



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 23 April 2009

in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Don Harris (President), John Noyes (Vice President), Roy Godfrey (Chair), David Anderson, Sally Banford, Keith Clements, Edward Floyd (part), Jill Floyd, Derek Hawker, Cherry Lorburg, Louise McCulloch, Rosemary Mitchell, John Palmer, Rosemary Palmer, John Sayers, Pat Talbot, David Williams, Frank Wood (part), Roger Jefferies (Treasurer and Acting Secretary).

WELCOME: Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.32 pm and welcomed members present.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Diana Durham, Lynne Fisher, Doreen Muckart, Cllrs Mike Brooke, Les Burden and Dan Martin and PC Joe Cooper.
- 2) **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 12 March 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

3) **ACTIONS and MATTERS ARISING:**

Number in brackets refers to the item in the previous minutes.

(3) Travellers' Site at Merley. The Chairman re-iterated that the new application was in a new location and was for 28 Residential Travellers' sites at Lake Farm on the north side of the Wimborne by-pass on the other side of the river.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Roy Godfrey said that he was continuing to send items of interest received from different sources to Officers and invited them to bring up any items on which they would like further information.

He reported that Dudley Hull had attended a meeting on coastal erosion on the Dorset coast and had reported back. Whilst of interest this was not of special concern to Broadstone and suggested that anyone interested should get in touch with Dudley.

5) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Roy said he had attended an Area Committee meeting on 18 March. Primetower gave a presentation on the Fairlight Hotel development. Kay English, Parking Services Manager, gave a presentation on the role of Parking Enforcement Officers and Cllr Brooke gave a presentation regarding the proposed changes to parking in Grange Road and on the Broadway. Roy said he had asked for a meeting with the Parking Services Department and had met the manager, Kay English, who had advised him that there were 27 Civil Enforcement Officers in the Poole area whose job it was to control parking in the Borough, one of whom was deployed in Broadstone three times a week. Roy told her that this was not enough particularly as they could only deal with parked vehicles and not moving vehicles. He would be pressing for greater coverage.

Pat Talbot and he had attended a 'Communications' meeting with Cllr Stribley, on 25 March. The meeting was not minuted, so there is no official record of the meeting; Roy had sent a report to all committee members on 30 March.

Roy had also attended a meeting of the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce on 31 March. The Resident's Association worked very closely with the Chamber of Trade in the interests of all who live and work in Broadstone.

He had attended the AGM of Broadstone in Bloom on 8 April, they very much needed financial support and help with weeding and the watering of plants etc. Roy said he was very impressed by the dedication of the members and as they had recently lost a major source of funding from the Council he felt that the Association should help out with a similar donation as in previous years and recommended that we send them a cheque for £250. This was approved.

Roy had also attended the first meeting of the Traffic Management Committee, which was very constructive. All parties were now happy with the outcome. The committee members are Cllr Mike Brooke, Roy Godfrey, Diane Durham, David Anderson, Bob Williams and Lynne Fisher.

6) REPORTS BY OFFICERS:

Planning

Pat Talbot reported that there had been 33 applications in the period 29 February to 12 April.

The following are worthy of mention:

19&19A Moor Road, 1A & 1B & 1 Golf Links Road

a) An application to demolish existing dwellings and Hotel, re-develop site to provide a new 63 bed Care Home with associated Landscaping, Boundary Treatments, Parking and Vehicle access.

Pat said that this application was not at all what it seemed from the earlier presentation of Primetower. Though designed in 3 modules it would appear as a solid block from Moor Road to the top of the site in Golf Links Road. In some places it was 4 storeys high and the link buildings were 3 stories high. Moreover there was only parking for 16 – 18 cars instead of the minimum of 22 prescribed by the Council's criteria. It was clear we should continue to monitor progress carefully.

82 Springdale Road

b) an application to erect a 4 bed detached house in the front garden of 82 Springdale Road was refused last year, However, the Applicant had appealed against the decision to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities & Local Government..

Treasurer

Roger tabled a Statement of Income & Expenditure covering the year to 31 March 2009 and said that subject to anything which came up at this meeting or from the audit these were the figures which would be presented to the Association's AGM on 21 May

Income

Subscriptions received was very similar to last year - down just slightly at £6,143.50.

Magazine advertising was £2,982.50, nearly £200 up on last year.

Books: There was a final amount received of £8.00

Interest received was £331.00 - well down on last year and it will drop again considerably this year of course.

Total income was £9,465.00

Expenditure

Magazine Printing. There was a small increase in the cost of the spring newsletter while the cost of the two magazines increased by £400 each due to the colour sections in the centre.

Other costs were as shown. There was a big jump in the cost of the AGM last year due to the hiring of outside caterers and Officers' expenses had increased significantly.

There has been a big increase in donations this year as a result of the advertisements calling for applications for grants. These were listed in the accounts following recommendations by the Grants Sub-Committee.

Total expenditure was £9,037.68 which when deducted from income of £9,465.00 leaves a surplus for the year of £427.32 compared with £3,734 last year.

Accumulated Fund at 31 March 2009.

Adding the surplus for the year to the Accumulated Fund at the start of the year produced the figure of £12,012.99 which was the net worth of the Association at the end of the year. This was made up of the HSBC Treasurer's account £514.43 and the Scottish Widows Tracker account of £11,469.74. To this must be added an amount owing to the Association, interest on the Scottish Widows account to 31 March of £21.32 and a prepayments of £15 in respect of Library hire, making a total of £36.32; and deducted an amount owing by the Association - £7.50 for an officer's expenses, to arrive at the Accumulated Fund balance at the end of the year of £12,012.99.

Roy asked whether the Association had public liability insurance cover now that the Dorset Federation was no longer offering cover. Roger replied saying we had no cover at present. Some concern was expressed at this and Roy agreed to see what other Residents' Associations were doing. Louise expressed concern that as she was organising the refreshments at the AGM, she and/or the Association could be liable if, for example, somebody went down with food poisoning as a result.

John Palmer asked how sound Scottish Widows Bank were and what percentage of our deposit could be at risk if they went under. Roger said it was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lloyds Bank which was 70% owned by the government so that the risk was miniscule. However he agreed to make enquiries. John suggested that we consider National Savings & Investment which was 100% government funds.

Editor & Advertising Officer

Roy said that the Spring Newsletter was at the printers and would be published on 23 April. The Newsletter was over-subscribed - Graham Mallet had to 'shrink' the articles to get them all in. The Chamber of Trade had agreed to pay for the £229 for their colour supplement in the Newsletter.

The Summer Magazine would be published on 6 August; the deadline for copy would be advised in due course.

Chief Warden

John Sayers advised that with their Spring Newsletter all Wardens would receive a personal letter of thanks from him for their services over the past year together with their bank slips and registration forms. He had specifically invited Sue Bennett and Sheila King to attend the AGM to receive their long-service certificates.

There was no change on the wardens' front. Cherry Lorberg was still looking for 3 volunteers and John would like to get an Area Warden for the Pine Springs area and 2 wardens. The most likely time to get volunteers was face to face when the subs were being collected.

Chamber of Trade

In his absence, Bob Williams' report was read out. He reported that the Chamber had experienced a continuing growth in membership to over 80 members.

The Chamber recorded its thanks to the Residents' Association for helping promote local businesses through the spring newsletter and hoped that the colour supplement would be well received.

With Broadstone retail outlets doing so well last year many of the businesses would be re entering this year's Retail Award scheme. The scheme was intended to focus particularly on how retail delivers service to the general public.

Cllr Mike Brooke had given an update on the consultations that had taken place on changes to parking and loading through Broadstone primarily to help with the public transport using York and Grange Roads. These consultations had taken place with the Residents' Association, Chamber of Trade and the Broadstone Access group. The recommendations would now be discussed by the Council's Transport Advisory Group.

Planning and Trading news:

Goods Yard plan to convert upstairs to three flats.

Harry J Palmer offices had approval for Chiropractic

Classic Interiors had a planning application to convert to a restaurant

There was a planning application on the old Fairlight hotel by Primetower to develop a care home, the Chamber to support in principle.

The Annual General meeting would be at the Broadstone Leisure Centre on Tuesday 23 June 2009

Education

Louise McCulloch said that she was still rather new and finding her feet but that she had talked to the Head Teacher of the First School about a recent school trip to South Africa and was hoping to get a report. The Head Teacher had also spoken of her wish to get grandparents and other members of the community to pass on their knowledge and skills by addressing the pupils about business, career paths, interests and hobbies. Roy said he was happy to put an article in the summer magazine covering this. John Sayers said he was the manager of the Poole branch of a group called ASSET (Assistance to Schools on Science, Education and Technology) and that they regularly sent information and literature to schools but got very little feedback. Louise said she would take this up with local schools.

Roy raised the subject of Hillbourne School which though technically in Creekmoor, drew pupils from Broadstone which was in its catchment area. Funding had been promised to upgrade the first school and nursery but because other schools in Poole had overspent their allotted funding, work on Hillbourne had been put back indefinitely. Cllr Mike Brooke was taking up the matter with the Council and as it was felt that this was a matter of concern to the Association, he (Roy) would write to the Echo drawing attention to the problem.

Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch

David Williams reported that the Safer Neighbourhood Team had been carrying out a concentrated patrol campaign on Fridays through to the early hours. This had had a dramatic impact on Anti-Social Behaviour with two more arrests on the previous Saturday morning in Springdale Road.

New street lighting had been installed in Ascot Road and Cheam Road and this would now enable the Police to use a mobile CCTV camera when required.

He asked the meeting to note the following events:

- 1 A Neighbourhood Watch Surgery in the Library 10.0am to noon on Saturday 26 April.
- 2 Cops at the Shops – 11.00 to noon at Tesco/Somerfield on Wednesday 13 May.
- 3 A Safer Neighbourhood Team public meeting at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 26 May in Selby Close residents' lounge.
- 4 Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch AGM – 7.30 pm on Thursday 28 May in St. John's Church Hall, Macaulay Road with various guests and speakers Inspector Adrian King and Assistant Chief Constable Mike Glanville from Dorset Police.

Webmaster

David Anderson reported that the site went live about two days ago with as much information as he had received or had to hand and that he was now waiting for further input to complete the pages including a brief resume from the various officers preferably including a photograph. Roy felt that as chairman it was his responsibility to submit a lot of the material but that due to other demands on his time he had not done as much as he would have wished. However he would now be able to devote more time to this important project and encouraged others to submit their contributions also. He thanked David for his excellent work and for the input of Edward and Rosemary.

Environment

Keith Clements reported that for some time the Nature Reserve had been without a warden and that the Friends were anxious to do something about it so he had tried to get hold of Dr Pat Mathers to see if one could be appointed. He had then seen an article by Caroline Smart in the Stour & Avon Magazine asking for volunteers to help tidy up the nature reserve and had attended a meeting called by Ms Smart to discuss arrangements and he was now happy with the progress made. He commented on the difficulties in contacting officers at Poole Council who never seemed to return calls, e-mails etc. Roy said that the only way was to 'blast' them with e-mails because then there was a record and if that failed one could now fall back on the Freedom of Information Act which they had to respond to.

Keith also referred to an incident he had witnessed in Broadstone Recreation Park where a pupil from the Middle School had been breaking off branches from a flowering shrub. On being challenged the boy said he got great satisfaction from this. Keith said that he had gone to the school the next morning and had been referred to the Deputy Head who had gone to some trouble to help Keith identify the boy in question. Subsequently Keith had received a letter of apology from both the school and the boy which showed that this was the preferred method of dealing with the problem rather than going to the Police.

7) OFFICER VACANCIES:

Roy reported that he was pleased that he had been able to recruit Lynne Fisher to the Committee who would be looking after the interests of the Broadstone Access Group and people with disabilities in general. He was happy that we had filled several gaps on the Committee however we were still sadly lacking younger members and were still looking for an Editor and an Advertising Manager. Roger also reminded Roy that we desperately needed a Secretary as he would not be continuing as acting secretary after the forthcoming AGM.

8) WAR MEMORIAL/CONSERVATION AREA

Jill Floyd said that on 8 April she had met Richard Nicholson and Phillip Sinclair from Poole Borough Council's Leisure Services at the War Memorial who had listened carefully to the request and arguments for sensitively enhancing the view from the War Memorial by possible clearance of overgrown trees, branches or shrubbery, and it was agreed that the view should be reinstated, hopefully without too much tree work.

She was very pleased to find they were both in favour of the whole idea and that the due process would now begin. This included the following:

- They would prepare a plan and mark the trees to fell or prune. Jill stressed that felling was not what we wanted if the view could be seen through the trees.
- There would be an internal consultation and the views of Ward Cllrs. would be sought.
- Public Site Notices would be put up
- A Report would be made to the Area Committee
- Continental Landscapes would be asked to quote for the work to be done.
- Any necessary applications would be made to prune or fell any trees.
- The source of funding would be identified and applied for.

As consultation with local residents was also an essential part of the process, Jill would urge residents to look out for notices in the press, on websites and at the site itself. She had e-mailed those who had written to her to give their support and suggested that each write individually to the Council at that time to put their views.

Richard Nicholson hoped the work would have been carried out before 11 November 2009 at the latest. Jill said she had thanked him for this in particular as it showed he appreciated the nature of the Memorial. She was quite hopeful that this view would once again be opened up and said she had still not had anyone tell her that they thought it was a bad idea.

Roger asked whether there had been any further developments as regards the cleaning of the memorial. Jill replied that it was in hand but that some people liked it as it was and that cleaning might cause further erosion of the stone work. However the sculptor John Goodliffe had recommended that it be cleaned using distilled water. Jill said that cleaning was still under consideration but that her priority was the reinstatement of the view.

Roger also reminded the Committee that it should give serious consideration to the funding of a plaque informing the public that the memorial was sculpted by the renowned sculptor Gilbert Bayes

9) GRANT REQUESTS - Report of Grants Sub-Committee:

Roger reported that no further requests had been received and that the committee had not met. He had written to the organisation which had applied before the last meeting and which had received a grant in the last financial year, suggesting that it re-apply after the anniversary of its grant in June if circumstances still warranted it.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Archives

Jill reported that since she had taken over all the old files from Dudley Hull, no-one had asked to see any of the files so she had taken a large number of old files to the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester where they would be kept in the name of the Broadstone Residents' Association.

b) Application for Sunday Trading

Pat reported that a notice had appeared outside Molly's Restaurant stating that they intended to start serving meals on Sundays, which was contrary to local planning regulations which prohibit Sunday trading. Roy said that they had submitted an application but that it was unlikely to get very far. The Association would consider the matter if and when the application was published.

c) Annual General Meeting

Roy reported that he was happy with the arrangements and that the speaker would be the new planning officer, Stephen Thorne. He said that he was proposing that all the officers be put forward for re-election *en bloc* and asked those present to confirm that they wished to stand again. None indicated to the contrary.

Louise said that she was happy to do the refreshments subject to the question of public liability insurance. A discussion ensued on the question of insurance and Roy said he would make enquiries through DFRA.

d) Manor Avenue Project

Roy referred to a project undertaken by the residents of Manor Avenue, off Herbert Avenue which included a detailed appraisal of the character of the area which had the effect of 'ring-fencing' it for planning purposes. He said he would talk to Mike Brooke about it and suggested that we keep the matter under surveillance for its relevance to Broadstone.

There being no further business at the meeting, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

.....Chairman

Date.....

Dates of future meetings: AGM: Thursday 21 May 2009

Committee Meetings (all Thursdays): 18 June; 6 August; 1 October; 19 November; 2010: 7 January; 18 February; 8 April; 3 June AGM: 20 May