

Meeting: Nutbourne Residents' Association Meeting  
Date and Time: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.15pm  
Venue: The Rising Sun Pub

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**Committee Members**

Brian White (Chairman)	Frank Riddle
Diane Smith (Secretary)	Jean Baker
Bob Allison (Treasurer)	Andrew Moffat
David Seaton	

**Residents**

Andrea Lawson	Sean Osborne
Jeanette Brickell	Lorraine Osborne
Chris Brickell	Michael Scampton
Audrey Rose	Gill Shaw
Leslie Lieberman	Jim Shaw
Peter Williams	Liz Sollom
Lynn Williams	Mike Sollom

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**1. Welcome & Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed members and residents to the meeting of the Nutbourne Residents' Association. BW expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to the Rising Sun Pub for making their premises available for the meeting.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting (18<sup>th</sup> April 2011)**

Minutes were AGREED as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Farm Watch**

BW welcomed PCSO Hannah Venus who gave a presentation about the Farm Watch project designed to help farmers and residents in rural areas protect property and livestock. PCSO Venus invited residents to join Farm Watch which would enable them to receive up to date information about incidents via text and email messages. PCSO Venus explained that scrap metal thieves are active at the moment. An A3 poster, leaflet and DVD provide additional information about Farm Watch, and an application form is available on their website.  
(<http://www.sussex.police.uk/farmwatch>)

**4. Matters Arising**

**Grit boxes** – BW reminded residents that at a previous meeting it was reported that Pulborough Parish Council had positioned a grit box across from the White Horse Pub to enable Nutbourne residents to obtain grit. BW contacted the PPC about plans to place a grit box closer to the village, and was referred to West Sussex County Council. He has yet to receive a response from them. Concern was expressed about the effect of grit and salt on the environment. AL reported that at the next meeting of Pulborough Parish Council on 21 July the PPC will be discussing volunteers to assist with snow removal, and invited residents to attend the meeting. BA proposed a referendum to enable all residents to vote on whether they wish to have a grit box in the village. All agreed. **ACTION BW NRA newsletter**

**Nutbourne 4 x 4 Snow Response Team** – BW reported that at the last meeting it was agreed to compile a list of residents prepared to provide assistance to residents in the village during severe winter weather. A list was circulated during the meeting and seven residents have signed up. The list will be publicised via the NRA newsletter and posted on the Noticeboard. **ACTION DS NRA newsletter**

**20mph Speed Limit** – BW reported that he met with Joel Sykes, Highways Department, West Sussex County Council . They discussed the 20 mph speed limit, improvement of signage and the problem of HGVs. During May 2011, three speed loops were placed in Nutbourne for one week. The speed of 231 cars was recorded. The data showed that speeds were not as high as expected. The highest recorded speeds were between 31 - 36 mph outside Old Dairy Cottage by three vehicles and on Stream Lane by twenty-four vehicles opposite the nursery. 85% of the vehicles drove between 18 – 24 mph. The Highways Department stated that they did not believe the current speed limitation required any amendments. However, Joel Sykes agreed to send proposals for amendments to the signage. BP reminded residents that West Sussex Police have publicised Operation Crackdown which encourages residents to contact the police if they see someone driving in an anti-social manner. Residents should note down the vehicle make, model, colour and number plate. BP added that residents could email PCSO Hannah Venus on [hannah.venus@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:hannah.venus@sussex.pnn.police.uk), and 20mph signs to attach to rubbish bins can be found on the website of Signs of Salford at [www.signsofsalford.co.uk](http://www.signsofsalford.co.uk)

**Localism Bill update** – AL reported that parts of the bill are to receive royal ascent in the autumn; and until the bill is passed into law the PPC can take no action. She advised residents to look at the governments proposals on the website <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/localism.html> .

**Dog fouling** – BP and FR have drafted a paragraph to be included in the next NRA newsletter and PPC newsletter. AL suggested NRA put paragraph in the next PPC newsletter, deadline 27 July 2011. Residents discussed various proposals to deal with this problem including encouraging dog owners to pick up after their dogs via NRA newsletter, signs on footpaths and putting plastic bags on stiles and gate posts. AL stated that the latter idea would be a danger to livestock. BP asked for residents to send any comments to him. **ACTION BP NRA newsletter**

**BT Phone box** – BP reported that most residents want to keep the phone box after BT removes the telephone apparatus. PPC will consider 'adoption' of the telephone box, at their August meeting, provided the NRA contribute to the maintenance of the box according to Sarah Norman, Clerk to the Council. Residents discussed various ideas for future use of the phone box. AM proposed that the box be sealed up and painted. FR proposed that the defibrillator, currently sited at the Rising Sun Pub, be put in the phone box with a key pad lock; and the box be used as a notice board, similar to disused BT phone boxes in other towns. BP proposed that the issue be put to the residents, and included in the next NRA newsletter. **ACTION BP NRA newsletter**

## 5. Any other business

**Pot holes** – Chris Brickell reported that there was a large pot hole just past Ragman's Castle which required filling. AL stated that CB should contact the Parish Clerk who reports to the West Sussex Highways Department.

**Lorry tyre** – Michael Scampton reported that there was a large lorry tyre in the grass verge across from Bourne End which could cause a hazard. DS explained that Arthur Conway placed the tyre on the verge of his land to discourage cars from parking on the verge.

**Bonfires** - A resident reported that bonfire smoke was becoming a problem in the village, and proposed that residents be reminded that fires should only be lit in the evening after sunset and not on Sunday. DS to contact Sarah Norman, Clerk to the Council, to enquire if there was a by-law. BP proposed that information be included in the NRA newsletter. **ACTION BP, DS NRA newsletter**

**Recycling** – FR proposed that Nutbourne collectively reject the blue recycling bin; and return all plastic containers and packaging to the supermarkets. Discussion amongst residents in attendance rejected this proposal. BP proposed that NRA

residents be encouraged to remove their rubbish from the highway, as bins could cause a hazard, in the next NRA newsletter. **ACTION BP NRA newsletter**

**6. Date of next meeting**

Next meeting to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Accepted as accurate

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Chairperson

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