

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 , 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 Marcusson(JM)	<i>Secretary (Deputy)</i>

Residents:

Martin Heath	Lynne White	Rupert & Carole Burne
Robin Martin	Peeta Keown	Frank Riddle
Rod & Gil Wilson	John & Pam Wellard	Nadine Guest
Peter Gregory	Mike & Betty Sherwood	Roger Burroughs
Audrey Rose	David Smith	Jane Allison
Jason Davies	Tracy Daly	Philip & Ruth Migdale
Ben Sheldon (Community Youth Worker)	Carol Boniface (Neighbourhood Warden)	Vanessa Green (Neighbourhood Warden)

Apologies:

Chris & Jeanette Brickell		
Ray Qusted	Jim & Jill Shaw	Liz Winning
Barry & Heather Davis	Susan Burroughs	Liz Sollom
Kevin & Jill Bell	Ian Hare (PAGNE)	

1. WELCOME

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

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28th July 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

The Chairman (BW) welcomed and introduced our 2 new Neighbourhood Wardens, Carol Boniface and Vanessa Green. Carol informed the meeting that they had now been in place for 3 months, were employed by Horsham District Council and were there, among other things, to help residents and make people aware of local resources.

Their job description was long but key responsibilities included -:

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- Providing a reassuring presence in the community
- Identifying and supporting lonely older and vulnerable residents
- Working with young people to help them stay on the 'right path'
- Working with schools and parents on issues such as road safety
- Making referrals for fire safety devices etc
- Tackling issues identified by residents such as dog fouling, parking etc

She emphasised that Wardens were not replacements for the police and were not enforcement officers. People should report crimes directly to the police as now

Vanessa added that their role was predominantly educational and responding to the community's needs. Hence any feedback from residents would be most welcome especially on areas where it was felt they should focus. One specific area that they are working on at the moment is developing and enhancing a local Dementia Group.

A short Q&A session followed and the Wardens finished by saying that they were taking delivery of a new vehicle in the next few days with WARDEN on the side so residents should notice them out and about. Contacts are: Carol 07584 337476 and Vanessa 07584 337475.

BW thanked them both and hoped they would feel able to attend future NRA meetings.

Andrew Moffat (AW) invited them to our Christmas Drinks and Carol Service.

BW then introduced an additional agenda item which complemented the Wardens role

PULBOROUGH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION

Jane Allison (JA), who is actively involved in the Association, explained that it is celebrating its 50th year. She produced a leaflet outlining the services the Association provides such as –

- Voluntary Visiting Scheme for the elderly
- Pulborough Community Transport using volunteer drivers to take people to hospital or other appointments
- Toe nail cutting service
- Lunch club

Leaflets detailing the full range of services can be found in Doctors' surgeries and libraries.

JA concluded by saying that the Association would be working very closely with the Wardens and encouraged people to volunteer as visitors and drivers. Anyone wishing to help should contact her on

Mobile 07741 461868 or via email to volunteervisiting@gmail.com

ACTION ALL

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Peter Gregory (PG) suggested that the Parish News booklet which is distributed to every household would be a good source of advertising.

3.2. FAST BROADBAND

Rod Wilson (RW) updated the meeting on the latest situation with regard to fast broadband for the village.

Work has already begun in Nutbourne Rd to install the new cabinet. Once powered up the next stage will be to connect the cabinet to the main trunk on West Chiltington Rd. A couple of blockages have been found in the duct between the Farm Shop and the new cabinet but hopefully this can be sorted without too much difficulty. When this is achieved the fibre link will be installed and tested. Open Reach and BT then have to do some adjustments but by early/mid January the village should be receiving fast broadband with a speed near the cabinet of around 75mbs, 35 mbs at the western end of Stream Lane and 30mbs at the Rising Sun.

BW emphasised that once the service becomes available people need to contact their service provider in order to sign up. If they do not their broadband speed will remain as now. People can actually register interest now on the BT website.

BW will email when he hears the service has become live.

ACTION BW

Jason Davies (JD) expressed thanks to all those who had worked so hard to make this happen. Residents towards the top of Nutbourne Lane queried whether they would gain any benefit, this was unknown at this time.

(FOLLOWING THE MEETING MIKE SHERWOOD MEASURED THE DISTANCE FROM THE RESERVOIR (NUTBOURNE LANE) TO THE CABINET AS BEING 1.8KM. BASED ON THIS, RESIDENTS AT THE TOP OF THE HILL SHOULD RECEIVE SPEEDS OF APPROX. 6-8mbs.)

3.3 ROADWATCH

BW reintroduced the idea of 20mph signs painted on the roads leading into the village. Frank Riddle (FR) queried whether anyone would take any notice of such signs and furthermore, following some speed monitoring which he undertook recently, doesn't believe there is a big problem with speeding.

Several other residents disagreed and felt speeding was a problem especially on Stream Lane and on the stretch from Stream Lane to Bourne End.

Ruth Migdale (RM) had recently reported a speeding vehicle to the police but was told that no action could be taken unless a particular vehicle is reported 3 times.

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BW suggested painting one sign on the road just before Bourne End, another at the junction of Nutbourne Rd and Stream Lane and a 3rd just beyond The Camber on the approach to the village via Nutbourne Lane.

The majority of attendees supported this so BW will take this proposal to WSCC for consideration.

ACTION BW

3.4 DC/16/1564 NEW ACCESS ON NUTBOURNE LANE

BW had registered an objection to this planning application on behalf of the NRA but in spite of this and a number of other objections, planning permission was granted on 18th October. BW tried to contact the planning officer for further information but was unable to do so. However on scrutiny of the approval letter on the website it appears there were no grounds on which the application could be rejected i.e no impact on the highway, environment etc, and HDC has a responsibility to aid rural economic development.

PG tried to object on ecological grounds but apparently as vehicle traffic is not expected to rise by much increased emissions are not an issue. If it is noticed however that traffic flow does noticeably increase the Council will be contacted again.

In another addition to the Agenda BW reported on an email he had received from Ray Qusted concerning the status of the

Pulborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan

In essence the Plan has moved no further forward and is still with the District Council. Their NP officer Maggie Williams has left and although a new officer has been appointed progress is slow.

A further point of information from RQ is the intention to site a grit bin where Nutbourne Rd meets West Chiltington Rd.

3.5. SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2016

Lynne White (LW) informed the meeting that £73 had been raised from the Pumpkin Roll some of which would be used for

The Carol Service at the Rising Sun on Sunday 18th December at 6pm.

Other social events before the end of the year are:-

Supper Club at Rising Sun on Thursday 24th November

BW to email the menu to residents who should book directly with the pub.

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Christmas Drinks at Rising Sun on Sunday 11th December at 8pm

4. AOB

4.1 Andrew Moffat thought that we should send out a winter newsletter as last year's was considered a great success

ACTION BW

4.2 Audrey Rose mentioned that a power cut was expected on Thurs 4th November but it appears only to affect the Nutbourne Rd end of the village

4.3 Frank Riddle felt people needed to be more aware of dog fouling and dispose of black bags appropriately, not throw them into hedges etc. BW will alert the Wardens about this.

ACTION BW

4.4 Jason Davies raised the issue of inconsiderate lighting of bonfires and how the smell, ash and smoke can be very unpleasant especially at weekends.

FR asked if we could consider a code of etiquette on this and other annoyances such as the use of noisy garden implements on Sundays.

However not everyone felt we should be imposing restrictions on these activities and that it was up to individuals to politely approach neighbours if there was a particular problem.

FR does have a document of compiled 'rules' from various Councils which he will send to BW in any case.

4.5 Roger Burroughs suggested that in future years it might be a good idea to give a helping hand to Josephine Ferguson who has worked tirelessly for many years on the Poppy Appeal distributing poppies around the village.

NOTE ALL

5. NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting which will be the AGM, will be held on Tuesday 24th January 2017
in The Barn, Long Platt**

Accepted as accurate

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