) presented this report. Key points were as follows:

- 2016 was a very successful year for social events.
Easter egg hunt raised £180 for Cancer Research
Pumpkin rolling raised £75 for 'Charlotte's bag'
Christmas Carols raised £305 for 'Charlottes's Bag'
'Charlotte's Bag' is a charity for glioblastoma sufferers, which is close to the heart of Paula and Martin Streeter.
- Overall, £860 has been donated to various charities and RS thanked the social committee members and other helpers for their hard work and support over the year.

5. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

All current officers agreed to continue for another year and this was supported by the meeting. BW then asked Ruth Simmonds to formally join the committee as the Social Representative and she accepted, this was agreed by those in attendance.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- High Speed Broadband Update

RW brought the meeting up to date. The new cabinet (cabinet 9) was installed in mid November and the plan was to connect the fibre optic cables in late November. However, due to blockages in the underground ducts which required excavation and council approval, this work was delayed. Some confusion amongst the various parties involved also caused delays, however it is expected that works will recommence soon.

When the blockages are removed, the fibre cables will run from cabinet 6 in West Chilton, to the new cabinet (cabinet 9) in Nutbourne Road. This is done by 'blowing' it 1,000m at a time through the ducts and it is expected to take approximately 10 days to complete. After the connection is made, the law

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requires a period of 28 days for other internet providers to confirm they are happy for testing to take place, as potentially some disruption to their service could occur. Following this, RW will let residents know when it is time for them to contact their own internet providers and establish new contracts. This is likely to be around the end of March. RW is receiving weekly updates from an Open Reach senior engineer, so will be in a good position to keep abreast of progress.

POST-MEETING UPDATE: FOLLOWING THE AGM, RW HAS HAD FURTHER CONTACT WITH OPEN REACH. THE BLOCKAGES HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED AND THE PROCESS OF 'BLOWING' THE FIBRE CABLE FROM WEST CHILTINGTON TO CABINET 9 IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE ON 6TH FEBRUARY. DURING THE FOLLOWING COUPLE OF WEEKS, THE NECESSARY CONNECTIONS WILL BE MADE AND OPEN REACH HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE START DATE FOR FAST FIBRE BROADBAND IS STILL THE END OF MARCH.

- **Parish Neighbourhood Wardens Report**

BW was hoping that the wardens could attend the AGM to report personally, however they do attend the coffee mornings in the Rising Sun where residents can talk to them informally.

Lynne White (LW) reminded BW that the wardens had asked him to remind residents to lock doors and use timed lights if possible when away from home.

- **Social Events 2017**

RS told the meeting that this year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Easter Sunday. BW suggested that we publicise well this year to make it even more successful than in 2016.

RS thanked Regan and Lee at the Rising Sun for their increasing involvement in the social affairs of the village. LW suggested that the NRA should give them something as a token of appreciation and this was supported (BW / LW to organise).

- **Roadwatch**

BW reminded the meeting of the proposal at the last meeting to approach WSCC regarding the possibility of having 20mph roundels on the road. However the Highways engineer has turned this down due to limited budget and the fact that Nutbourne is not a priority as there is no record of accidents in the village due to speeding.

- **Pulborough and District Community Care Association (PDCCA)**

Bob Allison (BA) announced that the PDCCA had recently won an award for the best social care organisation locally, run by the County Times. Jane Allison and

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the association were congratulated by all.

- **Aircraft Noise**

Ian Hare (IH) informed the meeting that the recommendations of the Arrivals and Departures Review have been adopted in their totality and a detailed action plan had been published.

A Noise Management Board, independently chaired by those who conducted the review and of which IH is a member, has been established. The purpose of the Board is to ensure implementation of the review recommendations and IH will keep the NRA informed as inevitably some difficulties and points of concern remain.

The Noise Management Board met on 4th February and IH has provided a summary of key points arising from that meeting, as follows:

In effect, it was an annual review from January 2016 to January 2017. All stakeholders, Gatwick, NATS, Airlines, CAA and DfT attended with presentations from Gatwick and NATS.

Key points:

1. Airbus A320 modification to reduce whine is on course for completion by end of December. EasyJet also reported that it has ordered 130 new Airbus A320 NEO aircraft which are 50% quieter than existing aircraft for delivery during 2018.

2. Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) has been raised from starting at 6000 to 7000 feet. A workshop has been held but it is acknowledged that there is much work to do on this to ensure it is effectively implemented.

3. Widening of the joint point to the Instrument Landing System (ILS) to achieve wider dispersal has been achieved but, following firm feedback from all community groups, it has been acknowledged that the widening of the swathe in the approach to the ILS has not yet been effectively implemented. Gatwick claimed that communities west of the airport were happier with action taken and those east of the airport in the presentation, but this has been rebutted firmly since. More work needs to be done and this will include measuring of the swathe on the approach to the ILS.

4. The new complaints website is up and running, and Gatwick was keen to point out that it can now be accessed from global mobile devices and that there is a Free post option as well. Here is the link:

<http://pagne.us13.listmanage1.com/track/click?u=4d75bf9d077dbb6e99e8eb60f&id=882606305a&e=af0e5f4221>

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Other key points going forward include the new night flight consultation. The consultation document can be found at:

<http://pagne.us13.listmanage1.com/track/click?u=4d75bf9d077dbb6e99e8eb60f&id=91e599b723&e=af0e5f4221>

The closing date for responses is 28th February.

The DfT is encouraging people to respond online:

<http://pagne.us13.listmanage.com/track/click?u=4d75bf9d077dbb6e99e8eb60f&id=e535f756c8&e=af0e5f4221>

But responses can be emailed to night.flights@dft.qsi.gov.uk or posted to:

*Night Flights Consultation
Department for Transport
Great Minster House (1/25)
Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR*

And airspace change consultation:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-airspace-policy

7. AOB

- Parking Charges

There is a proposal to introduce parking charges within the Parish, to replace the 50p disc. This proposal stems from HDC and although the Pulborough Parish Council has tried to argue that this could adversely affect traders in Lower Street, the scheme seems to be going ahead. All local parishes are unhappy about this.

It will cost £12 per year per car, or 75p per visit. It is as yet unclear whether the £12 yearly payment will allow parking in all areas covered by HDC.

AM raised a second point regarding parking, saying he felt commuters should be able to park free of charge on the road by the station, but as we are already aware, there is a plan to stop this and organise alternative parking.

If people wish to register an objection or point of view on either of these issues, the relevant contact numbers are:

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Parish Clerk – 01798 873 532

Horsham District Council- 01403 215 100

- Harwoods

RS advised that Harwoods have lodged a planning application to relocate their technical workshop opposite the Brewery by Brinsbury Campus. It will have a link with Brinsbury, with potential benefit to students.

The application can be found on the HDC website, should anyone wish to look at it in detail.

- Pulborough Housing

Audrey Rose (AR) questioned the wisdom of allowing old houses in Pulborough to be knocked down and replaced by modern houses and flats, especially in the Station Road area where parking is already a problem. Again, residents may contact HDC if they wish to comment.

- Birch Saplings on Nutbourne Common

Andrew Lawson (AL) mentioned that she would be on the common each Sunday in February from 10am until noon (weather permitting) to remove birch saplings from the heather – all volunteers welcome.

- Avian Flu

Frank Riddle (FR) alerted the meeting to the threat of Avian Flu and the need to notify DEFRA, or inform him or BW, if they found any dead bird. Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

SINCE THE AGM, INFORMATION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING ABOUT CASES OF AVIAN FLU IN LINCOLNSHIRE, LANCASHIRE AND DORSET. A WEBINAR HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY JASON DAVIES. IT IS OPEN TO ALL AND FREE OF CHARGE. TO REGISTER, GO TO JASON'S WORK WEBSITE:

WWW.WESTPOINTFARMVETS.CO.UK

ALSO, THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT APHA (ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY) IF THEY DISCOVER A DEAD BIRD:

LEVEL 1

COUNTY HALL

SPETCHLEY ROAD

WORCESTERSHIRE

WR5 2NP

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- Finally, BW thanked Peter and Bridget Gladwin for donating the wine for the cheese/wine social and invited all present to stay for a glass after the meeting closed.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th April in The Barn, Long Platt, at 7.15pm.

Accepted as accurate

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NRA Chairman's Report for AGM January 2017

Firstly we must again thank Jilly Marcuson for the ongoing use of her excellent barn, which she has very kindly offered to us, indeed she has even further improved the facilities for us. !

Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now very well established, covering over 80 homes and Andrew Moffat will speak more on that shortly. Needless to say Andrew's efforts as Co-ordinator are very much appreciated.

Happily we have pretty much had a year without controversy. However we have contended with a number of issues :-

- Air Traffic Noise – Ian Hare continued to represent us taking up the cudgels with LGW Management, ATC and Airlines with the aim of reducing this form of environmental pollution, with some success. Ian is here tonight to update us.
- Roadwatch – Concerns over speeding and potholes have persisted throughout the year. Some success was achieved with much work carried out by WSCC on repairing potholes in Stream Lane, however we will still pursue having the road completely re-surfaced this year. We still experience from time to time inconsiderate drivers using local roads, speeding and unsocial parking being the main issues. We must remain alert to these issues and continue to report them via operation Crackdown, more on this later.
- Neighbourhood Plan – We have monitored the progress of this process over the last couple of years but the process appears to have been bogged down now with HDC. But we do have, now, two neighbourhood Wardens covering Pulborough Parish, Carol and Vanessa who will update us later this evening.
- Broadband – Well, with much thanks to Rod Wilson and Mike Sherwood excellent progress has been made. Nutbourne was elevated in the West Sussex implementation plan and in November a new Cabinet was installed in Nutbourne Road with a promise of up to 30Mbps for many residents. It unfortunately it is yet to be commissioned but more on that later.
- Other issues encountered, well we had the 'bonfire on the Common' commotion, this was reported by Viv Seaton and appeared to involve pupils of a The Weald and has been dealt with.
- We also came together to object to a Planning Application brought to our attention by residents in Nutbourne Lane concerned about plans to develop a new access onto Nutbourne Lane. Unfortunately the application was approved so I guess we await developments.

We have had a brilliant year with Social Events for residents, and Ruth Simmonds is here this evening to present her report on those events and in particular how much has been raised for charity.

We must thank Paul Seaton who has continued to be very generous with his time spent keeping the Nutbourne.Org website up to date, with Historical updates from Frank and NRA matters from me.

Well that is it from me, thank you for continuing to support our Association and I hope we can all look forward to prosperous and healthy 2017.

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Treasurer's Report to the AGM on 24 January 2017

This Treasurer's Report covers the year ended 31 October 2016.

The Nutbourne Residents' Association continues to rely on voluntary subscriptions with a view to covering not only any annual recurring expenses, but also occasional more significant one-off costs as and when they arise. The only major outgoing this year was our contribution of £100 towards the music at the Rising Sun on the evening of the village event to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Other outgoings were routine and we have once again been able to build on our modest cash reserves.

Income and Expenditure Account

	2016	2015
	£	£
<i>Income</i>		
Voluntary subscriptions	185.00	155.00
Other donations	15.00	15.00
Total income	200.00	170.00
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Web site	15.00	15.00
Gifts and donations	10.00	50.00
Village day	100.00	--
Other (meeting expenses, printing & stationary etc)	31.00	45.00
Total expenditure	156.00	110.00
Net income	44.00	60.00

Balance Sheet

	<u>As at 31 October</u>	
	2016	2015
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	416.45	372.45
Representing retained surplus carried forward	416.45	372.45

Notes:

1. *The accounts of Nutbourne Residents' Association are not independently examined or audited.*
2. *Voluntary subscriptions are recorded as received. Expenditure is recorded when incurred.*

Most contributions to the Association's funding are collected at the start of the calendar year around the time of the AGM. **Donations should be paid to the Treasurer, either in cash or cheque (and if the latter, made payable to the Nutbourne Residents' Association).**