

Minutes of the (*Nutbourne Association*) Steering Group Meeting  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 at 7.15pm in the Rising Sun

Present: Robert Allison, Jean Baker, Derek Baker, Jim Noble, Frank Riddle, Erica Riddle, Jim Noble, Jim Shaw

Apologies: Andrew Moffat, Carol Nash, Michael Sherwood, Brian White

All attending went round the table introducing themselves and giving a brief summary of their background.

Discussion as to the best way forward. Jim Shaw pointed out that if we were to rename as a residents association membership would be automatic.

Minutes of last meeting (4<sup>th</sup> June 2007) were proposed by Diane Smith and seconded Robert Allison.

Jim Shaw asked what the Chairman hoped the outcome of this meeting would be. In a previous location his group had had different members responsible for different areas. Frank explained how the group had developed and said that he could no longer continue but that at the previous meeting it had been agreed there was a need to have a group. Diane asked what the considered feeling was after the last meeting and Jean said she thought those present had considered it important to have a group who could be contacted and could offer help.

Areas that the group felt it would be concerned with apart from planning. Diane asked about flooding and neighbourhood watch. Jim Shaw explained that he put notices on the noticeboard about neighbour hood watch but that he did have concerns about burglaries as there had been a few in the area recently.

Five main areas of concern were identified:

1. Development and planning
2. Security
3. Appearance/upkeep of the hamlet and its public spaces.
4. Footpaths
5. Historical records

*(Jim Noble has now put these on the website forum as a trial “ [www.nutbourne.org.uk/forum](http://www.nutbourne.org.uk/forum)”)*

Conservation was thought to be a word that could be perceived as giving the wrong meaning to the groups activities. Jim Noble suggested Nutbourne Society but this was thought to be a little grand. Bob put forward Nutbourne Association which was seconded by Diane as being a more modern word and this was the name agreed by all present. Bob asked Jim Noble if he thought this would be okay with the PPC and Jim said he could see no problem.

Frank raised his concern about an ancient hedgerow. It is an “ongoing matter” with the CPRE involved.

Diane will draft a new constitution for the group and let everyone have a copy before the next meeting.

Jean suggested joining the Pulborough Society to add weight to any disputes that may occur in the future and Jim Shaw said he thought this a good idea. Diane asked who this group was and what they did and were there any negatives to joining – Jim Noble said he thought there were only positive reasons.

Discussion continued about having someone for each of the areas to act as watch dogs. Jim Noble said that planning applications were put in the notice-board and were also available on the HDC website. The VDS which had now been adopted by HDC should offer some planning protection in the future. It was agreed that if problems arose in the future the whole group should meet and if necessary someone could then be appointed to take the matter further.

Jim Shaw had to leave early but said he was unable at the moment to take on any position within the group. It was agreed that a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer needed to be appointed and that the group should meet at least four times a year.

The following members were appointed:

Chairperson	Jean Baker
Secretary	Diane Smith
Treasurer	Robert Allison

The date set for the next meeting was Monday, 1st October 2007 at 7.15pm.

Email was decided to be the best way to communicate with each other but that maybe we should put a notice on the board to let residents know about the formation of the group and who has been elected. The next meeting was perhaps too soon to hold as an AGM but the following meeting in January could be open to all paid up members. To be a member and attend the AGM there would be an annual subscription to cover the groups expenses.

Any other business:

Frank is waiting to hear from Ann Ball of the Pulborough Society if they think we should join them. They have a copy of the VDS.

Carol Nash had phoned to say she was concerned about the height of the new signs in Stream Lane and the position of the Vineyard sign. Other concerns were mentioned and it was agreed to ask Carol to write to Roger Harper.

Frank listed matters that were still ongoing from the NHCG. It was thought best if he continued with the ancient hedgerow project.

Jim Noble said that Rob Free would not have any funding a year from now which would effect what could be done with The Common.

Diane Smith said there was a dead deer in Stream Lane. Jim Noble said to contact Environmental Services at HDC.

Frank thanked everyone for coming and the meeting ended at 9.30pm.