

**Nutbourne Residents Association Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 21st January 2020**

Attendees:

Brian White - Chairman
Bob Allison- Treasurer
Jilly Marcuson- Secretary
Andrew Moffat – NHW Co-Ordinator

Residents:

Lynne White	
Jane Allison	Mary Smithers
Mike Sherwood	Rod Wilson
Betty Sherwood	Gil Wilson
Jean Baker	Jeanette Brickell
Nad Guest	Chris Brickell
Sue Burroughs	Robin Martin
Roger Burroughs	Carole Martin
Frank Riddle	Peeta Keown

Apologies:

Pam and John Wellard
Ian Hare

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed off.

Chairman's Report:

Firstly we must again thank Jilly Marcuson for continuing to provide to us the ongoing use of her barn. I think we should recognise how much this allows the NRA to continue and hopefully flourish.

Our Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now very well established, we have had some additions and deletions but we are currently at still over 100 homes locally. Andrew Moffat will speak more on that shortly. Needless to say Andrew's continuing efforts as Co-ordinator are very much appreciated.

We have another had a year without major controversy, but we have had some issues to address :-

- Air Traffic Noise – Ian Hare continues to represent the area via the merger of two representative groups in talks with LGW Management, ATC and Airlines with the aim of reducing this form of environmental pollution. Ian is here tonight to update us.
- Roadwatch – Concerns over speeding and potholes have again persisted throughout the year. The roads locally have deteriorated noticeably particularly at the top of Nutbourne Lane and West Chilton Road. Having recently suffered a ruined tyre this is something I shall continue to pursue. We also requested an additional 20 mph roundel for the northern end of the village which was declined, on grounds of cost by WSCC. On a more positive note some residents have observed a reduction in the speed of vehicles entering the village. After a resident raised the issue of poor road junction markings locally, WSCC actually repainted them fairly quickly – result ! We also during the year wrote to a number of local businesses and delivery firms asking them to remind their drivers of our 20 mph zone, we received several very positive responses.

- We also managed to carry out repairs to the 20 mph sign, badly damaged by a fallen tree, additionally the tree stump was considered a hazard to vehicles and was expertly reduced by Frank Riddle.
- The Village Parish Notice Board was refurbished by Bob Allison and given several coats of preservative or was it varnish.
- Perhaps not an NRA initiative, but done with our support, Frank also made considerable efforts to ensure the local footpaths were being registered as well as installing swing gates to replace difficult stiles, thank you Frank.
- After some investigation by Bob Allison, we decided to purchase a new Mixer Amp so that our existing and serviceable speakers could be used at suitable events, perhaps the BBQ and Xmas carols, thanks are due to Bob.
- We also produced after a small lapse, a Winter Newsletter which was emailed to residents and hand delivered to those residents who were not registered on email. Thanks are due to the small band of people who helped deliver them.
- We have had another great year with Social Events for residents and Lynne will update us shortly.

Thanks are due to Paul Seaton for continuing to maintain our website, unpaid, many thanks. That is it from me, thank you for continuing to support our Association and I hope we can all look forward to a prosperous and healthy 2020.

Treasurers Report:

The annual income is around £200. Out of that £50-60 is spent on printing, newsletter etc. This last year £200 was spent on the summer BBQ, leaving a deficit of £190.

An anonymous donation covered the cost of the new amp.

£40.60 is left in the bank.

The subs are voluntary and usually raise £180-200, although last year someone gave £50.

It would be nice to send flowers to ill or bereaved residents.

Various suggestions were made to raise money:

an email to the 110 people on the email list to suggest a donation?

Encourage them to pay subs, maybe bank details on the email.

Maybe less to charity at the Xmas carols

Charging slightly more for the summer BBQ, most people felt that would be reasonable.

Neighbourhood watch:

Andrew Moffat:

No major upsets. A few sheds broken into in Pulborough, but scams are more of a problem. Calls purporting to come from the bank or Amazon are very convincing. Advice as ever, do not respond or give out any information. Stealing email info is becoming common, pretending to come from a friend or acquaintance and only one detail may be different so it's hard to spot.

Social committee report:

Lynne White has agreed to chair the social committee, as Sarah Browne and Viv Seaton needed to take a step back, although along with others they will still lend a hand as and when.

This year was great for social events, the Easter walk was well attended (thank you, Jonathon).

We will do another one this April.

The BBQ was very successful, the date of Sunday, 28th June was set for another one this year.

The pumpkin roll was less well attended (fun for those who went though) so maybe this year we will perhaps only meet up for a social, pumpkin soup possibly.

Christmas carols was great. We took £203 at the event and gave £150 to Paula Streeter's nominated charity 'Charlottes Bag'. We thank her for coming every year, free of charge. This year the carols will be on Sunday 20th December.

We have £53 left in the kitty.

Other ideas being considered are :-

Pre Christmas drinks (last year this was very successful and good for the pub).

A Xmas Carols walk through the village is proposed for Saturday 5th December.

Raising the price of the BBQ to £7.50, and children to be free. Need to discuss this more.

Election of new officers:

All existing officers happy to stay on.

Matters arising:

It's disappointing that the Neighbourhood Wardens have been taken away from their interaction with the community, they are very useful when issues or disputes arise.

Potholes: most have been fixed today in West Chiltington road. But not the big one by Redford vineyard. When enough potholes are linked they may opt to resurface the road but it's an ongoing problem. Suggestion: circle them ourselves with white paint to mark them.

AOB's:

Frank brought up the plans made by the new owners of Shazi's house for the rear extension. Hard to know what is the rear as the house is at 90 degrees to the road. So could be very visible from the road and damage the look of an old house with listed building status. It would be good to preserve the look of the village. It appears that the builders drove up Ropers farm road and cut a hole in the hedge for access without any permission. The parish council have rejected the plan to replace the thatch with tiles but Shazi had consent for this in 1972 so it might not stand. Frank wanted the NRA to support objections, as it would be stronger coming from the village but while most people were sympathetic, many felt they should be made individually. Also it was unclear whether or not the kitchen extension was necessarily a bad thing. In view of the mixed reaction BW decided we would not object as a Residents Association.

BW has signed up to receive WSCC emails regarding their policies and will monitor them for relevant issues.

The meeting closed and a Burns Night social ensued with Andrew Moffat addressing the haggis, which was then enjoyed with neeps and tatties.

Next meeting date: Tuesday April 21st 7.15pm Jilly's Barn