



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on

Thursday 18th June 2009

in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Don Harris [President], Roy Godfrey [Chair], Roger Jefferies [Treasurer], Edward Floyd [Secretary], Jill Floyd, David Anderson, Keith Clements, Rosemary Mitchell, John Sayers, Pat Talbot & Diane Durham, Frank Wood, Juliette Knight & Lynne Fisher, Malcolm Burgess [BNW], Bob Williams [BCT], Cllr Les Burden, Cllr Mike Brooke and Catriona Moore & Lia Cadman [representing the young people of Broadstone].

WELCOME: Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm and welcomed members present.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Sally Banham, David Williams, Louise McCulloch.
- 2) **MINUTES:** of the meeting held on 23 April 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **ACTIONS and MATTERS ARISING:** Public Liability Insurance: RG explained the problem of cost of new insurance. It was decided to pay the £265 quoted unless RG or RJ could find it cheaper elsewhere before the August meeting.

Hillbourne School development project is going ahead for 2011-2012. Although not in our area some children from Broadstone attend the school. MB commented that Government money is guaranteed up to and including 2010. Project will not be finished until about 2013 so there may be a potential financial shortfall but not certain yet. RG said Use of Consultants should be watched as there have been previous issues with use of Consultants.

- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** All correspondence relevant to Broadstone is emailed to committee members, this keeps everyone informed and saves time at meetings. Committee members are welcome to raise any item of particular interest for debate.

A letter had been received from Broadstone in Bloom thanking us for our donation.

DD asked about the suggestion that Stephen Thorne's presentation at AGM should go on Web Page but she pointed out that not all people have access to the internet. RG offered to put a summary on Notice Board.

Skateboarding. RG had calls from youngsters and a resident about a problem of skateboarding on pavements. RG consulted Police and was told that they would take a common sense view. This case amounted to nothing more than annoyance.

Another deputation of young children asked for a skateboard park in Broadstone. This was discussed with MB and a past suggestion had been shelved due to public complaints

and finance. RG pointed out money had been used from our share of the L17 funds for a mobile climbing wall for Hamworthy Outdoor Education Centre. This did not leave enough for us to use for a skate park.

MB explained background to previous attempts to get a skate park in the area which culminated in the one near B&Q, which it was agreed was too far from Broadstone to satisfy our children's need.

A good site was then found in Broadstone Recreation Ground, but residents objected with good reason of the possibility of antisocial behaviour. The cost of basic skate park could be as much as £50,000 and there is not enough in our 106 monies so youngsters would have to be encouraged to fundraise on a 50/50 basis. In the past this suggestion has not been taken up by youngsters in other areas.

The Youth Club in Broadstone is not used and is only open one night a week. MB is still awaiting a response from Head of Youth Service to find out if this is correct and why there has been no management meeting since before Christmas. He is still awaiting a response after 6-8 weeks.

MB suggested there should be more focus on issues of Broadstone childrens needs and their play areas.

RG commented that at skate parks older boys tend to take over from youngsters and this would be likely to happen here. Skate parks can be designed for the younger children which would not have the same appeal to the older boys. RG suggested that the Residents' Association should adopt this issue.

Catriona and Lia, as representatives of the younger residents, were asked for their comments and agreed that the bigger boys would almost certainly take it over as a place 'to hang out'.

MB noted that if schools get funding for the changing age of transfer there would be a free school site, as Broadstone First School would no longer be needed. He suggested that the site could become a community facility for all ages. Maybe this should be taken into account for the future needs of Broadstone.

BW suggests this would be a worthy project for the Residents' Association to adopt. This was agreed. MB will write a piece about this for the magazine to gauge opinion.

5) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Together with representatives from other Residents' Association s I attended the first meeting of the 'Residents Working Group' with Stephen Thorne, on the 13th of May, the meeting was very constructive, and the next meeting is to be at Upton House on the 8th of July.

I attended a meeting of the Broadstone, Merley and Bearwood Area Committee on the 27th of May. Items of interest to Broadstone included, Springdale Recreation ground, Playbuilder Site; Transportation Budget; implementation of Broadway Loading Bans; and Disabled Parking Spaces; L17 money; Recreational Provision Funds.

I asked a question regarding the future development of Hillbourne Primary school and Nursery.

I also attended the AGM of the Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch on the 28th of May.

6) REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Planning

Pat Talbot reported that there had been 27 applications since the last meeting. The following being worthy of mention:

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

Planning application has be refused for Care Home in its present form. It is hoped Primetower will come and talk to us again.

17 Moor Road, change of use to Restaurant.

Approved despite a large number of objection from traders and residents re: the impact of parking etc. Parking issues were ignored.

LB Said it would not make any impact on parking and that the school car park could be used in the evenings with approval of the school. MB is to confirm this for us, but parking is not to be publicly advertised.

82 Springdale Road

The Appeal to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities & Local Government against application to erect a 4 bed detached house in the front garden of 82 Springdale Road will be heard 24th June and PT will represent the BRA.

Characterisation

PT Attended a meeting on Characterisation recently where only about 20 people attended.

Poole will have to find 10,000 new dwellings between 2006 and 2026 - 2000 have already been built. Most will be at Hamworthy and the Old Town site, He reports that Matrix, a Poole based Consultant, had gone into great detail defining the whole area.

Broadstone's character has been described as separate dwellings and a good mix of shops.

RG explained what characterisation was about and pointed out that the consultation forms for residents to return to the Council did not give enough time for BRA to consult residents. RG decided that he PT & DD would look at the form and return it on behalf of the BRA.

It has been noted that Character and Appearance may be taken into account more in future in Planning Applications.

MB said not to be too complacent as Core Strategy has been approved. They will be concentrating on access corridors within ¼ mile of centre and on or near main bus routes. Certain areas need defining as a Place Check location as the Manor Avenue document discussed at the last meeting has been used in the planning process.

It is important that we make a note of our important areas to secure what their nature actually is. Conservation Areas will help protect these areas but the rest of the village is not protected in the current statement. MB has volunteers to produce Place Check documents.

'Place Check provides evidence of particular features of a place. This may be important features such as trees, equally it could identify areas for improvement to an area. In essence it is an order to define a location'.

RG pointed out that Branksome Recreation Ground has plans to move Poole Football Club there. It could mean that this sort of thing could happen here! We must watch out for this,

although only 17% of the Branksome rec. is being taken and facilities will be upgraded so this may not be as bad as first thought.

Treasurer

Income: This is of course early in the new financial year – however we have so far received £898.00 in respect of subscriptions compared with £696.50 at this point last year, an increase of 29% so there is a significant number of wardens who do their collections with the spring newsletter instead of waiting until the summer magazine is issued.

Expenditure to date, has been £659.00 for printing the spring newsletter; £30 for the hire of the St John's hall for the AGM and £190.00 to Sarah Littlewood for refreshments at the AGM; £69.58 for Officers' expenses; £55.18 for the website registration fee and £30 for the hire of the library for Committee meetings. Then a donation of £250.00 to Broadstone in Bloom approved at the last meeting and finally £1,023.50 to Custom Carpentry for replacing our two notice boards and re-cementing the uprights at the Post Office; bringing total expenditure to date to £2,307.26.

This means that expenditure has exceeded income by £1,409.26.

This has reduced our current **bank and cash balances** to £10,359.73 of which the bulk is on deposit earning a meagre rate of interest!

Referring to a matter that was brought up at the last Committee meeting, I have checked and can confirm that Scottish Widows Bank which holds our deposit is fully authorised by the FSA and so our deposits should be safe up to the sum of £50,000. I say 'should' because although there is no specific guarantee for charities or societies we should be covered under the 'small business' provisions which do receive that protection. Our position is no different if our deposit were at any other bank or building society so I feel quite confident that our funds are safe.

Editor & Advertising Officer

The Summer Magazine will be published on the 6th of August, deadline for copy is the 21st of June. The magazine is likely to be oversubscribed again, Graham will be 'shrinking' articles to get them all in.

Despite the difficult trading conditions we have received no cancellations of advertising, we are very grateful to the Broadstone traders for their continued support. We have a new advert for the Summer Magazine from Poole Night Doctor.

Chief Warden

My plea for more wardens at the AGM bore fruit for once. I had 2 volunteers at the meeting and Ro Mitchell found me another for the Pine Springs area. This has enabled me to retire one of our most elderly wardens who had threatened to give up 2 years ago and to provide some relief to Cherry Lorberg who was covering nearly 200 houses.

Education

Louise McCulloch was not present and we await her report.

Environment

The drainage I mentioned in my last report seems to be working well, but the guys doing the work are still waiting to get the go-ahead to continue the ditch further once the problem of tree roots is sorted. I don't know why the roots seem to be a problem as the trees were there when the original ditch was in situ before being filled in. There are still cricket matches most evenings

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and weekends.

There is one problem that needs looking into, we must try and get something done about getting the "No Cycling" sign and the "Keep Clear for Emergency Use Only" sign re-painted at the entrance to the car park in Charborough Road before an accident happens. It's not the young kiddies on bikes that are the problem, but adults and teenagers that come flying through the park and people have to jump out of the way. There is an accident waiting to happen, they think cycling is allowed in the park but it's not. Also, cars are parking on the "Keep Clear" sign, if there was a fire in the park, which we have had in the past, or an ambulance was needed, there would be a problem, the signs have faded and need brightening up with a fresh coat of paint or what ever it is they use.

On the environment side :-

In May Sand lizards showed themselves on Dunyeats Hill, no smooth snakes but plenty of slowworms. Saw my first dragonfly of the year, a four-spotted chaser and several green tiger beetles. The first hobby has arrived, I watched him/her hunting over the heath. I was informed that Smooth snakes have been seen on Corfe Hills heath by Amy Shuring (Area Warden - Central of the Urban Heaths Partnership). The fire we had on Dunyeats Hill at Christmas time did in fact burn the area used for many years by Dartford warblers for nesting. On 19th May I recorded two smooth snakes, one slowworm and two Roe deer buck at Corfe Hills. On 23rd May the recreation ground and my garden were visited by many painted lady butterflies. There probably wasn't a garden in Dorset that wasn't visited by these beautiful insects on their migration from North Africa.

29th May I observed my first Green Hairsreak butterfly of the year on Dunyeats Hill along with Four-Spotted and Broad-Bodied chaser Dragonflies, a Hairy Dragonfly, the Large Red and Common Blue damselfly were active, also plenty of Green Tiger beetles to be seen. The wood ants (*Formica rufa*) were very busy adding fragments of tree litter and pine needles to their already huge nest and the rare slave maker ant (*Formica sanguine*) was also very active.

1st June - I put out the moth trap and -1 Green Silver Lines, 3 Light Emerald, 7 Heart and Dart, 2 Pale Tussock, 1 Peppered, 11 Triple Lines, 1 Brimstone, 1 Orange Footman, 1 Shuttle Shaped Dart, 1 Scalloped Hook Tip and 1 Grey Pine Carpet, plus 2 Orange ladybirds. A record of the above moths was sent to the Dorset Moth Group (all the moths were released).

3rd June - on Dunyeats Hill -1 adult Smooth snake and 1 Juvenile, also 1 Juvenile female Slowworm, plus there were many Common lizard seen. While we were surveying we accidentally flushed a nightjar from her nest. I will keep you up to date on any new and interesting sightings.

Webmaster

The site is up and running. DA is still waiting for one or two biographical pieces to arrive. Edward and Ro are helping but Edward had pointed out the difficulty of putting news on as none of us are reporters.

Chamber of Trade

BW said there is nothing to report until after the AGM next week.

He commented on the change of use of the Moor Road premises to a restaurant.

Opinions were asked about Budgens new supermarket and it was decided that it was rather expensive. One resident had asked if the No4 buses could be diverted to Tesco at Fleetsbridge

which would draw custom away from Broadstone. This would not be well received by the Chamber of Trade. Another resident wished to start a petition against Budgens, but this would not be endorsed by the BRA. It was pointed out by EF that Budgens window had the slogan 'We are proud to be part of the community' emblazoned on it. *In what way are they prepared to assist the community?* It would seem to be a local issue.

Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch

In David Williams' absence, Roger reported that in his report to the Watch AGM at the end of May, David Williams started his Chairman's Report by stressing that Neighbourhood Watch meant "being a good neighbour", and this means to keep an eye on people and property.

Crimestoppers The Watch has donated £500.00 to sponsor 10,000 leaflets on "Distraction Crime" for delivery to all our members.

The Poster Competition will be held again this year at Broadstone Middle School. The theme is "Road Safety". Prizes to 3 winners in the two age groups, and a donation to the school.

The Watch has sponsored Football Focus an initiative of the Police with youths who may get into more trouble locally, and has sponsored their football kit costing a little over £400.00.

The Newsletter is produced monthly and informs everyone about the incidents reported locally. They are mainly minor crimes, and he reported that Broadstone has a low level of crime.

The Surgery is held on the last Saturday of each month in the Library. He invited everyone to come and talk to the Police and BNW not only about complaints and concerns but also about good news.

Safer Neighbourhood Team. Several meetings have been held, both public and Panel meetings. They have had good results and have gained a lot of information. Members of the community are invited to these meetings and also to the Cops at the Shops meetings held regularly.

Ringmaster is being increasingly used by the Police to pass on information to members of the Watch to pass on to their local community.

Youth Club David said that Broadstone needed a fully operational Youth Club particularly for teenagers, and he understood that this was currently under review.

Disability Issues and Access

LF said Broadstone Access Groups next meeting will be on 10th July 2-4pm in Bradbury Room of Methodist Church. This is not only about disabled access but they have looked at cycle routes, the Bus Station, PALS [Poole Hospital patient liaison], and Wimborne Disabled Taxi service.

Publicity

It was noted that the new notice boards were looking better than the old and RM is doing a good job in updating them. We need to check that only local community events are publicised, preferably only on small notices.

7) OFFICER VACANCIES

Thanks were given to Roger for his work as Secretary in the past.

The job of Secretary has been taken on by Edward and Jill Floyd, but there is still a vacancy for Newsletter Editor and another for Advertising Manager. Although RG enjoys the work he would like more time to spend with his family and on other local issues.

RM and LMCC are putting up notices at every opportunity in schools and on notice boards.

8) WAR MEMORIAL/CONSERVATION AREA

JF reported that progress on the War Memorial greenery goes on. The identification of the trees and shrubs to be worked on is a slow process, but Phillip Sinclair [Greenspace

Maintenance Parks Supervisor - Borough of Poole] has been extremely helpful and met Jill Floyd [the Residents' Association representative] on June 2nd.

Phillip wrote; 'We noted that there is some opposition to wholesale removal of trees and that a compromise may be simply to remove the evergreen holly. This would result in the view being opened up in winter (after leaf drop) but with relatively little impact to the tree-scape in summer.'

It was also thought that possibly an Oak could have a bit of work done on it to raise part of the canopy, and perhaps removal of one or two unstable trees could be an advantage. This is yet to be decided.

Richard Nicholson has asked JF for evidence of need and public support and that of Ward Councillors. She immediately sent him copies of all the e-mails and letters she had received and wrote to the Ward Councillors for their support. Mike Brooke has replied and is going to look at the situation before responding to the request. Graham Mason and Dan Martin have yet to reply.

Richard Nicholson also said that tree pruning would need permission because they are in a Conservation Area and the Planning Arboricultural Officer would have to be consulted to see if they would permit such work. If they refuse or make noises about Tree Preservation Orders then there would be little point in proceeding.

JF said she would keep trying to get the work done and would not give up easily.

However, the shrubbery around the rear of the War Memorial has been trimmed back and looks much tidier, but there is still some very tall laurel which Phillip Sinclair agreed may be cut down if it wasn't too costly, but nothing is likely to be done until about October, if at all.

RG made it clear that the Residents' Association gives Jill their full support for this and would also make it clear in the magazine and ask for people to write to Jill with their views.

9) GRANT REQUESTS

No requests have been received since the last meeting.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

MB reported that as at 2pm today the Administrators had been called in to the Broadstone Leisure Centre. It was hoped to be possible to keep it running. The Council own it and it is leased to Wessex Sports Trust who are experiencing financial difficulties due to the financial climate of the time.

RG showed the committee a book about Gilbert Bayes who sculpted our War Memorial and he had persuaded Poole Library to buy the book as it was not in their stock. RG is hoping to persuade the Manager of Broadstone Library to keep the book here so that residents can see what a skilled man he was, and how lucky we are to have one of his works in our village.

RJ said he was very keen to see a plaque go on the War Memorial to commemorate Gilbert Bayes. JF is going to pursue the possibility of the plaque.

LF asked whether she had been the only person at the AGM who didn't understand much of the Guest Speaker's jargon filled speech. Everybody agreed that it had been difficult to understand, but hopefully a précis would be posted on the notice boards.

RJ suggested that the Committee might consider holding committee meetings every 8 weeks instead of every 6 weeks to reduce the burden on members. RG said that this might mean the meetings were longer but that members should give it some thought and it could be discussed at the next meeting.

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.....

**Committee Meetings (all Thursdays): 6 August 2009; 1 October 2009; 19 November 2009; 7 January 2010; 18 February 2010; 8 April 2010; 3 June 2010
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