

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 at The Barn, Long Platt

ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

Brian White (BW)	Chairman
Bob Allison (RA)	Treasurer
Jilly Marcuson (JM)	Secretary
Andrew Moffat (AM)	NHW Coordinator

Residents:

Mary Smithers	Chris & Jeanette Brickell
Pam & John Wellard	Betty & Mike Sherwood
Liz & Mike Solomon	Susan & Roger Burroughs

Apologies:

Jane Allison	Jill Shaw
Liz Sowden	Sarah Brown
Carole & Robin Martin	Gill & Rod Wilson
Ruth Simmonds	Nadine Guest
Martin Heath	Neighbourhood Wardens

WELCOME

The Chairman (BW) opened the meeting and welcomed residents.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the AGM meeting held on 25th January 2018 were accepted, by those present, as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1. MATTERS ARISING

1.1 Gypsy Travellers & Travelling Show People Proposal Document

The Chairman (BW) reminded the meeting that this was HDC's proposal for the siting of additional Gypsy sites across the county. Lane Top is included in the proposal, but this has been superseded by a successful planning application from the owners of Lane Top which effectively gives them permanent status.

The proposal, covering other additional sites will be presented at a full council meeting on the 24th May.

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1.2 Parish Neighbourhood Wardens – Report

No report available as the Wardens were using up their leave and the Chairman had been advised by the Parish Clerk that a new monthly update from the Wardens will only be given at PPC meetings, as too much of their time was being used up by attending 'other' meetings.

This was very badly received by the committee and those present. The Wardens have been a great success within the community, especially in getting to know people. It was hoped that this policy would be reviewed in due course.

1.3 SCAM Presentation by PCSO R. Moorey

This item was to have been presented at the AGM, but R. Moorey was unavailable and BW arranged for it to be presented at the April meeting. However he forgot to include it in the Agenda.

PCSO Moorey gave an interesting and informative talk on the prevalence and perils of unscrupulous Scammers.

Again with the involvement of the Neighbourhood Wardens we have recently 'seen off' a couple of scamming attempts which might otherwise have resulted in unnecessary costly work being undertaken. Many examples of scams were highlighted and a short DVD was also shown. The Key pointers were :-

- Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals
- Never agree to offers or deals that have to be agreed immediately. Always insist on time to consider/reconsider before making a decision.
- Never hand over money or sign anything until you have checked the credentials of the company or individual.
- Never send money to anyone you do not know or trust whether in the UK or abroad or use methods of payment that you are not comfortable with.
- Never give banking or personal details to anyone you do not know or trust.
- Always log onto a website directly rather than clicking on a link in an email.
- Do not rely on glowing testimonials: find solid independent evidence of a company's success.
- Always get independent/legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
- If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it to the Police and get help. Contact ActionFraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Contact the POLICE if the suspect is known or still in the area.
- Do not be embarrassed to report a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there is no shame in being deceived. By reporting them you will be making it more difficult for them to deceive others.

Those present at the meeting expressed their thanks to PCSO Moorey for his time and effort.

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2. AOB

- 2.1. Lane Top – The meeting was advised that the Planning Application to remove the family only restriction on the site was approved by HDC's Planning Committee despite a number of submitted objections and representations made at the Council Meeting itself. Many residents are concerned that this means that Lane Top is now effectively an official Gypsy Site and could be sold on as such. AM attended the council meeting and spoke against the application as did Ray Qusted, Chairman PPC. AM felt that the views of local residents were not fully taken into consideration. The application, supported by HDC planning, was approved with approximately 2/3 of the councillors voting in favour. A process of Judicial Review of the application has been instigated and developments are awaited.
- 2.2. Hedge Trimming – Frank Riddle made the case for people to refrain from excessive hedge/bush/tree trimming at this time of the year. This is essentially about preserving our local wildlife and nesting birds in particular. He also mentioned that we have an increasing tendency to 'manicure' our gardens which he feels is unnecessary and harmful to wildlife.
- 2.3. Potholes – Mike Sherwood mentioned that we seem to have a lot of local potholes appearing again, particularly on West Chilton Road. BW agreed and requested that we all monitor and report potholes as they appear.

3. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th July 2018 in The Barn, Long Platt, at 7.15pm.

Accepted as accurate

----- **Chairman**

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