



BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 14 August 2008

in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Roy Godfrey (Chair), Don Harris (President), Pat Talbot, Diane Durham, Don Rogers, John Sayers, Rosemary Mitchell, Sally Banford, Derek Hawker, Edward & Jill Floyd, John Noyes, Frank Wood, John & Rosemary Palmer, Marion Browning, Anne Jefferies & Roger Jefferies (Acting Secretary).

GUESTS: Cllr. Mike Brooke, Cllr. Les Burden, David Williams (Neighbourhood Watch). PC Suzie Corsie & PSCO Karen Preston were present at the start of the meeting.

Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm and welcomed the members present by name.

1) PRESENTATION TO JOHN NOYES:

President Don Harris presented a certificate to John Noyes which informed John that he had been appointed a Vice President of the Broadstone Residents' Association in recognition of his services to the Association.

2) APOLOGIES: Cllr Dan Martin, Doreen Muckart, Cherry Lorberg and Bob Williams.

3) MINUTES of the meeting held on 26 June 2008 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

4) ACTIONS and MATTERS ARISING:

Numbers in brackets refer to the item in the previous minutes.

(11) AOB (Repairs to notice board) – Pat Talbot informed the committee that he had received quotations from Woodleaze Building & Decorating Services (£252) and R Lorberg & Co (£275 + VAT). Roger Jefferies said that he had not been happy with the work carried out in 2004 and 2007 by Woodleaze and proposed that Roy, Pat and himself made further enquiries in finding a suitable contractor to carry out the repair work. This was agreed.

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

Roger Jefferies said that he had received a letter from George Hattimore, Chairman of Age Concern Day Centre thanking the committee for their kind donation of £250 which would be put to good use.

Roy Godfrey informed the committee that he received a great deal of correspondence, and sent copies of anything of interest to all members of the committee which included;

Thistle Hotel; objections.

Follow up correspondence with regard to the meeting with Robert Syms on the 6 June.

South East Dorset defence Consortium - campaign against 48,100 new houses in the Poole and Bournemouth conurbation.

Poole and Christchurch Bays Shoreline Management Plan (Erosion & Flooding).

Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Car clamping - Macaulay Road - First Stop Security. Mike Brooke complained to the Council that the signage was inadequate, but the Council disagreed and replied that it was not in breach of legislation. This situation had not yet been resolved.

Chair, Poole's Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee; workshop to consider Potential Tourist Attractions for Poole.

Poole Partnership-Local Transport Plan. John Sprackling to attend a meeting of Poole Partnership Steering Group as Representative for Residents' & Tenants' Associations to hear about progress in delivering the Local Transport Plan. John asked if there were any particular issues the committee would like to raise.

6) CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Roy said that he tried to attend any meeting of interest to Broadstone.

He attended a Local Area Committee meeting at Springdale School.

Items of interest included:

A request for double yellow lines in Ascot Road.

Speeding in Higher Blandford Road and Lower Blandford Road.

A presentation of the 'Core Strategy' by Nigel Jacobs of Strategic Planning Services. RG managed to obtain three copies of the 'Core Strategy' manual, and had given copies to Pat Talbot and Diane Durham.

AGM Dorset Federation of Resident's Associations

Roy was unable to attend this meeting, but John Sprackling sent him some notes and Roy circulated these and a copy of the minutes to all members of the committee. There was little of interest to Broadstone.

Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Roy was invited to attend the AGM of the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce. There was nothing to report.

7) PARKING PROBLEMS IN LAUREL DRIVE & BROADSTONE IN GENERAL:

Don Rogers said that the head teachers of the local schools sent out letters every so often to the parents of the children which asked them to park with consideration towards the residents in the vicinity of the schools, but DR said that there were a small minority who ignored all requests. Mike Brooke remarked that he hoped to work with Steve Dean of Transportation & Highways and had suggested that a proper parking plan should be developed for Broadstone. RG recommended that the issue should be raised again at the open meeting on Tuesday 28 October when hopefully some of the parents and residents concerned would be at the meeting. He also proposed that an article should be published in the October issue of the Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch newsletter.

8) **OFFICER VACANCES:**

RG reported that advertisements for the posts of Secretary, Magazine Editor and Advertising Manager had appeared in the Broadstone Link and Residents' magazine and Ro Mitchell had put posters on the two Residents' boards.

9) **REPORTS BY OFFICERS:**

Planning

PAT reported that there had been 33 applications during the period 16th June – 10th August. Items of interest were:

82 Springdale Road	Erect 4 Bed House
10 Ridgeway (Conservation Area)	Demolish all existing buildings and erect block of 8 flats and block of 2 flats. Not yet determined.
31 Dunyeats Road	6 flats and 2 Chalet bungalows Appeal withdrawn day before hearing.
2 Barry Gardens	2 Bed Bungalow. REFUSED.

Poole Core Strategy Submission Document. Pat reported on the proposed strategy document over the next 15 – 20 years in which it was stated that 500 dwellings per annum should be built over a period from 2006 to 2026, but on land that was already designated for development, it was proposed to build 700 dwellings per annum up to the year 2016. The document stated that there was no question of entering into the green belt. The highest density would be concentrated in Poole town centre and the east/west A35 corridor, but this would not rule out flats in Broadstone where areas met the required criteria, i.e. within a quarter of a mile from shops, bus routes, doctors etc. The Core Strategy document however stated that proposed developments would not break up 'housing lines', i.e. build a block of flats in the middle of a row of houses. 1,300 jobs would be created in a development at Fleets Corner (Hamworthy Engineering), and 1,000 new jobs in Sopers Lane on the Siemens site. There would be a public examination at The Civic Centre from 4-14 November, and a pre-hearing on 17 September.

Treasurer

Income:

RJ reported that there had not been much activity on the financial front since his last report in June – however things would start to move now that the summer magazine had been issued and collections would start in earnest. **Subscriptions** collected so far amounted to £835.50 and **Advertising** receipts amounted to £212.50 from the spring newsletter and a spill-over of a few additional adverts from the winter magazine. These too would start to come in earnest now that invoices for insertions in the summer magazine had been issued. **Interest** received amounted to £115.74 for the quarter ended 30 June 2008.

Total receipts for the year to date amounted to £1,171.74.

Expenditure to date had been £659 for the spring newsletter, £275.00 for AGM expenses, £153.67 for Officers' expenses, £100 for gifts, £45 for hire of the library and £1,450 for donations to local organisations. At the last meeting RJ reported BRA had given £300 to the Broadstone Scout Group, £250 to Broadstone in Bloom, £200 to Broadstone Cricket Club and £200 to the Broadstone Access Group this year. Since the last meeting BRA had donated £250 to Broadstone Age Concern and £250 to the Broadstone Over 60s Club

which were approved at the last meeting, making up the total of £1,450 mentioned.

Total expenditure to date had been £2,682.67 which meant that expenditure had exceeded income so far this year by £1,510.93.

Bank and cash balances had been reduced by this amount and now stood at £9,989.96 of which £9,775.80 was on deposit earning interest.

Editor & Advertising Officer

RG said that the Summer Magazine was now being issued. He was now starting to prepare for the Winter Magazine - articles/contributions were welcome.

The printers advised that due to the Christmas and new year holiday, they would need to have the proof by mid-November, and RG suspected that Graham would need all the articles etc. some four weeks before this, so the deadline for copy would be mid-October.

All the invoices for advertisements in the summer magazine had been printed, over one hundred. RG intended to deliver as many as possible, with their copies of the magazine, by hand, this would allow him to meet the advertisers and also book advertising for the Winter Magazine. RG would put the rest in the post.

Mike Brooke congratulated RG on an excellent summer magazine.

Chief Warden – including Wardens' Coffee Morning

There had been a disappointing response to John Sayers' request to the wardens to supply him with details of their length of service. Only 26 of the 78 active wardens replied. Of these 2 wardens had served for over 25 years, Joyce Warren since 1978, and had her paying-in book to prove it, and Derek Hawker since 1981. Two other wardens, Jane Gedling and JS himself had been wardens since 1985.

JS recently had indications from some of the more elderly wardens that they would like to retire gracefully if a replacement could be found. JS had encouraged them to sound out likely residents when calling to collect the subscriptions since experience showed this was by far the most effective way in recruiting new wardens. Nevertheless JS hoped the article he had written for the current magazine may also tempt some new and younger volunteers to come forward.

JS had sent out invitations to all the wardens asking them to attend a coffee morning on Saturday 30 August from 10.30 to 12.0 at the Broadstone Methodist Church in the Sharlands Hall.

Chamber of Trade

There was no report.

Education

There was no report. RG requested more articles from the schools for the magazine.

Other (incl. Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch)

David Williams reported that vandalism had continued in Cheam Road which did not appear to be alcohol related. PCSO Karen Preston informed David Williams that two culprits had been arrested and detained. The police had requested the council to increase the level of lighting in Ascot Road so that a camera could be installed, and the police had also arranged for residents to lock the gate at the Lewesdon recreation ground in the evening, and for Continental Landscapes to unlock it in the morning. This would be an experiment in an effort to reduce the level of vandalism. RG commented that a replacement officer should have been appointed before PC Steve Hawke left.

10) CORE STRATEGY:

This was discussed under planning.

11) DORSET FEDERATION (if applicable):

This was discussed under Chairman's Remarks.

12) GRANT REQUESTS – Report of Grants Sub-Committee:

No further requests had been received. An advertisement had been put in the summer magazine.

13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Earlier in the meeting PC Suzie Corsie introduced herself to the committee and explained that she had taken over from PC Steve Hawke. This was on a temporary basis until a replacement was found for Steve. Suzie assured the committee that she or PCSO Karen Preston would be only too happy to attend the meetings and give updates on the latest situations in Broadstone.

b) Speeding in Springdale Road:

Police specials had now been trained to use laser guns and these had been much more flexible than the use of the Dorset Safety Camera Partnership. Mike Brooke asked committee members to let him know where there was a problem with speeding in Broadstone, and he would then pass this information on to the police.

There being no further business at the meeting, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

.....Chairman

.....Date

2008/2009 programme

2008 **Tuesday** 28 October (open meeting); Thu 20 November.
2009 Thu 8 January