

**NUTBOURNE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

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

**ATTENDEES**

**Committee Members:**

Brian White	<i>Chairman</i>
Jilly Marcuson	<i>Acting Secretary</i>
Andrew Moffat	<i>NHW</i>

**Residents:**

Paul & Tracey Daley	Audrey Rose	John & Pam Wellard
Lauren Cleghorn	Rupert & Carole Burne	Mike & Betty Sherwood
Margeret & Peter Gregory	Chris & Jeanette Briackell	Peeta Keown
Ray Qusted	Lynne White	

**Apologies:**

Carole & Robin Martin	Bob & Jane Allison
Gill & Jim Shaw	

**WELCOME**

The Chairman (BW) welcomed residents, and gave apologies for those who were unable to attend. He also thanked Jilly for the continued use of The Barn and for providing refreshments for the evening.

**MINUTES OF MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

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

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**MATTERS ARISING**

**1) Fast Broadband for Nutbourne**

On our behalf Rod Wilson is pursuing a meeting with Jo Furber from WSCC. Some positive emails have been received from her regarding prospects for Nutbourne. Rod has reported that WSCC are working with BT and we hope to have a meeting in September where Jo Furber should have a roll out plan from Openreach.

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### 2) Roadwatch - Stream Lane

BW updated the meeting that he had had a 'site' meeting with Chris Stark – Highways Manager Horsham Area, and had walked the length of Stream Lane. A number of very recent repairs to potholes had occurred but BW was able to persuade Chris Stark that the road was still in poor condition and that resurfacing was required. It was agreed that two areas required 'patching' repairs whilst the resurfacing work is scheduled, most likely early next year.

### 3) The Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Update

Ray Quested was able to give us an update. Apparently HDC are struggling to keep on top of all the Plans it is receiving so delays are expected. He also explained that the Plans for Henfield and Storrington have run into problem. RQ is of the view that the Pulborough plan is robust but HDC have queried the scoring system PPC have used, HDC prefer the 'traffic light' system. PPC are reviewing this currently and will most likely have to send out the revised scoring to the whole parish. RQ finally reminded us that the two planned developments in the plan are for the land west of the train station and at Glebelands opposite Drovers Lane.

Jeanette Brickell asked RQ if the plan for the new PO to be sited at Elite Garage is to go ahead. He replied that it was as no other business was prepared to take it on.

### 4) Social Events 2016

BW reported that the recent Family Fun Day to celebrate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was a great success, despite some damp weather. Jilly's paddock was the venue and The Rising Sun provided the BBQ and the band which played until 10.00pm, and was a great success. The NRA donated £100 toward the costs as did the Social Committee and Ruth Simmonds reported that £250 was donated to the Snowdrop Charity for very sick children. So a good event, hopefully it can become an annual fixture.

Future events include the Pumpkin Rolling hopefully in October.

### 5) AOB

#### 5.1) Bonfire at the Common

The remnants of a small bonfire were found at The Common recently. This turned out to be a school book burning 'ceremony', however the culprits had left their names in some of the unburnt books. The parish clerk will inform the headmaster

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at The Weald and no doubt appropriate action will ensue. (Since the meeting Viv Seaton and her sons have cleared the remains of the rubbish and are to be thanked.)

### 5.2) Memorial Bench at The Common

BW was informed that a Memorial Bench has appeared on the Common to commemorate the passing of Lorraine Osborne. BW enquired whether permission had been sort and indeed was it necessary. He also made it very clear that no objection was being raised. Ray Quested was able to confirm that permission was required and had been requested by the family and granted by PPC at a meeting in April. Andrea Lawson may have been at the meeting and if so the meeting wondered why, as a courtesy, the NRA had not been informed.

### 5.3) Planning Application DC/16/1564

Paul Daley and Peter Gregory raised the issue of this application with BW the day before the meeting and a site visit was made. The application requests permission for "the creation of a new access to serve an existing vineyard" off Nutbourne Lane. PD had received notification of this application from HDC as one of the near neighbours. After some initial investigation of the HDC Planning website it appears that a company with oil and mineral extraction interests may be involved. The application appears to be requesting a much larger access and heavier construction method than could be required for purely agricultural requirements. After some extensive discussion raising more concerns, it was agreed by the meeting that the NRA should raise an objection covering the following :-

- The planned access appears entirely out of proportion to the size of the (unnamed and not Redfold) vineyard
- Potential noise and property damage to local residences from possible HGV movements
- Nutbourne Lane is very narrow and totally unsuitable for HGV's
- Existing vineyard access appears entirely adequate as it is
- Concerns over possible future commercial developments

Ray Quested was asked about this application but he had no knowledge of it. But he was able to confirm that all such applications would go through PPC.

BW was able to inform the meeting that from his enquiries to the parish clerk this application would go before PPC on the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

The letter from HDC gave a calculated date of 4<sup>th</sup> August for objections to be raised. For this reason the meeting determined that BW would inform residents of the situation by separate email prior to the minutes being distributed. This email would include the relevant documents from HDC so that individual residents could decide whether or not to send HDC their own objection letters.

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RQ stated that HDC takes more notice when many objections are raised and that objections should be copied to PPC.

6.) AOB

6.1) NHW Update

Andrew Moffat gave a brief update on NHW matters. He reported that Crime Figures for our part of West Sussex are unusually low although burglaries in particular do occur from time to time so we must remain vigilant. He also reported that Police manpower cuts are ongoing and we await further developments.

BW stated that two Neighbourhood Wardens have recently been appointed for Pulborough Parish. RQ reported that the posts are effective from 12<sup>th</sup> August. BW will invite them to our next meeting.

6.2) Parish Clerk

RQ reported that we shall have a new Parish Clerk starting mid August, Angela Knight. He also said that Lisa will continue as Asst. Clerk having worked very hard to cover the parish work after Sarah's departure.

7.) NEXT MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> November  
7.15pm  
The Barn, Long Platt

Accepted as accurate

----- Chairman

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