

NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015

*Venue: The Barn, Long Platt, The Street*

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members:**

Brian White (BW) (Chairman)  
Bob Allison (BA) (Treasurer)  
Carole Martin (CM) (Secretary)  
Andrew Moffat (AM) NHW Co-Ordinator

**Residents:**

Ray Quested (RQ)	Nad Guest (NG)	Frank Riddle (FR)
Peter Gregory (PG)	Lynne White (LW)	Chris Brickell (CB)
Robin Martin (RM)	William Baxter (WB)	Jeanette Brickell (JB)
Jilly Marcuson (JM)	John Wellard (JW)	Ruth Migdale (RMi)
Mike Sherwood (MS)	Pam Wellard (PW)	Philip Migdale (PM)
Betty Sherwood (BS)	Audrey Rose (AR)	
Roger Burroughs (RB)		

**Apologies:**

Angela Lawson	Ruth Simmonds	Jim & Gill Shaw
Barry & Heather Davis	Peeta Keown	Sarah Brown
Rod & Gil Wilson	Susan Burroughs	

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed pleasure in the high attendance. He also wished Gill Shaw well on behalf of the NRA.

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**MATTERS ARISING**

**ACTION**

**1) Nutbourne Footpaths Study Update**

The Chairman informed the meeting that FR had produced a draft report – **Footpath and PROW (Public Right of Way) Safety/Condition Report** - for consideration of the NRA and WSCC but it is proposed to seek a response from Nick Scott (WSCC) before presenting

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the proposals to NRA members.

With regard to repair/replacement of stiles, in some cases swing gates are unsuitable and V shaped squeeze gates are not available from WSCC. The next step will be a rewalk of the area so that final suggestions can be sent to WSCC.

BW, FR

BW has also followed up the **Public Way Application (Ref. DMMO 02/15)** presented to WSCC in March to formally establish the passageway around the back of Nutbourne Place as a public right of way. He has had a reply from the Council stating that a decision could take up to a year but they will be in touch in due course.

## **2) Roadwatch Update**

BW has been pursuing the condition of Stream Lane with WSCC. He has been informed that rather than deal with the potholes on a piecemeal basis, the whole road needs to be re-surfaced and this will be scheduled into the Council's programme.

BW will continue to monitor.

BW

It was generally accepted that the term Roadwatch was better than Speedwatch as it meant issues such as surfaces and parking could be included in the remit.

RM is still looking at signing options for reducing speeding in the village and is still keen to pursue the Quiet Lanes option. However he recognised that it would be very difficult to reach a consensus as signs etc are an emotive topic .

FR expressed a view that he could not support anything suggesting 'urbanisation' of the village.

With regard to speeding ,a few people had noted speeding vehicles and one person had reported the culprit directly to the police. However the police require a vehicle to be reported 3 times before they will take action. In order to maximize the chance of this, residents were encouraged to give details of speeding vehicles to BW so that he could collate reports or if preferred, report directly to the police.

BW mentioned that a silver Peugeot had been parked/abandoned outside the Rising Sun for several weeks. Reagan did report it to the police but having noticed a Chichester College sticker on the windscreen made contact with the College and was hopeful that the owner could be traced.

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## **3) Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update and other Council Issues**

RQ informed the meeting that the **PPC Pre – Submission Plan**, comprising the collation of all the evidence gathered from the Household Survey and various meetings, was out for consultation. So far only 12 responses had been received.

Following the end of the consultation period (3<sup>rd</sup>. Aug) a Steering Group will consider all comments and decide whether any alterations need to be made to the Plan. If so, an amended Plan will have to be re-submitted but if not, the Plan will go to Horsham Council and if accepted, to an Independent Inspector then back to the Parish for a vote and eventual implementation.

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BW highlighted a few of the key points in the Plan which could be considered of particular interest to Nutbourne residents :

- the Village Design Statement 2006 for Nutbourne was specifically listed as existing evidence
- brown field sites were most favoured for development
- any improvement/extension to the Rising Sun would be supported if it deemed appropriate.

Full details can be accessed on the WSCC website.

RQ reported that a new brewery had been approved for the site on Stane St opposite the Architectural Plant Centre. Currently an access road was being built.

FR expressed concern about insidious development and several other members supported this.

RQ also informed the meeting that a Planning Application had been received for 24/25 houses to be built to the west of Pulborough station incorporating a road through to the west side. It included 100 parking spaces for station users and disabled access to the London bound platform. The area on Stopham Rd where commuters now park will be made a 'No Parking' zone.

AM expressed some sympathy with commuters who not only had to pay high rail fares but high station car parking charges as well.

RQ mentioned that while Village Wardens were still being considered, **15 Adopt a Street Schemes** were now active in Pulborough and may take the place of Village Wardens.

Finally, the **Trim Trail** is still on the cards but is more likely to be in the main Recreation Ground.

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#### **4) Broadband Speeds**

RB informed the meeting that BLAZE Wireless, an internet service provider, now had sufficient support from residents in the Arun Valley to go ahead with installing high speed wireless broadband in the area. People can register interest on line .

The cost would be approx. £225 for ariel/satellite installation and connection plus a range of monthly costs depending on likely data usage. e.g. £29/mth for 35 Gbs data. There is no contract involved.

FR said that he has BT Infinity and finds it adequate but the majority of members cannot access BT Infinity due to distance from Cabinet and are dissatisfied with current Broadband speeds.

BW suggested residents could also go to the BT website ([www.bt.com/infinity](http://www.bt.com/infinity)) in order to put some pressure on them to install the necessary cables for Nutbourne to be connected.

The overall feeling of members was that it would probably take BT years to do anything and that BLAZE was a feasible alternative!

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### **5) Air Traffic Noise**

AM reported that he had attended a number of meetings with Ian Hare (IH) Chairman of PAGNE (Pulborough against Gatwick Noise and Emissions) including Gatwick Airport Authority and Easyjet. One particular outcome was that Easyjet had agreed to do something about the 'whine' of their aircraft.

There was a generally held view that aircraft noise was becoming more noticeable in rural areas, not just Nutbourne.

However not everyone felt it was a huge problem and indeed RQ mentioned that no one had raised it as an issue in the Household Survey.

MS demonstrated via a map that most planes fly over Billingshurst rather than Nutbourne.

JW also said that he had tracked aircraft during the afternoon of the meeting and less than half originated from Gatwick. Most were from Heathrow and only one private jet, flying at 11000 ft, had been noticeable flying directly overhead.

AR felt that the planes used by the gliding club were more noticeable.

In summary the overview of the meeting was that aircraft noise was not a big issue and unavoidable especially during summer months in SE England.

However the situation does need to be monitored and the work of PAGNE and its sister groups is appreciated.

It is hoped that IH will be able to attend the next NRA to provide an update, not only with regard to noise but also in respect of the potential siting of a new runway, currently proposed for Heathrow but as yet inconclusive.

AM informed the meeting that IH had recently been appointed as a PPC Councillor. He also drew attention to the noise of an aircraft overhead, twice during the discussion on aircraft noise.

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### **6) Social Events**

BW alerted members to the following planned events:

- 27<sup>th</sup> August – Supper Club at Rising Sun
- 1<sup>st</sup> November – Hallowe'en Pumpkin Rolling Event
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Concert (probably at Rising Sun)
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Note

JB sought views on whether one long table for the Supper Club would appeal.

Consensus however was that people should make their own reservations which would inevitably be at slightly different times so one long table would not suit. Also slightly staggered bookings made it easier for the chef. People could of course move about between tables if they wished.

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LW suggested talking to the Rising Sun about what arrangements would suit them including the possibility of a set menu.

LW, BW

BW will email members with the result of that conversation asap.

**7) AOB**

a) AM proposed that we make a contribution to JM for the wine and titbits she had kindly provided. This was supported. BW was still keen to support the pub but acknowledged that the Supper Club was a good way to do this.

b) BA raised the fact that a few people had still to pay their annual subscriptions.

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c) BW expressed sorrow at the recent death of Derek Baker. He had sent the NRA's condolences to Jean and we have made a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

d) BW recently received an email from a resident expressing disquiet at the noise made from 'machines' on Sundays. A fairly heated discussion ensued but overall there was little support for a ban or restriction on people mowing lawns etc. on Sundays. Those who work during the week often do not have a choice and the weekend is the only feasible time for them to do these tasks. It was suggested that if anyone experienced a particular problem it was up to that person to speak to the perpetrator directly.

Note

e) BW reported that £685 had been raised at the 9k Run/Cycle Event and the proceeds were donated to Fittleworth Village School.

**NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting:**

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**7.15pm**

**The Barn, Long Platt**

**Accepted as accurate**

**Date ----- Chairman-----**