

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Monday 27th April 2015

Venue The Barn, Long Platt, The Street

ATTENDEES :-**Committee Members:** Brian White (Chairman), Bob Allison (Treasurer), Carole Martin (Secretary)**RESIDENTS :-**

Ray Queded (PPC)	Mandy Clapperton-Blake	Peeta Keown
Angela Lawson	Chris & Jeanette Brickell	Heater and Barry Davis
Sue Harrison	Diane Smith	Robin Martin
Lynne White	Nad Guest	Pam and John Wellard

APOLOGIES :-

Andrew Moffatt	Jilly Marcuson	Gill and Jim Shaw
Frank and Erica Riddle	Sue and Roger Burroughs	
Peter and Margaret Gregory	Liz and Mike Solomon	

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Jilly Marcuson for the use of her Barn once again.

Minutes of last meeting (26th January 2015)

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record with the following comments-

- a) Angela Lawson (AL) made the point that it had been agreed to attach the South Downs National Parks Report on Nutbourne Common to the minutes but this had not happened. The Chairman(BW) apologised and said he would circulate the report with the minutes of this meeting. **Action BW**
- b) AL asked if in future the minutes could be produced in larger print. **Action CM**
- c) Following a query from AL the Chairman (BW) informed the meeting that Frank Riddle had resigned from the committee due to other commitments, but would continue as an active member of the Residents Association representing the Nutbourne Conservation and History Group that is mostly active in recording the history of Nutbourne some of which is published on our website.

Matters arising

- 1) **Nutbourne Footpath Study – Update**

The Chairman (BW) reported that Frank Riddle (FR) ,who had sent his apologies due to the fact he was attending a meeting at Wiggonholt on aircraft noise, has had a response from Nick Scott of WSCC regarding the circular walks he had presented at the AGM. Discussions are now taking place on the replacement of some stiles with kissing gates and the repair of others.

BW reminded the meeting of the need to speak to the landowners as, although WSCC provided the materials, the landowners had the job of erecting and repairing the stiles.

FR should have a more precise picture in time for the July meeting of the NRA

Action FR

2) Nutbourne Common

The Chairman (BW) asked for views on The Common. Overall members felt it was looking better especially as some of the bracken is re-establishing itself around the perimeter .

RQ informed the meeting that a lot of tree seedlings had been removed from the clearing helping the heather to flourish.

3) Speedwatch – Update

Robin Martin (RM) said that he would have a short report for the July meeting and was looking, among other things, at the advantages of having a “Quiet Roads” designation for the village.

RM also suggested that the term “Roadwatch” might be a better name than “Speedwatch”

On another note he wondered if it might be a good idea to set up a Google Group for residents, everyone could be made aware of important events and issues including the sharing of any concerns or questions they may have. This could include speeding.

Chris Brickell and others all reported that they notice speeding vehicles regularly.

BW suggested that we should concentrate on repeat offenders and volunteered to collate information passed to him if people would feel more comfortable with that. It was agreed that people would give BW any vehicle details such as Reg. No., colour and make of vehicle, time of day and place where speeding occurred.

Action RM, BW, all

4) Parish Neighbourhood Plan –Update

The Chairman (BW) recently received the following update on the Plan from Sarah Norman, the Parish clerk.

“A number of sites for development across the Horsham District are currently being discussed including some in Pulborough Parish. There will be a pre- submission plan on these sites published in July/August”

RQ added that there was a robust process in place to allocate sites i.e. a point system based on the results of the Household Survey undertaken last year. As far as Nutbourne is concerned

there will be a document circulated with the Parish Council news in June summarising the views expressed in the Survey in particular that Nutbourne should remain a defined and separate community in this context.

RQ took this opportunity to update the meeting on several other PPC matters.

- the precept for 2015 is set at 1%
- consideration is being given to introduce village wardens to supplement police and community support officers.
- A Trim Trail is being proposed potentially at Cousins Recreation Ground. This takes the form of a trail where various exercise machines are placed along the route to encourage people to improve their fitness.

5) Broadband Speeds

Nutbourne is one of the few local communities still not connected to highspeed broadband. This is because the relevant BT Cabinet, sited on Harborough Hill ,is too far from the village . It was proposed that BW “petition” BT on behalf of the NRA to get high speed broadband connected asap.

Action BW

6) Air Traffic Noise

Ian Hare (IH), Chairman of PAGNE (Pulborough Against Gatwick Noise & Emissions) sent his apologies as he was attending a meeting of the Wiggonholt Association this evening. He would be happy to attend the July meeting of the NRA to report on progress. So far he has had meetings with Gatwick Executives and Airline officials, the Civil Aviation Authority, MP and Councillors.

BW informed members that IH had recently been appointed as a Parish Councillor.

7) Social Events for 2015

Lynne White (LW) ,as a member of the Nutbourne Social Cttee. ,told the meeting that unfortunately the Barn Dance proposed for the summer would have to be postponed until next year due to the difficulties in organising it in such a limited time. Also the Open Gardens event will not take place as there was insufficient support.

There will, however be a Downhill Pumpkin Race around Halloween possibly combined with fancy dress. The Easter Egg Hunt raised just over £100 for the Air Ambulance and on reflection might have had more participants if it had been advertised more widely e.g . posters and leaflet drop.

8) AOB

a) Diane Smith (DM) told the meeting that Tristan and Becky are expected to leave The Rising Sun at the end of June and that Reagan was returning to manage it. She encouraged people to support the pub as it was a great asset to and integral part of, the village.

b) BW announced the Pulborough Parish Annual Village Meeting would be held on 14th May. Speakers will include the Police Commissioner. He will circulate details. **Action BW**

c) Peeta Keown (PK) drew attention to the large pothole on the corner by the Old School House. BW reminded members of the Council Tel. No. for reporting potholes is :- 01234 642105.

d) Barry Davis (BD) was concerned about the damaged and wobbly stile on the walkway behind Nutbourne Place. BW will ensure Nick Scott (WSSC) is informed. **Action BW**

e) RQ said he was unable to download the minutes of the last meeting from the website. BW acknowledged there were some problems with the website , which one must remember is run by volunteers, but these are being addressed.

Finally the Chairman (BW) asked members if it would be better to hold future NRA meetings on a day other than a Monday as Mondays invariably clashed with Neighbourhood Watch and Wiggonholt Asscn. meetings. Tuesdays were proposed so :-

Next Meeting will be on TUESDAY 28th JULY at 7.15pm in The Barn, Long Platt

Accepted as accurate

----- **Chairman**

----- **Date**