

Nutbourne Residents Association

Sunday 21st July 2024

7: 00 pm The Rising Sun

(kindly offered by Regan Howard)

Committee Attendees:

Brian White-Chairman
Bob Allison-Treasurer
Elisabeth Eatwell - Secretary

Residents:

Lynne White – Ladies Social Group
Margeret Gregory
Robin Martin
Carole Martin
Liz Williams
Pam Wellard
Nad Guest
Lee Goossens
Betty Sherwood

Jacque Dobson
Peter Gregory
Erica Riddle
Martin Harris-Standing
Chris Williams
John Wellard
Roger Curtis
Neil Brandon
Frank Riddle – PPC Councillor

Apologies:

Carol & Paul Nash
Len Ellis-Brown - PPC Chairman
Ian & Sarah Hare
Gill & Rod Wilson

Jilly Marcusson – PPC Councillor
Jill & Graham Westlake
Paul Clarke – HDC Councillor

- Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all those present, in particular our Councillors since their attendance on a Sunday evening is much appreciated.

- The minutes of the previous NRA meeting were accepted and agreed by those attending.

The Chairman also expressed thanks to Regan and Alice (the Bar Manager) for the continued use of The Rising Sun for our meetings.

1. Matters Arising

- **HDC District Plan**

This was covered in the Chairman's Report for the AGM. The consultation period is now finished. There is however a 'political' issue which is holding up the PPC Plan up. We need an update. **Action:** Len Ellis-Brown.

- **Parish Neighbourhood Wardens**

Reports are now produced monthly and distributed via our NHW email distribution.

- **Highways Matters**

The A29 situation remains as before and unfortunately we do not have an update regarding the possible compulsory purchase of adjoining land and/or news as to whether legal matters are progressing or not. However we have been notified that the road will be closed for a couple of days in September for exploratory bore holes. There was a suggestion made that WSCC are considering making current arrangements, i.e. a traffic light controlled single carriageway, a permanent solution. There were mixed views about this suggestion and clarity is sought from our PPC Chairman and where this stands and whether this will go out for consultation. **Action:** Les Ellis-Brown.

Stream Lane is in a total mess in many locations. Repairs are urgently required, added to which overgrown verges greatly increase the likelihood of accidents if drivers are unfamiliar with the drop to the stream. We have been advised that a date in September has been set for repairs. **Action :** WSCC Highways

Lower Street, Pulborough. Another suggestion was put forward that consideration is being given to a proposal to make much of Lower Street a 20 MPH Zone. Again this was met with some concern and clarity is sought from PPC. **Action:** Les Ellis-Brown.

Concerns were expressed by several attendees regarding break-away of the edge of Nutbourne Road. BW stated that this was raised with WSCC some 18 months ago, but no action has been taken. BW will contact them again. After the meeting a lot of cones have been placed along the affected area, which may be a sign that works are imminent.

Concerns were also raised that the 20MPH roundel has almost disappeared on Nutbourne Road. **Action:** BW to follow-up with WSCC on both matters.

- **Planning Matters**

The latest application for changes to the garage at **Ebbsworth Cottage** has been rejected. A revised application has stone-faced rear wall, reinstated boundary wall and a concrete base which was discussed at some length. It was suggested that the concrete base should be replaced with gravel/pea shingle or even tarmac. Following the meeting we were informed that the latest application will go before the HDC Planning Committee on 20th August. A separate email has been sent to all for comment. **Action:** Please read the email and share any thoughts you may have.

A retrospective planning application for outbuildings and a swimming pool at **Carpe Diem** was submitted some time ago and has been 'under review' by HDC ever since. After the meeting we were advised that this application will also be discussed at the HDC Planning Meeting on 20th August. A separate email has been sent to all for comment. **Action:** Please read the email and share any thoughts you may have.

Nutbourne Common. Parish Councillor FR raised the topic of some maintenance which needed at the Common to preserve the heather clearing. This mainly concerns the removal of brambles growing in amongst the heather. It was agreed that this will be discussed further by BW, FR and JM. **Action:** BW, FR and HM to agree next steps.

2. AOB

- Prior to the meeting BW was advised that a resident has identified Himalayan Balsam in a field adjacent to her property. This is a non-native invasive plant and should be reported to the local authority. It is thought that the land off West Chiltington Road past Nutbourne Road heading towards West Chiltington is owned by Southern Water. **Action:** PPC.
- There were no further AOBs, but our Treasurer reminded those present of the issue of subscriptions. These are purely voluntary at £5 per person or £10 per household. If you wish to make a payment please contact Bob Allison directly at 'robert[at]the allisonfamily.co.uk'.

Next Meeting : 27th October 2024, 7pm at The Rising Sun