

*NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION*

*ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES*

*Held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at The Barn, Long Platt*

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members:**

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

**Residents:**

Nad Guest	Lynne White	Chris Williams
Liz Sowden	Peeta Keown	Frank Riddle
Rod & Gil Wilson	Mike & Betty Sherwood	Roger & Susan Burroughs
Ray Quested	Andrea Lawson	Jane Allison
Audrey & Trevor Rose	Martyn & Paula Streeter	Chris & Jeanette Brickell
Mary Smithers	Vanessa Green	Carol Boniface
Ian Hare	Peter & Linda Williams	
	Jane & James Sullivan	

**Apologies:**

John & Pam Wellard	Jim & Jill Shaw	Margaret & Peter Gregory
	Carole & Robin Martin	Ruth Simmonds

**WELCOME**

The Chairman (BW) welcomed residents and expressed pleasure at the good turnout. He thanked JM for the ongoing use of her barn which is very much appreciated which was greeted with applause.

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Attached)**

Brian White (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:

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- **Neighbourhood Watch** – 90 homes in the area are now part of the scheme.
- **Aircraft Noise** – Good progress has been made and Ian Hare will update us shortly.
- **Roadwatch** – Some potholes have been repaired in Nutbourne Lane more remedial work is required.
- **Neighbourhood Plan** – This remains lodged with HDC
- **Neighbourhood Wardens** – Our Wardens are doing sterling work and will update us shortly.
- **High Speed Broadband** – Was made available from May 2017 many thanks to d Mike Sherwood and Rod Wilson especially.
- **GT&TSP Consultation Document** – Lane Top is proposed to become authorised site to be discussed later.
- **The Common** – Working with PPC to improve natural habitat and shrubs.
- **Drilling on our doorstep** – UKOG exploratory drilling in Adversane.
- **Social Events 2017** – There were a number of very successful social events over the year, report later in the meeting.

## **2. TREASURER'S REPORT (Attached )**

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

- RA reported good level of subscriptions for the year without much in the way of expenditure.
- The Common replanting funding proposal is feasible and is to be ratified later.
- The surplus at year end stood at £577.84
- As the NRA depends on voluntary subscriptions only, BA thanked those who had paid in 2017 and reminded the meeting that 2018 subscriptions would be welcome.

## **3. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

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

- AM commented that it was good to see so many residents present and that scrutiny is the watchword.
- The year has been pretty uneventful apart from 2 instances of attempting scamming which were thankfully averted by assertive reactions and neighbourly support.
- Some fairly close Burglaries had occurred in West Chilington where jewellery was stolen. AM advised that valuables should be locked away securely.

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- Always be alert to the possibility of Scams which can be very convincing and keep an eye out for elderly neighbours who may need advice and support.

#### **4. SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

BW presented the report for Ruth Simmonds (RS) who could not be present. Key points were as follows:

- 2017 was another successful year with monies raised as follows :-
  - Easter egg hunt raised £185 for Action Medical Research for Children
  - Pumpkin rolling raised £85 used to fund Xmas carols
  - Christmas Carols raised £140 for 'Charlottes's Bag' which is a charity for glioblastoma sufferers, and £212 for Prostate Cancer Support
- Total monies raised was £622, and monies donated was £537

BW advised that although Ruth and her ladies were incorporated into the NRA last year it had been brought to light that this may involve the NRA in liability to avoid this it was proposed and agreed that the group would again be separate and independent of the NRA, but as always would be supported as necessary .

#### **5. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

All current officers agreed to continue for another year and this was supported by the meeting. Subscriptions remain unchanged at £5 per person or £10 per household on a voluntary basis.

#### **6. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **6.1 Neighbourhood Wardens 2017 Report**

Carol Boniface and Vanessa Green outlined their activities during the last year with a Powerpoint presentation that attempted to utilise JM's Smart TV unfortunately this was not possible but MS highlighted that an HDMI cable would most likely solve the issue. However the following topics were presented :-

- Tackling Anti Social Behaviour and working towards Social Inclusion
- Updating PPC on a regular basis
- Community Cohesion and Resilience

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- Community Safety for our Roads and Schools
- Sharing data with other Agencies
- Record Keeping and Accountability

Case Study – An example was presented involving a situation the Wardens became aware of involving a person living on their own. A home visit was organised and the situation assessed. Living conditions were very poor and the person was not coping at all well. Needs were assessed and after much discussion motivation was improved, neighbours were enlisted for support, new furniture was procured and a real improvement in the quality of life was established.

Other activities :

- Working with people to protect them from various scams
- Resolving neighbourhood issues/ supporting the Good Neighbour Scheme
- Supporting the local Youth Club/Schools
- Supporting people with dementia

Our aim is to help make Nutbourne a safe and happy community.

Residents at the meeting expressed their sincere thanks and support for all the work done by our two Wardens. Their contact telephone numbers are :-

07584 337475 and 07584 337476

## 6.2 Roadwatch

BW stated that we still have to 'battle' to get local roads repaired and that he was working on getting potholes and edge breakaway repairs carried out in Nutbourne Lane. We all need to keep an eye out and report the state of our local roads to WSCC. Several residents expressed their concern regarding local roads having a 60 mph speed limit, BW stated that in order to get WSCC to assess reducing speed limits you need to record instances of accidents. Concern was raised regarding the 20 mph speed limit posts in Stream Lane, which have rotted and fallen over. AL stated that this has been raised at PPC and WSCC and will hopefully soon be replaced. FR stated that you can rent Speed Cameras from the Police, perhaps the Wardens can investigate this for us.

Action: CB & VG

## 6.3 Travellers Site Consultation Paper

BW gave a précis of what has been discussed previously regarding the history of Lane

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Top and the concerns that have already been raised regarding the proposals in the GT&TSP Consultation Paper, which seeks to remove the family only restriction to the Lane Top site effectively making it an authorised gypsy site.

A discussion then ensued, with comments from many residents, which concluded that residents did not have an issue with the current situation where family only restrictions apply but that the HDC proposals should be resisted. BW, after a show of hands, agreed to register the meetings concerns with HDC. RQ suggested that all residents should consider using the HDC website address to object to these proposals. The web address to be sent out in advance of these minutes since the deadline for comments is the 26<sup>th</sup> January. Action: BW/All

In addition a Planning Application was submitted last November on behalf of the current families living at Lane Top requesting that the family only restriction be removed. This happened between NRA meetings and was therefore the subject of separate emails/discussions. Residents were informed of this development and advised to submit their comments to HDC in the normal way. If approved this application would pre-empt any decision made by HDC regarding the consultation paper. In light of the objection received by HDC this matter will most likely go to the Planning Committee meeting in February, we await developments.

#### 6.4 Aircraft Noise

IH gave an update of what has been happening over the last 12 months. There has been a merger of local action groups and IH is chair of the combined group. A320 modifications to reduce the whine continues but deadline for completion has been missed and operators will face fines for each aircraft not modified. Initiatives are underway to alter approach flight paths to keep aircraft higher for longer. Gatwick passenger numbers growth presents a problem expected to rise from 40 million to 50 million. Initiatives are underway to facilitate better ways of working with Heathrow and Gatwick to reduce environmental impact. Also Gatwick management are still pushing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> runway. Watch this space.

#### 7.0 AOB

7.1 Re-planting The Common, the committee agreed the spend of £100 towards the cost of introducing more indigenous shrubs on the Common with FR agreeing to oversee the spend. FR then presented the case for additional spend to make a more visible impact and the meeting agreed to an increase to £150. FR will order the plants and copy invoice to RA. Also he will advise us when he needs assistance with

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the planting.

Action: FR/RA

AL commented that as yet PPC has not put up monies for this initiative but that 24 donated new trees have been planted at The Common by PPC.

7.2 Nutbourne History & Conservation Group. FR stated that he would appreciate some support regarding publishing a history of Nutbourne. On the conservation front FR has requested swing gate replacements , with the agreement of the land owners, at a number of sites where the existing stiles may make it difficult for walkers.

8.0 Next Meeting Date : 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at The Barn at 7.15 pm.

**Accepted as accurate**

----- Chairman

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