

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Nutbourne Residents Association
at 7.30pm on Sunday 2nd August 2026
at the Rising Sun (kindly offered by Regan Howard)**

Committee Attendees:

Brian White, Chairman

Bob Allison, Treasurer

Andrew Moffat – Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

Residents

Lynn White

Jane Allison

Jacqui & Andrew Dobson

Carole & Robin Martin

Roger Boroughs

Jill & Graham Westlake

Frank Riddle – Pulborough Parish Councillor

Erica Riddle

Neil Brandon

Gill & Rod Wilson

Lee Goosens

Paul Clarke – Horsham District Councillor

Nad Guest

Tom Croft – Prospective County Councillor

Tracey & Paul Daley

Margaret & Peter Gregory

Pam Wellard

Liz & John Pocock

Julian Trumper

Elaine & Ben Farmer

Jame & Brian Mills

Helen & Peter Heath

John Cameron

Apologies for Absence

Ruth Simmons

Liz & Mike Sollom

Len Ellis Brown – Horsham District Councillor

Betty Sherwood

Jilly Marcuson - Pulborough Parish Councillor

Liz & Chris Williams

Carol & Paul Nash

Ian Hare

Carol & Robin Martin

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all those present, especially our Local and District Councillors, whose attendance on a Sunday evening is much appreciated. He also acknowledged the absences shown above

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted and agreed by those present.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Summary of recent developments.** An Inspector for HM Government has determined that the District Plan must provide 20,000 new homes over the next 15 years. This may be supplemented by proposals for a number of smaller development sites. However updating a Local Plan at least every five years does provide some safeguards regarding size and location of such developments. (A discussion of the proposals for Adversane is covered later in these Minutes.
- 3.2 Neighbourhood Wardens.** The Wardens' April report was distributed by email prior to the meeting. BW noted that it contains useful information about their work around the parish as well as useful tips about littering, waste collection and reporting issues to the Police.
- 3.3 Social Events.** BW advised the meeting that the Open Garden Event in June raised just over £5,000 with 'tea and cakes' making a sizeable contribution. An NGS representative commented that this was an amazing sum from just 4 gardens. Remaining events for this year are **Halloween** 31st October, **Pumpkin Rolling** 1st November and **Xmas Carols** at The Riser on the 13th December, details to follow.
- 3.4 Village Security.** FR gave a summary of findings resulting from a number of 'site' visits from various Security Systems on behalf of the Working Group. The key areas investigated, assisted by Security Systems companies, included CCTV, and external lighting with Passive Infra Red motion-sensing. The full report is attached to these minutes. Many thanks again to Frank, Neil Brandon and Lee Goossens.

4. Highways Matters

- 4.1 Street Roundels and Edge Damage.** BW was amazed to be in a position to report that a number of Highways jobs have been actioned. We have a new 20 Mph roundel at the north end of the village and old one at the south end has been restore to glory with a lick of paint!! The good news continues with the edge damage repaired in Nutbourne Road, and a new 20 Mph sign at the entrance to Stream Lane, sharing the existing narrow road sign post.
- 4.2 Road Signs and Finger Posts.** The finger post at the junction of Nutbourne Road and Stream Lane remains broken. MW reported that its cousin at the junction of Stream Lane and Gay Street also need a repair, although the latter may be just over the border with West Chiltington. Actions: NH Warden **Lottie Torp. O Last** to raise with the Parish Council
- 4.3 Speed Information Displays.** The WSCC Highways Manager did a site visit in October 2025, but to date no funds or guidance have been forthcoming At £3.5 - £4k these devices are beyond our means, but are sometimes financed by County Councils or by Police and Crime Commissioners. BW has had no success so far, but LE-B said he would make some enquiries on our behalf, and we may wish to approach the Commissioner directly for a grant. Action: **BW&LE-B**

5. Planning Matters

- 5.1 The Planning Application known as '**Girder Bridge**' North Heath, DC/26/1364, (6 x dwellings) has received a number of objections and is due to go to HDC's Planning Committee in due course, date unknown.
- 5.2 BW advised the meeting that the Appeal hearing for DC/25/1364 **Staalcot Farm, 2 x caravans**, is scheduled for 12th Aug.
- 5.3 Paul Clarke advised that finally after several months of pressure by councillors, the Council Officers have written a procedure that will allow them, for the first time, to apply Articles 70 and 70C of the Town and Country Planning Act. A number of Court Rulings have confirmed that the purpose of Section 70C is to prevent applicants from taking "multiple bites of the cherry" by submitting new applications to stall enforcement. This gives a local planning authority the power to refuse to determine a planning application if an enforcement notice already covers the same breach of planning control. This would have been useful on several past occasions.
- 5.4 **The Adversane new housing site "Our Place"** has been included in HDC District Plan. The consultation period, when comments can be made to the Inspector via HDC concludes on the 24th August. BW advised that NRA Email - 037/JUL had already been distributed with information and links showing how to make comment to these plans. Julian Trumper, North Heath resident, gave a short report on the plans and why it is so important to make our voices heard. More detailed information of how and on what basis we can comment was discussed generally. The leaflet produced by Tom Crofts, WSCC Councillor had also been distributed, Action: LG volunteered to contact Tom's office to see how we could 'spread the word'. (After the meeting, exploiting his company's expertise in this field, a 'flyer' was produced containing detailed information. This was funded by LG and other residents and distributed by hand and via an NRA Email News to all homes impacted by these plans. Many thanks to LG and all those who helped distribute the 'flyer'.)

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 FR outlined his proposals to make the junction between Nutbourne Road and West Chilton Road safer for pedestrians. A site visit by WSCC officials declined to support the remapping of the junction, but did agree to cut back the overgrown roadside vegetation. A proposal to construct a footpath through the forest to the west of the junction received limited support. Questions remain over the ownership of the land.
- 6.2 A resident along Nutbourne Lane who receives poor broadband commented that she had checked the OpenReach website and could not see a planned date for their Fibre to the House initiative. BW stated that last year he had checked for Nutbourne, RH20 2HE, and had found a goal of by "end of 2026". (He has since rechecked and found the while the work still listed, but with the target date expunged.

- 6.3 Another resident informed the meeting that she had been made aware that you could receive a free smoke alarm for your home from the Fire and Rescue Service. (Post the meeting BW double-checked and confirmed that the report is correct so long as the applicant meets their age and vulnerability criteria. You can contact the Fire Service online <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/safe-and-well-visit/> or by email to safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk or call **03458 729719**).
- 6.4 A resident of Stream Lane suggested that a roadside mirror should be considered at the end of Stream Lane as you turn right into West Chiltington. Action: BW agreed that this could be very useful and will contact WSCC Highways.
- 6.5 Between meetings a resident had asked if an NRA Email could go out asking for landowners to cutback overgrown footpaths and bridleways on their land. This did result in action being taken and wishes that her thanks to the landowners be noted.

7. Next Meeting

Will be at 7.30pm on Sunday 25th October at The Riser

Brian White
Chairman NRA
19th August 2026