
Meeting: Nutbourne Residents' Association
Date and Time: Monday 28 October 2013 at 7.15pm
Venue: The Rising Sun Pub

Committee Members

Brian White (Chairman)
Diane Smith (Secretary)
Andrew Moffat (NHW)
David Seaton (Website)

Residents

Mick Smithers	Carole Martin
Mary Smithers	Peeta Keown
Barry Davis	Jeanette Brickell
Heather Davis	Chris Brickell
Frank Riddle	Stephen Osborne
H Rose	Sean Osborne
Nadine Guest	Jilly Marcuson
John Guest	Jim Shaw
Robin Martin	Jill Shaw

Apologies

Bob Allison
Andrea Lawson
John Wellard
Pam Wellard
Lorraine Osborne
Callum Osborne
Jean Baker
Derek Baker

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman welcomed members and residents, and BW expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee and all residents to the Rising Sun Pub for making their premises available for our meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting (22 July 2013)

Stephen Osborne stated that under Matters Arising regarding Footpaths 71 and 71a, the minutes should state that, regarding 'highway 71' he did not agree that there was nothing for the NRA to discuss at this time. It was agreed Stephen Osborne's objection would be added to the minutes. With that amendment, other residents at the meeting agreed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Pulborough Parish Council Issues. Ray Qusted, current Chairman of the Pulborough Parish Council (PPC), attended the meeting to address the issues of the Precept, Nutbourne Common and the Neighbourhood Design Plan. Ray reported that the current 2012/13 PPC **Precept** for a Band D household is £67.57, up by £1.10 pa.

He stated that the increase was largely due to the employment of a Youth Worker which Pulborough shares with Billingshurst. The role of the Youth Worker is to act as mediator to help young people with problems. The 2014/15 budget has not been approved, however it is unlikely to exceed an increase of £1 per Band D household. AM asked what more do Nutbourne residents get from their PPC precept than if Nutbourne were paying a precept to West Chiltington. Ray stated that Nutbourne was important to the PPC, and most recently the PPC has supported Nutbourne with the introduction of the 20mph speed limit, purchase of the BT telephone box and maintenance of Nutbourne Common. He stated that with regard to West Chiltington, he could not comment. There followed a short discussion about canvassing the views of Nutbourne residents. **ACTION BW and residents**

BW summarised residents' concern about the unnecessary maintenance work on **Nutbourne Common** and the lack of communication from the PPC. Ray stated that there was a meeting every month of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee which everyone is invited to attend; the meeting date is posted on the Nutbourne notice board. Ray agreed to send the agenda to BW every month and to inform the NRA prior to any work commencing on the Common. He explained that the PPC owes a duty of care to people who visit the Common, and this involves bracken and silver birch control and creating more open space to encourage walkers. AM queried a tractor damaging trees in the Common, and agreed to send a letter to Ray. The PPC has recently decided that they should be part of the new **Neighbourhood Design Plan**. Ray stated that it is essential that one or two Nutbourne residents should participate in the focus group that is being organised, and should contact Sarah the Parish Council Clerk. Lastly, Ray highlighted the new Memorial Garden that is going to be built with the help of Brinsbury College, and the improvements being made to the Recreation Ground changing rooms and Social Club. BW and residents thanked Ray for attending the meeting, and welcomed him to future meetings. **ACTION BW, AM, RQ**

Nutbourne Footpaths Study Update. BW reported that he and FR had produced a report about the local footpaths which they submitted to West Sussex County Council. They met with Access Ranger Nick Scott on 16 September 2013 to walk the footpaths and look at the problem areas. NS agreed to deal with the issues which fell within his jurisdiction, and follow-up with WSSX on the others. NS stated that he would discuss damaged stiles and abandoned caravans with local landowners. BW and FR agreed to walk the footpaths to see what has yet to be done, and discuss with NS. A copy of the report has been sent out to residents via email, and a paper copy is available upon request. **ACTION BW, FR, DS**

4. 'Make Nutbourne more beautiful'.

At the last meeting FR proposed a campaign be launched to improve the look of Nutbourne and residents were asked to come up with ideas as to how this could be carried forward. After discussion, residents felt that individual action to keep Nutbourne tidy and attractive would be more effective.

5. Any Other Business

- **Neighbourhood Watch 1.** - AM reported that emails are continuing to be sent out on a regular basis.
- **Neighbourhood Watch 2.** – A discussion was had regarding the need for all residents to be alert to the danger of 'cold callers' particularly at this time of the year.

- **Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation.** It is unclear what the Horsham District Council's current plans are for the Lane Top property with regard to the recent report. BW agreed to contact the Council for an update. **ACTION BW**

6. Date of next meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7:15pm. This will be an AGM meeting.

Accepted as accurate

Chairperson

Date