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Meeting: Nutbourne Residents' Association  
Date and Time: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00pm  
Venue: The Rising Sun

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**Attendees :-****Committee Members**

Brian White (Chairman)  
Bob Allison (Treasurer)

David Seaton (IT)  
Andrew Moffat (NHW)

**Residents**

Robin Martin  
Audrey Rose  
Trevor Rose  
Jilly Marcuson  
John Wellard  
Peeta Keown  
John Guest  
Nadine Guest  
Roger Burroughs  
Frank Riddle

Pam Wellard  
Carole Martin  
Andrea Lawson  
Barry Davis  
Heather Davis  
Gill Shaw  
Jim Shaw  
Susan Burroughs  
Callum Osborne  
Stephen Osborne

**Guest from Pulborough Parish Council**

Ray Quested

**Apologies**

Jeanette Brickell  
Chris Brickell

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed members and residents, and expressed his pleasure at the numbers of residents who had turned out.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting (28 July 2014 )**

All present agreed that the minutes previously published were an accurate record of the said meeting.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.1 Election of Secretary** – The Chairman repeated his appeal for somebody to step into the role of secretary to the association. He explained that the committee now stand at only 4 members and additional support is required, not least to provide a wider spread of skills and perspective. The primary role would be to take notes and produce the first draft of each meetings minutes. **ACTION : ALL**

( subsequent to the meeting Carole Martin has kindly agreed to act as secretary for an interim period. The idea is to ask 1 or 2 others to form a secretariat , pool their resources and act as secretary for a few months at a time. Hopefully this can be ratified at the AGM )

The Chairman proposed that to address the need for a wider spread of skills and perspective Frank Riddle should be elected to committee member. Frank will bring his knowledge of Nutbourne from his role as founding member of the Nutbourne History and Conservation Group. This proposal was voted upon and accepted by the majority of those residents present.

**3.2 Nutbourne Footpath Study** – BW reported that he and FR had been unable to follow up the further issues mentioned in their last report but would endeavour to do so for the AGM. **ACTION BW/FR**

**3.3 Nutbourne Common** – BW began the discussion by stating that he had attended the Recreation & Open Spaces committee meeting held by PPC on the 11<sup>th</sup> September to express to the committee the concerns of the NRA regarding the way the Common was being managed and to request that a Working Group be set up consisting of representatives from the NRA and the R&OS committee. Unfortunately this request was not minuted as public speakers can only speak when the meeting is adjourned. However in following this up with the parish Clerk BW was able to inform the meeting that this will now be on the agenda for the 20<sup>th</sup> November meeting for approval. BW further proposed that the NRA representatives on this working group shall be Chris Brickell, ex Director of RHS Gardens Wisley and Frank Riddle Chairman of the NH&CG, see above and himself, unless somebody living closer to the Common wished to step in none was forthcoming.

There then followed an extensive debate on the current state of the Common, recent history from 2007 to date, the wishes of Nutbourne residents as expressed in the Village Design Statement of 2006 and concerns over the Common raised by residents as minuted by the NRA over the last few years. Given that we had such a representative attendance at the meeting BW proposed that we should take a vote to indicate resident's views on this matter.

The following questions were asked and voted upon :-

- i) BW asked how many people wanted the Common returned to Woodland as per the VDS. Result : 21 For 0 Against
- ii) BW asked how many people preferred Heathland to Woodland. Result 1 For 17 Against.
- iii) AL then argued that those present were not in full possession of the facts because the recent report from Tony Whitbread of the WSWF had not been distributed. AL was then asked what consultation had been carried out in 2007 when the R&OS committee voted to accept the Rob Free, WSHG, proposal for a Heather Heathland to be established on the Common, she stated that the proposal was shown on the PPC website. BW stated that in any case we should take more note of what residents wanted rather than the proposals of experts. In the event a final vote was proposed :-
- iv) How many people were in favour of retaining a mixture of Woodland and Heathland on The Common. Result : 3 For and no vote was taken for those Against.

BW agreed to attach to the minutes the recent report produced by Tony Whitbread and the original proposal from 2007 by Rob Free. **Action : BW**

**3.4 Pulborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan** – BW asked Ray Qusted, Chairman PPC, to give an update regarding the recent survey. RQ responded by saying that PPC were delighted to get such a good response rate with over 750 questionnaires being returned which equated to around 35% of the Parish.

The survey results were currently being transferred to a digital format, something RQ conceded the council could have better planned for, however volunteers have helped input the data which RQ expressed thanks for. ( FR organized a local group to participate inputting data consisting of himself, BW, DS and Mike Sherwood) RQ continued by saying that the data will be analysed and circulated via the PPC website and that a Stage 1 Report would be discussed at the forthcoming PNP Planning Workshop to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

Residents are invited to attend and should indicate their intention to do so via email on [pulboughnp@gmail.com](mailto:pulboughnp@gmail.com) or via telephone to the Parish Clerk on 01798 873532 (Also see PNP Planning Workshop sheet attached ) **ACTION: All**

**3.5 The Track to the Common** – DS stated that the new sign agreed by the majority of frontagers has been erected. AL asked if the sign had been approved by Horsham District Council and DS stated that it had.

Stephen Osborne then presented his view that the sign was dangerous and could lead to confusion, particularly with the Emergency Services. He also stated that his sign 'Carpe Diem Way' had recently been subject to vandalism again and that the police were investigating this. He then went on to explain that any further 'criminal damage' would result in prosecution being brought by the police. After some discussion regarding his sign and his perceived claims to ownership of the track SO made it clear that :-

“ I do not own the track and I have never claimed to own the track”

Hopefully this matter can now be closed.

**3.6 Speed Issues in Nutbourne** – BW reported that the previously minuted intention to get involved with the 'Community Speed Watch' programme supported by Sussex Police had not borne fruit. Indeed having been assessed by two NPT sergeants Nutbourne was not considered suitable for the CSW Programme. This was primarily due to the fact that we already have a 20MPH speed limit in place and that the road layout, lack of pavements etc (?) did not fit the criteria. Finally it was concluded in the letter from Tina Dunning, PCSO, that the speed limit in Nutbourne should be self-enforcing.

The proposed ideas of having the 20MPH limits painted on the road and the possibility of re-drawing the plans for the location of the speed limit signs require developing and perhaps a fresh 'pair of eyes'.

BW advised that Robin Martin had indicated that he was prepared to give this issue some time and BW proposed that the NRA give him this remit, this was agreed by all those present. **Action : RM**

**3.7 Mineral Extraction Plans in Pulborough** – BW advised that he had been made aware of a leaflet produced by The Wiggonholt Association concerning proposals for a new site for Silica Sand extraction adjacent to Broomers Hill Lane and Marehill. He made the meeting aware that a public meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November in Pulborough Village hall. A general discussion was had and a number of residents expressed concern regarding increased traffic and noise as well as concerns over

the RSPB sanctuary and how the site would be managed during and after extraction works. BW advised that he would send out an email to make all residents on the NHW email distribution list aware of the meeting so that they could attend if they so wished.

**Action : BW**

**3.9 Parking Issues** – This issue was discussed at some length with Peeta Keown expressing concern and John Wellard amongst others identifying that the key problem was double parkin and parking too close to the bend in The Street at the southerly end of the village. However it was agreed that since we lived in a rural community with a successful pub, that we wished continuing success, this was a small price to pay overall.

#### **4. AOB's**

**4.1 Broadband** - Broadband speed in the village and surrounds continues to be an issue for residents. DS has advised previously internet links that can be used to identify when/how people can improve their b/b speed :-

[http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/default.aspx?pc=rh20\\_2ha](http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/default.aspx?pc=rh20_2ha)  
<http://www.cable.co.uk/compare/bt-infinity/>

JW informed the meeting that he had made enquiries with little success, a view that was endorsed by a number of residents. SO suggested that as DS had shown some expertise and knowledge in these matters perhaps he would like to champion getting an improved b/b speed for Nutbourne. DS stated that he had indeed investigated ways of providing satellite broadband to Nutbourne but that it was unlikely to be financially viable, however he encouraged all present to pursue improvement via their Internet Service Provider.

( subsequent to the meeting John Guest advised that the BT engineer who recently carried out work on his premises advised him that we should receive 'High Speed' broadband within the next 2 – 3 months....)

**4.2 Air Traffic Noise** – Andrew Moffat raised a concern about a perceived increase in aircraft noise. He was assured that this had not gone unnoticed by several other residents. It was assumed this was due to the re-routing trials being undertaken by Gatwick Airport which should finish shortly. BW agreed and noted that a campaign objecting to these trials had been initiated by villages closer to Horshan, Warnham in particular had been badly affected. AM suggested that perhaps we too should raise an objection with Gatwick. BW agreed to investigate. **Action : BW**

AM concluded his AOB's with a request for us all, as NHW Co-Ordinator, to remain vigilant with the darker evenings in prospect.

#### **5. Date of Next Meeting the AGM – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

Please note that Jilly Marcusson of Low Platt has very kindly offered us the use of her 'barn' for the AGM. We shall also aim to make the meeting a social evening with Cheese and Wine available after the business has been concluded, all are welcome.

Accepted as accurate

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Chairperson

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