

*NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION*

*MEETING MINUTES*

*Held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at The Barn, Long Platt*

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members:**

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

**Residents:**

Peter & Margaret Gregory	Lynne White	
Ruth & Philip Migdale	Carol Boniface	Frank Riddle
Liz & Mike Sollom	Jane Allison	Sandra Martin
Sandra Martin	Andrea Lawson	
Audrey Rose	Nicola Peel	Chris & Jeanette Brickell
Chris & Jeanette Brickell	Roger Burroughs	
Mike & Betty Sherwood	Pam & John Wellard	

**Apologies:**

Lynda & Peter Williams	Jim & Jill Shaw	Robin & Carole Martin
Ruth Simmonds	Carole Nash	
John & Nadine Guest	Susan Burroughs	

**WELCOME**

The Chairman (BW) welcomed residents and expressed his pleasure at the good turnout.

**MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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

**MATTERS ARISING :-**

**1. Broadband for Nutbourne**

In Rod Wilson's absence BW gave the update. Great news ! Superfast Broadband has arrived in Nutbourne. WEF 21<sup>st</sup> April residents have been able to contact their ISP and sign up for Fibre BB. Several residents reported success and several reported issues that with Rod's assistance via Openreach have been resolved. Notwithstanding a few teething problems Mike Sherwood and Rod are to be congratulated for seeing this project through and the meeting showed their appreciation. One resident stated that an Openreach vehicle had damaged her fence, if this is not rectified she should contact BW.

## **2.0 Parish Neighbourhood Wardens Report**

Carol Boniface attended and gave a summary of activities in the Parish.

- She had reported a case of Fly tipping on Nutbourne Lane, this was cleared by HDC within 2 days.
  - Operation Signature is the current Police response to Scams of any kind, telephone, mail, or in person. Anyone experiencing a Scam or attempted Scam should report it via 101 and mention Operation Signature.
  - Adult Social Care, on a 12 week trial, has moved into Pulborough Medical Centre to deal with all Social Care issues on a local basis.
  - A children's charity called Splash can be found at Pulborough Youth Club each Wednesday morning to help troubled families who may need extra support.
- Residents then raised a number of issues with her :-
- John Wellard thanked Carol for her help in getting a very large lorry removed that was blocking his driveway.
  - Frank Riddle mentioned that BT have a call blocking service via '1572' but Bob Allison stated that you have to activate this service via BT, but that it is a free service.
  - CB said that BT also has a Call Guardian service that filters all calls, but that it can cost from £30 - £100 pa.
  - Mike Sherwood raised the issue of pot holes in our vicinity. CB stated that she has raised many reports of pot holes, with photos via 'ilovewestsussex.co.uk.'
  - FR highlighted that a resident had recently been a victim of an attempted scam/fraud but that having alerted a neighbour to her concern the scam was averted. This incident is currently under investigation by the Police.
  - Andrew Moffat mentioned that this incident showed that within the community a quick response, as demonstrated, can avert problems. He also stated that we have a pretty wide coverage of the neighbourhood with 105 email addresses on the NHW email distribution list.

## **3.0 Social Events 2017**

- Lynne White, standing in for Ruth Simmonds, told the meeting that this year's Easter Egg Hunt had raised a net £185 which has been donated to Action for Medical Research for Children. RS wanted to thank Tescos, Sainsburys and Mole Valley for their donations.
- LW also mentioned that RS and a few others will be entering the Race the Sun event, a 47 mile bike ride, 8mile run and 3Km canoe Charity event in the Brecon Beacons hoping to raise £1800 for Action in Medical Research for Children, a Horsham based charity.
- BW requested that the Social Committee consider holding the family Fun Day again this year, perhaps July/August, Jilly Marcuson is happy to host the event as last year and Regan and Lee could be approached regarding The Rising Sun providing the music and food. The meeting was generally in favour of staging the event once more and requested that LW talk with the Social Committee.

Action: LW

#### **4.0 Aircraft Noise**

BW gave a brief update since Ian Hare could not make the meeting.

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 :-

- Airbus A320 modification to reduce whine. Easyjet, BA and Monarch have completed over 80% of their fleets. Any aircraft not modified by the end of this year will incur financial penalties for the airline..
- 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.
- The Arrival 'swathe' still needs more work to be fair and equitable. The join to the final approach (ILS) has now become permanent from 8nm to 14nm instead of 10nm to 14nm.
- Airport Capacity, Aircraft movements and the growth of Night flights has been discussed but nothing to report thus far.

JW stated that he does not consider this a major issue for Nutbourne, BW concurred but said that it is good that IH is watching out ( listening ) for the whole area.

#### **5.0 Drilling on our Doorstep**

BW stated that he has recently been made aware of a company, UKOG, planning to commence exploratory drilling for oil at a site in Broadford Bridge near Adversane. Several explanatory emails to residents have been sent out by the NRA and this evening Nicola Peel has agreed to set out the current situation.

NP briefed the meeting on recent developments and outlined the potential for extremely adverse impact on the local environment. Rather than try to capture the many points she covered we have attached recent 'papers' that she has distributed. BW stated that the original Planning Approval was granted by WSCC in 2013 for Exploratory Drilling and that a Permit from the Environmental Agency was issued. Currently UKOG has submitted a Permit Variation to change many of the practices and procedures they wish to employ. West Chiltington Parish Council, whose parish covers Broadford Bridge, did not as BW understood it object to the original Application, but agreed unanimously to raise an objection to the Permit Variation when given a more detailed explanation by NP and several other local residents. Currently the Permit Variation is being evaluated by the Environment Agency.

Billingshurst, West Chiltington and Pulborough Parish Councils are now fully onboard and have set up a body to oversee and maintain a very close eye on developments. Andrea Lawson advised the meeting that Parish Councillor Paul

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Clark is to sit on this body representing PPC.

There is to be a Public Meeting on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April in Pulborough Village Hall at which several prominent Environmentalist, Concerned Residents and Experts in Geology and the Oil Industry will speak. If you are able please consider attending this very important meeting.

#### **6.0 Traveller Sites in Nutbourne**

BW stated that he had been made aware that Horsham District Council had recently published a Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People Development Planning Document. It was released on the 21<sup>st</sup> April for a 6 week public consultation period. This DPD was produced to comply with legislation that forces District Councils to identify the ongoing need for Gypsy pitches within their district and to then identify potential sites that could satisfy this future need. On reviewing the document BW was able to establish that a number of local, to Pulborough and Storrington, potential sites had been identified. This included the existing site in Nutbourne, known as Lane Top which was the subject of a Retrospective Planning Application in 2010 for 2 pitches, this application was approved by HDC but with conditions.

According to HDC's Planning Dept. This site was allocated for 3 pitches within Policy 21 of the HDPF (Strategic Policy: Gypsy and Traveller Sites Allocations) but as of yet has not come forward through formal planning processes.

The recommendation from the DPD for Lane Top, Nutbourne states :

*"To continue with the existing allocation of 3 pitches within the HDPF and to consider what options could be used to expedite the authorisation of the site and to help fulfil the backlog."*

After some discussion it was agreed by the meeting that the NRA should write to HDC requesting clarification of the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the recommendation *" to consider what options could be used to expedite the authorisation of the site and help fulfil the backlog"* and also to seek assurance that the site would remain limited to 3 pitches.

Action : BW

#### **7.0 A.O.B**

7.1 Nutbourne Common – Frank Riddle presented his concerns and proposals concerning The Common. Thankfully the current size of the heather clearing has been accepted by PPC and PPC agree that there is no plan to expand it. It has also been accepted by PPC that spraying of Bracken should be limited to the clearing and the immediate fringes surrounding it. However the Nutbourne Village Design Statement of 2006 clearly states: " Protection of this important village amenity as a wildlife area is high amongst the priorities of the local residents "

Unfortunately Wildlife disappearance is quite noticeable along with the disappearance of much of the indigenous ground cover, Bracken and Gorse included.

FR made clear 2 proposals that he feels should be communicated to as many residents as possible for comment before submission to PPC for consideration. The 1<sup>st</sup> proposal concerns the provision of a larger

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undisturbed area of woodland by moving the outer footpath inwards toward the clearing, making a slightly shorter pathway. The 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal concerns the re-introduction of indigenous shrubs around the clearing and in the woodland area.

A drawing of the proposed changes to the Common was circulated and all those present at the meeting agreed that an email survey, to ascertain resident's views and comments, should be undertaken using the NHW distribution list that currently has 105 email addresses.

Action : BW

**7.2 Sighting of Very Large Wasps**

Audrey Rose asked if anyone else had noticed a higher than normal sighting of what appeared to be larger than normal sized wasps. It appeared that no one had but would keep an eye out.

**7.3 West Chiltington and Nutbourne Open Gardens Event**

This event is scheduled for June 17/18<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for WC parish Church roof. Mant WC are opening their gardens and possibly 3 residents in Nutbourne will be taking part as well.

Tickets are available on the day or in advance from Andrea on 01798

**7.4 Roger Burroughs** commented that he is becoming concerned that dog walkers are walking the boundary of his land to the south of Nutbourne Common rather than sticking to the Public Footpath as signposted. AL stated that he could fence either side of the footpath but this was not a preferred option by those in attendance. RB stated that he just wanted to make people aware of his concern.

**7.5 Andrew Moffat** raised the issue of an increase in the precept for PPC in this financial year. AL commented that this was largely as a result of the costs for the 2 Neighbourhood Wardens and the ongoing costs of the Youth Worker for PPC. AM commented that perhaps we should ask the Chair of Finance for PPC to come and explain this increase at our next meeting.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July in The Barn, Long Platt, at 7.15pm.

Accepted as accurate

----- Chairman

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