

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Tuesday 26th April 2016

Venue: The Barn, Long Platt, The Street

ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

Brian White	<i>Chairman</i>
Bob Allison	<i>Treasurer</i>
Carole Martin	<i>Secretary</i>
Andrew Moffat	<i>NHW Coordinator</i>

Residents:

Andrea Lawson	Lynne White	Rupert & Carole Burne
Robin Martin	Peeta Keown	David Smith
Rod & Gil Wilson	John & Pam Wellard	Liz Winning
Peter & Margaret Gregory	Mike & Betty Sherwood	Roger Burroughs
Audrey Rose	Gill Shaw	Chris & Jeanette Brickell

Ian Hare (PAGNE)

Apologies:

Ray Qusted	John & Nadine Guest
Barry & Heather Davis	Susan Burroughs
Jilly Marcusson	

WELCOME

The Chairman (BW) welcomed residents.

He told the meeting that Ian Hare, Chairman of PAGNE (Pulborough Against Gatwick Noise & Emissions), would join them at 8pm to inform residents of recent progress with the various stakeholders.

Also, BW had received an email from Ray Qusted on the current situation with the Parish Neighbourhood Plan which he would pass on when that item came up on the Agenda.

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MINUTES OF MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION

MATTERS ARISING

1) Fast Broadband for Nutbourne

Rod Wilson (RW) updated the meeting on the progress he had made with WSCC. Jo Furber, the WSCC contact, is happy to meet with a small group of Nutbourne residents to discuss the rolling out of fibreoptic broadband to the village. However she has suggested that no meeting with OR (Open Reach) before the end of May/June would be productive.

The government has now provided a second tranche of money to enable the rollout of high speed broadband to 95% of the population by the end of 2017. This money has been allocated to County Councils who in turn work with OR. There are 10 areas under consideration in WS for further rollout including Nutbourne but as one of the criteria for inclusion is value for money, the technical difficulties and expense of laying cable from Cabinet 6 at Harborough Hill to the village may prove to be unattractive to OR.

It is important we keep up the pressure on WSCC and OR to ensure that Nutbourne is successful.

Note

RW has also managed to speak to a senior person in BT who said that there were some prospective technologies which could circumvent these difficulties but no details are available at present.

Mike Sherwood (MS) pointed out that the cost of laying cable is £3.50 per metre so, although quite expensive, is not exceptionally so in the context of the overall funds being made available for provision of high speed broadband in the countryside.

He also informed the meeting that he had looked at broadband speeds in a few homes in The Street and by various in-house interventions had managed to improve speeds to 2 or 3 MB but these were not always consistent or reliable.

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He added that most residents should be able to achieve at least 2MB with adjustments to incoming wiring , filters etc, but it wasn't always straightforward.

MS mentioned other possible options for getting cables from A → B which have been used in other parts of the country but again these can be expensive and most not really practical locally. He also mentioned alternative providers such as BLAZE who claim to be ready to go if and when they get approval from East Sussex police to site their receiver on a police mast but he urged residents to hold off from abandoning BT/OR at the moment so that the maximum pressure on them can be maintained.

BW concluded by thanking RW and MS for all their hard work and doggedness in ascertaining the facts and the current state of play with regard to fibreoptic broadband for Nutbourne. He suggested that it would be a good idea to meet Jo Furber as soon as possible simply to keep pressure on WSCC. RW agreed and will try to set this up.

RW

2) Roadwatch - Stream Lane

BW updated the meeting on the Stream Lane potholes. He had contacted WSCC on a number of occasions over the last year, without success. However he has now managed to speak to someone in the office of the Director of Highways, who has promised to respond to our concerns asap. If BW has not heard anything within the next week, he will chase them up again. Some optimism may be justified as a WS van was seen in Stream Lane today, with someone taking photos of potholes!

BW

On the subject of speeding vehicles, Audrey Rose (AR) asked if flashing speed indicators had ever been considered. BW said this had been looked at in the past but had come to nothing for a variety of reasons including funding.

3) The Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Update

BW informed the meeting of the update he had received from Ray Qusted (RQ). The Plan has been with Horsham District Council (HDC) since January 6th, and Pulborough Parish Council (PPC) is still waiting to hear from them. It was worth noting that Storrington Neighbourhood Plan had been turned down by HDC so obviously all plans are being meticulously scrutinised.

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PPC have a meeting with HDC on May 8th and if and when approval is given, there will be further consultation in Pulborough before publication and implementation.

4) Social Events 2016

Lynne White (LW) said that the Summer event was to be a family day with afternoon events for the children and a barn dance in the evening. It will be held in July (date TBC) and have a barnyard theme. Gill Shaw (GW) offered her paddock as a venue for this event.

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BW reported that the recent Supper Club had been a great success, and he thanked the Rising Sun chef for such an enjoyable evening.

GS informed the meeting that the Ladies' Brunch raised £750 for Cancer Research, with more money still to come in.

5) PAGNE (*additional item, not on agenda*)

At this point in the meeting, Ian Hare (IH), Chairman of PAGNE arrived to update the meeting on recent progress of PAGNE and its sister groups. Generally speaking, he was pleased to report that the various authorities were now taking the concerns of residents more seriously. A lot of work had taken place over the last 6 weeks, which can be summarised under 2 headings.

5.1 Gatwick Arrivals Review

The review group had indeed reached the conclusion that there had been changes to noise levels post 2013, when the 'gliding in' arrival pathway was moved out by 2km. This only affects us 35% of the time when there is an easterly wind, otherwise the pathway is mostly over Kent. The CE (Gatwick), the new CE (NATS) and a representative of the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority), met PAGNE and other groups regarding the review findings and recommendations.

All recommendations have been accepted, which include:

- Widening the arrivals swathe, therefore wider dispersal
- Continuous descent approach raised by 1,000 ft
- Modifications to the Airbus 320 to reduce 'whine' by end 2017

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- Noise Management Board (NMB) to be put in place to oversee the implementation of recommendations

5.2 Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group

Six local parishes, including Pulborough, have agreed to come together to form this group, and hopefully others will join. This would be a perfect body to seek representation on the NMB.

At this point, BW thanked IH for his update and all his hard work.

6) AOB

6.1 Jeanette Brickell (JB) asked about the proposal to site a new Post Office at the Elite Garage. Andrea Lawson (AL) responded by saying that Elite Garage had sent a representative to a recent Parish Council meeting. They say that there will be extra parking provided and that the Post Office would be open 6 days a week. Bob Allison (BA) said that he had heard that the petrol station at Harwoods would be closing and Elite Garage is proposing to increase the number of pumps on their side to 8. Residents were a little concerned about the ability to find enough extra parking in the area if all this goes ahead.

6.2 AR raised a further parking concern at the Medical Centre, when the proposed extra 200 houses are built in that area. AL said there was no solution to this as yet, but it had been flagged up as a potential problem with the Parish Council.

6.3 MS reported that he had received a phone call, apparently from N Power, asking him to read his gas and electricity meters. In fact, as he subsequently received an email asking again for meter readings, he wondered whether the initial phone call could have been some sort of scam. He was just flagging this up as a concern.

6.4 AL reported that there had been several successful voluntary sessions at Nutbourne Common to remove birch saplings and leaves.

6.5 JB asked if any decision had been reached regarding the wall and fence by the pond. BW said he had met with the owners of Ropers Farm who said they were not proposing to do anything at the moment, but when they do get round to repairing it, they will certainly listen to the community views.

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6.6 AM reported that there had been a burglary at the far end of Gay Street at the end of March / beginning of April. The police had not yet found the culprit but there have been 2 burglaries in the last 2 months, as well as a bike stolen from Nutbourne Lane. As a result, the Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been extended to cover the top end of Gay Street. AM asked everyone to be vigilant and alert.

Note

NEXT MEETING

**26th July
7.15pm
The Barn, Long Platt**

Accepted as accurate

----- **Chairman**

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