



BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2009 in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Roy Godfrey (Chair), Don Harris (President), Roger Jefferies (Treasurer), Edward Floyd (Secretary), Jill Floyd, Keith Clements, Derek Hawker, Rosemary Mitchell, John Sayers, Bob Williams, David Williams, Cllr. Mike Brooke, Catriona Moore, Abi Sparks, Sally Banford, Malcolm Burgess, Frank Wood, PC Joe Cooper.

Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Daniel Martin, Cllr. Graham Mason, Cherry Lorberg, Pat Talbot, Diane Durham, Lynne Fisher, David Anderson, Doreen Muckart.
- 2) **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 1st October 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.
- 3) **MATTERS ARISING:** Don Harris told the Committee that the Stone, believed to be the original Broad Stone was in fact found by John Soffe whilst clearing land at Fairfield for Harry J Palmer, and he thought it would be fun to put it on show as the 'Broad Stone'.
- 4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** RG pointed out that all correspondence received by him is e-mailed to all members. RG also had an invitation from the Broadstone British Legion to talk to the Ladies Section about the Residents Association, which he is happy to do.

RG Also had a phone call from the BBC to talk about the graffiti on the War Memorial, but it was to be on the Frank Skinner Show and the invitation was declined.

- 5) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** I attended a meeting of the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce on Tuesday 13th October.
 - I attended a meeting with Christine White at Broadstone Youth Club on the 26th of October.
 - Ruth & I attended the Slades Farm Town Green Enquiry at Bournemouth Town Hall, on the 27th October.
 - I attended a meeting of the Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch on the 3rd of November.
 - Ruth and I together with Committee members attended the Memorial Service at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th of November. I laid a wreath on behalf of the Residents Association, the first time in its history.
 - Ruth and I, together with Pat Talbot, attended a presentation by Helena Diffey, at the Guide Hall, Corfe Mullen, on the 23rd of November, regarding her adventures in Canada.
 - I attended a Broadstone, Merley and Bearwood Committee meeting on the 25th of November. I will copy you the minutes of this meeting when available.
 - I also attended a meeting with residents of Water Tower Road who are concerned about the development of the Burwood Nursing Home.

R.G.

6) REPORTS BY OFFICERS:

Planning:

- 40 West Way: Sever land and erect 3 bed House - REQUESTED REFUSAL.
- Land R.O. 34 Ridgeway and 46-54 Dunyeats Road: Erect 6 Class C2 High Dependency Flats [Cllr Brooke interprets this as Sheltered Accommodation].
- Burwood Nursing Home: Demolish rear property and construct 42 x 1Bed en suite units.
- Care Home Moor Road: Golf Links Road – Application has been approved.

RG has received various complaints that Cllr Leverett sits on the Planning Committee against recommendations by such as Sir Michael Pitt. Cllr Brooke said he intended to put in a formal complaint as Cllr Leverett urged the committee to vote in favour despite MB submitting a good case for refusal of the application on various grounds which was agreed by the Conservation Officer. After discussion it was suggested that RG should point out to Stephen Thorne that the behaviour of the Planning Committee is not popular with the Residents.

RG had attended a meeting with residents of Water Tower Road regarding the development of Burwood Nursing Home in Dunyeats Road. A vote was taken and it was decided that BRA back the residents in their objections [7 votes], rather than stay neutral [5 votes], or favour the developer who is also a resident of Broadstone [1 vote].

Treasurer: **Income:** There has been a lot of activity on the income side since our last meeting in October with monies coming in from both subscriptions and advertising.

Subscriptions paid in to date now amount to £5,807.50 compared with £6,071 to this point last year so they are about 4 ½% down to date.

Advertising receipts amount to £3,080 compared with £2,663 last year, with £30 still to collect from one slow payer.

Interest received amounts to £64.31 – well down on the figure of £225 to this point last year.

Total receipts for the year to date amount to £8,951.81.

Expenditure since the last meeting has been £105.03 for Officers' Expenses, £15 for the hire of the Library tonight and Donations of £1,000 to the Chamber of Trade towards the Christmas lights, £250 to Age Concern and £20 to the Royal British Legion for the wreath for Remembrance Sunday. **Total expenditure** to date has been £6,530.11 which means that income has exceeded expenditure so far this year by £2,421.70 compared with £3,416 at this point last year.

Our **bank and cash balances** now stand at £2,349.32 on our current account with HSBC and £12,055.37 on the Scottish Widows Business Deposit account. We shall of course have the winter magazine to pay for in February which will be of the order of £2,700 with only limited additional revenue to come in.

ARJ

Magazine Editor: All is going well so far, and we are still receiving a few articles. In the process of sending off to the printers and the colour pages are looking good! Many thanks to everyone who sent in pieces to be included, all very welcome!

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Advertising Officer: As advised in the Treasurer's report, advertising income to date is £3,080 with £30 still to come in. We had to write off £50 due from one advertiser who said he

had advised us that he had ceased trading but I could find no record of this.

One or two advertisers have upgraded or increased the size of their adverts for the forthcoming winter magazine and we have five new adverts to go in, three of which were introduced by John Milhofer from members of the Chamber of Trade for which I am very grateful. There will therefore be some additional revenue to come from these to add to the figures I have given for the year to date.

ARJ

Chief Warden: There is still a shortage of Road Wardens despite notices on the Notice Boards. I have put an appeal into the next Magazine and hope to get some response. JS

Education Officer: No Officer at present. Cllr Brooke reported that our local schools achieved top marks in Ofsted Reports this year.

Environment:

5th October the “KEEP CLEAR” and “NO CYCLING” sign was re-marked and looks much better, now there should be no excuse for people parking their cars on it saying they didn’t see it, but I suppose there will always be one. I think we should get the “NO CYCLING” sign re-done inside the entrance from the Ridgeway, and at the Bowling Green.

Work on the final stage of drainage to the cricket outfield started on Oct 8th and was finished on the 12th, let’s hope this has sorted out the problem of the field flooding.

Under-age drinking still continues in the recreation ground, the children’s play area was the venue for their party on Saturday 10th about thirty or more teenagers drinking and shouting. Five large plastic bin bags were filled with lager and vodka bottles and beer cans. The area was cleared Sunday morning by an employee of Continental Landscapes; the police are aware and are dealing with the problem.

November - The graffiti that some moron put on our beautiful memorial stone was eventually cleaned off, to think Memory has been standing there for many years before it was ever a recreation ground untouched. It wasn’t the first time this has happened and it probably won’t be the last, and isn’t it sad when the bronze urns and the flag pole have to be removed as soon as the service is over.

25th Nov graffiti, mostly tags, on children’s slides and climbing frame, probably done early Tues evening, I photographed it and phoned pc Joe Cooper approx 2.35 pm, she said she would go and look at it. I noticed the following day there was more. If this continues what’s the point in spending £50,000 pounds on new playground equipment?

A new sign was erected by the car park to the cricket field telling people “NO GOLF ALLOWED” it would have been better having a sign reading “PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG” I know the majority do clean up after their dog but there are still some who can’t be bothered to pick it up and put it in the bins supplied.

27th Nov the graffiti was cleaned off the children’s play area and also the letterbox in the Ridgeway by Poole Council. KC

Webmaster/Cycleway: No report – on leave.

Chamber of Trade: Every year the Chamber try and not make the switch on of the lights, Christmas lights and annual Christmas parade the only reason that the chamber exists but try as we might it seems to take up so much of the year to the exclusion of some

important issues.

The weather this year made any Christmas arrangements that much more difficult, the switch on of the Christmas tree lights was re located to inside the Broadstone Methodist church and I must say I think it made a great start to Christmas with carols by the Broadstone community choir and Methodist choir accompanied by members of the Broadstone band. Considering the rain there was a great turn out by residents and members of the Chamber of Trade. We will have to discuss whether an inside event is a safer bet than outside for future years.

Almost all of the Christmas trees throughout the Broadway, Station Approach, Moor Road and Dunyeats Road are up and running and most residents consider it a very festive display. The project to install brackets, trees and lights was driven by a small group of chamber members working through everything the Health and Safety man could throw at them. There was a huge effort by over thirty people working through the torrential rain the Sunday before the switch on to help dress over 60 trees and putting them into the brackets. It just demonstrated that the Broadstone community can come together. The hope is that this work will pay dividends in coming years. The one disappointment is the gaps particularly above major stores, banks and nation wide chemist -how do we persuade them to put something back into the community. The Chamber is indebted to the support of the Broadstone Residents Association towards this project.

The Annual Christmas Parade was another success with over 25 entries and brings together so many of the organisations throughout the Broadstone and wider community. The rain held off and for one afternoon the Broadway was full of people and colour. It never fails to draw the crowds and thanks to all who helped. The street collection was in aid of Help for Heroes and I should be able to report the collected amount to the meeting on Thursday.

This event just could not take place without the support of the Broadstone Methodist Church so our thanks will go to the new Minister Chris Moreton. RW

Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch: The current situation with the Newsletter is that at our Committee Meeting on 3rd. November it was agreed that we would let things settle for a while, particularly to see how the Police report develops and hopefully to receive more input from our members, and then to review again at our next Committee meeting in January. Some 90% of our members who responded were against the change of format. The matter has also been raised with the Chief Constable by Annette Brooke MP and by Nick King as a member of the Dorset Police Authority.

At our Co-ordinators' Meeting on 7th. November PC Joe Cooper and our new PCSO Pauline Guest gave a most interesting talk on their background and work in the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Debbie Oldfield, the Police NW Co-ordinator has been appointed a Crime Reduction Officer for Bournemouth and Poole. Her NW work at Gravel Hill is to be absorbed by the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The Police are to be congratulated on all their hard work with the Council in getting the Graffiti removed from the War Memorial for Remembrance Sunday, and for arresting two teenagers (now on bail) for the criminal damage.

The last SNT Meeting was on Tuesday 24th. November at 13.00, in the Residents Lounge, Selby Close. In addition to the usual items there was be a short talk on the

Community Pay Back Scheme. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th. January at 13.00 in Bearwood Community Centre. The current priorities are ASB, Underage Drinking, and Speeding.

The next Surgery will be in the Library on Saturday, 30th. January from 10am – 12md.

I am delighted (and very relieved !) to report that we now have a Vice Chairman – Malcolm Burgess.

I am sorry to say that Roger Jefferies has resigned from the Watch with immediate effect. Roger has been an outstanding Treasurer for the past 8 years and will be greatly missed.

David Williams, Chairman

Broadstone Access Group: No report submitted.

- 7) **POLICE REPORT:** PC Joe Cooper reported that the boys who had defaced the War Memorial had been caught and one was to appear in Court and one was on bail. It had been suggested that Community Payback would be popular with residents, but PC Cooper pointed out that this is up to the courts. She agreed with RG that the publicity the BRA generated may have helped to find the culprits. Under age drinking is still a problem but the Police are aware of this. The Youth Van is well used on a Friday night and it is hoped that the Leisure Centre may be able to provide a drop-in and other activities for the youngsters in the future. For the second month running the number of crimes had dropped since last year.
- 8) **OFFICER VACANCIES:** Education Officer – despite advertising on the notice boards and the Web Site we have received no response.
- 9) **GRANT REQUESTS:** None received.
- 10) **BROADSTONE REC & TOWN GREEN STATUS:** RG has written an article for the Magazine to clarify the situation for the residents. He intends to write to everybody who has sent us an Evidence of Use form to thank them for their support. The application is almost ready but will be held back until such time as the BRA feel it is a good time to submit it to the Council. Other applications already submitted have still not yet been looked at so ours could be left for up to three years. Any repairs or improvements to the recs would be stopped if an application was received.
- 11) **PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:** RJ to look further into it as other Residents Associations are not interested in taking it out as a group insurance.
- 12) **BROADSTONE LEISURE CENTRE:** As previously reported this has been taken over by the YMCA and it is to have money spent on improvements and upgrades.
- 13) **STREET LIGHTING TRIALS:** These have been cancelled after a residents consultation.
- 14) **WAR MEMORIAL:** JF reported that an application for tree work has been put in by Leisure Services and it is hoped that this will be completed by 21st January.
- 15) **NEW PLAYBUILDER PARK, BROADSTONE REC:** Phase Two is to be completed after negotiations with parents and schools and the BRA.
- 16) **BROADSTONE YOUTH CLUB:** RG met a Council Official but the whole project became too complicated for us to deal with. There may be more to report next time. It is possible that the YMCA may be able to make use of it.

17) **A.O.B.**

RJ brought up the subject of graffiti and dirt in the underpass.

MB brought up the subject of the road markings at Darbys Corner. It was suggested that it was put to Cllr Brooke as a subject for discussion at the next Area Meeting.

JF suggested that the YMCA be asked to speak at our AGM.

There being no further business at the meeting, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9-15pm wishing everyone a Merry Christmas..

.....Chairman

.....Date

Dates of next meetings: 21st January 2010, 8th April 2010, **AGM 20th May 2010**, 10th June 2010, 12th August 2010, 14th October 2010, 9th December 2010.