



BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st January 2010 in Broadstone Library

PRESENT: Roy Godfrey (Chair), Roger Jefferies (Treasurer), Edward Floyd (Secretary), Jill Floyd, Keith Clements, Rosemary Mitchell, John Sayers, Bob Williams, David Williams, Cllr. Mike Brooke, Catriona Moore, Abi Sparks, Sally Banford, Frank Wood, PCSO Pauline Guest, Cherry Lorberg, Diane Durham, Lynne Fisher and Juliet Knight, David Anderson, John Palmer, Rosemary Palmer.

Roy Godfrey called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm.

1) **APOLOGIES:** Don Harris (President), Derek Hawker, Malcolm Burgess, Cllr. Les Burden, and Pat Talbot to whom the B.R.A. wished to pass their best wishes during his current illness.

2) **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday 10th December 2009 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and signed by the Chairman.

3) **ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING:** Bob Williams expressed on behalf of the whole committee the thanks to Roy Godfrey for attending all the meetings minuted and keeping us informed.

There was one Grant Request received to sponsor Christopher Palmer of Barn Road for the Cadet 150 Expedition to Lesotho. It was decided to support him with a cheque for £150 this being 15% of the total sponsorship he needed to raise. This figure was decided on as a fair amount to use in calculating any sponsorship in the future.

Street lighting trials have been abandoned for the time being in Broadstone after a public consultation. Full details are in the official minutes of the meeting of 10 December.

MB gave an update on the noise from Bournemouth Airport and said that the airport hope to get a reduction in the night-time noise quotas, as well as a change in the rate of ascent of planes on take-off, thus making it quieter. Monitoring is taking place and more notice will be taken of those affected by the noise, not just those on the flight paths. As a result of this Broadstone Councillors will now be part of the airport consultation group.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE:** RG pointed out that all correspondence received by him is e-mailed to all members. One resident had questioned the removal of asbestos from a neighbouring property, another resident asked for an old magazine as he had lost his and used it to find local tradespeople.

5) **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:** Ruth and I attended a meeting with Paul Jessup at Burwood on the 23rd of December.

I attended a meeting of the Broadstone Chamber of Trade and Commerce on Tuesday the 12th of January.

I attended a meeting of the Community Working Group, with Stephen Thorne, on Wednesday the 20th of January. R.G.

6) **REPORTS BY OFFICERS:**

Planning: Residents have complained about Council Leaders sitting on the Planning Committee - Cllr Brooke has made a formal complaint about this.

Some residents are considering a Judicial Review of the Fairlight Hotel site decision.

An application to build sheltered housing in The Ridgeway has yet to be heard.

A 73 bed care home is planned to be built in Springdale Road, next to the school, and would replace 4 houses. The BRA is lodging an objection.

15 Corfe Way has applied to fell 51 trees and do a lot of other tree work.

An application has been made to build a care home just outside our area off York Road in Sopers Lane, and it was decided that any residents with issues should contact Creekmoor Councillors. It was also decided that DD would put in an objection to this on the grounds of possible traffic & parking problems impacting on York Road residents.

Treasurer: There has been very little activity since our last meeting in December. There is still some money to come in from subs but all the summer magazine advertising money has been received apart from one bad debt previously reported. There will be approximately £200 to come in from new advertising in the winter magazine.

On the expenditure side I have paid out two lots of officers' expenses totalling £51.86 and £30 for the hire of this library for two meetings. We shall however have the cost of the winter magazine to pay for shortly expected to be in the region of £2,750 and the first premium on our Public Liability Insurance amounting to £288.

Our **bank and cash balances** now stand at £2,337.46 on our current account with HSBC and £12,093.18 on the Scottish Widows Business Deposit account which includes £37.81 interest for the quarter to 31 December. As mentioned we have the winter magazine and insurance premium amounting to just over £3,000 to come out of that less about £200 in advertising money.

Advertising Officer: As I reported at our last meeting, one or two advertisers have upgraded or increased the size of their adverts for the winter magazine published today and we have a few new adverts as well. I shall shortly be billing an additional £210 for these. This will add to the £3,120 already received for the summer mag and spring newsletter.

We are waiting to hear from the Chamber of Trade whether they wish to take the centre pages of the spring newsletter with added colour at a cost of about £230 as they did last year. It is now proposed that the outside pages will also have added colour and we shall be giving thought to raising the extra cost through additional advertising, subject to negotiations with Seyward Windows who have had an informal agreement for sole rights for a number of years.

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Public Liability Insurance: This is now in place and the first premium of £288 is to be paid. It was pointed out that this is not an accident policy, but a liability policy.

Magazine Editor: I would like to thank Abi and Catriona for their assistance in producing the Winter Magazine.

The Spring Newsletter will be published on the 8th April, with 18th March as the deadline date for copy.

At the Chamber of Trade meeting I reminded the committee that last year they paid for the center pages to be printed in colour, I asked if they would like to do the same this year; they are to consult and advise.

Irrespective of their decision I would like to print the outside pages in colour for our next edition, I will ask Roger, if he can arrange some advertising to help cover the cost.

I would also like to improve the content and include something on The Junction and the Playbuilder project for the recreation ground.

We also need more Broadstone news items for the website.

Youth Representatives: Both Abi and I were very happy with the way the Winter Magazine turned out and were very proud to be part of the process, we anticipate the release and hope that some of the youth might respond to the introduction.

Chief Warden: I am now short of 3 Area Wardens. Attempts to recruit any of the Road Wardens in the Pine Springs or Fairview/Clarendon Rd areas have failed dismally so will have to try another approach – that's if I knew what that was!

There are 2 wardens eligible for long service awards (25 years) at the AGM, that is Jane Gedling and myself! Unfortunately due to a mix-up over dates I shall not be at the AGM so perhaps you should hold over my certificate for another year?

JS also said he was willing to do one more year after this AGM as Chief Warden but would then be giving up the post.

Education Officer: No Officer in post at the moment, it is hoped to find someone soon. A possible replacement has declined our invitation.

Environment: KC gave us a full report on the flora and fauna in the area and this is available on our website. He also had to mention yet again the problems of drinking in the rec. PCSO Pauline Guest told us that the police were doing all that could be done and they are very aware of the problems.

Webmaster: More input is needed for the website, any photographs and articles about Broadstone would be appreciated.

Cycleways and Footpaths: The Derbys Corner roundabout has been repainted with green areas meant for cyclists, but these are quite dangerous. DW has been advised there is nothing more that can be done about this.

Chamber of Trade: The new year began with the Chamber debrief on the Christmas arrangements. The switch on of the Christmas tree was considered a success even though it had to be held inside due to the weather. The 60 Christmas trees were thought to be the best yet with thanks going to the hardy members and those from the wider community who made it possible and the Parade was once again thought to bring the whole community together.

The major issue debated at the January meeting was the approval given to the new care home at the corner of Moor Road and the granting of A3 class to the new Carousel Cafe. The Chamber had made comments on the cafe application referring the planning officers to the mix of businesses here in Broadstone and the need to bear that in mind when coming to a decision. Those comments have of course put the chamber at odds with the new owners and members felt it unfortunate that new businesses felt unwanted. This has prompted a rethink on the role of the chamber and whether the mix of businesses have passed the tipping point and the message that this successful planning application gives out is that the planning department no longer supports a mix that would allow Broadstone to offer the whole range of goods and services.

The membership is now over eighty.

RG asked if anyone thought the idea of using the tree brackets for flying flags on St George's Day would be a good idea.

Neighbourhood Watch: We are still seeking a replacement Treasurer which is crucial to the future existence of the Watch.

I attended the Safer Neighbourhood Meeting on Wednesday 20th January, at Bearwood. A

new format was tried which gave more time for discussion between members of the public, Police officers and the Panel.

The priorities for Broadstone and Merley are:

1. Youth drinking - Broadway.
2. Speeding – West Way and Clarendon Road.
3. Anti Social Behaviour – Broadway

Minutes of the Public Meeting will be available on the Dorset Police website.

The next public meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at The Lantern Lounge, Chichester Walk, Merley on 23rd March at 1pm.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch will be on 19th May, in the Residents Lounge, Selby Close, Broadstone at 1 pm.

I have said before that compared with other areas, Broadstone has a low level of crime overall, and this has been well illustrated in the crime figures in the Newsletter for the past two months, particularly with no house burglaries, and no thefts of or from motor vehicles.

DW

Re the above no 2 – MB notified us that West Way is in line for a Vehicle Activated sign to help reduce speeding.

Broadstone Access Group: In December the BAG got involved in the Local Involvement Network [LINKs], sharing views on the future of the NHS services. We met at the Lighthouse and discussed plans about transforming the community services and provided feedback to the NHS and the LINKs. We were given the power to implement small changes and influence big changes. We were given the opportunity to have the first Broadstone Access Group stand and we received a lot of interest in our organisation.

As a result of that meeting BAG have been invited to join in and help the local PCT in the Strategic planning for the future and to participate in the State of the Area debate to help shape Poole's Vision for 2030, and offer ideas on how our organization can contribute.

If you wish to know more you are invited to join us at our meetings where we have speakers from the PCT and NHS.

- 7) **OFFICER VACANCIES:** Education Officer – despite advertising on the notice boards and the Web Site we have received no response.
- 8) **TOWN GREEN:** RGs attempt to get copies of the maps required for the application from the council were unsuccessful due to the excessive cost. It was decided to get them direct from the Ordnance Survey where it will be considerably cheaper. JF has offered to do this.
- 9) **PLAYBUILDER PARK FOR BROADSTONE REC:** RG has circulated by e-mail all correspondence on this to committee members.
Cllr Brooke was asked why Oakdale had a £170,000 budget for their Playbuilder scheme, when Broadstone only had £50,000 each for Lewesdon Drive and the Broadstone Recreation Ground schemes. MB replied that the Portfolio Holder for Leisure was in fact an Oakdale Councillor. They are using Development Funding on top of the Playbuilder funding. Broadstone used Development Funding to do the same for Lewesdon Drive.
MB commented that the Oakdale site had never been a play area so didn't technically qualify for Playbuilder Funding, but as it already had a rebound wall it was sufficient to allow the £50,000 Playbuilder Fund to be used to upgrade it.
The Lewesdon Drive playground is due to be completed by the end of March but the zip wire has been omitted due to the thought that it may attract antisocial behaviour which is already a problem in the area.
RG asked MB to ensure if possible that someone from the BRA be represented on the consultation about the recreation ground project.

- 10) **WAR MEMORIAL:** The planning application has been in for the necessary six weeks with no objections. The work is hoped to be completed around the end of February and before the nesting season.
- 11) **BROADSTONE YOUTH CLUB:** This is now called the Junction and we are anxious this should now thrive and be a success. A meeting has been set up between the YMCA, Chamber of Trade, MB and RG, and hopefully it will involve the Youth Club. It is hoped that the YMCA will be able to help use the Youth Club to fulfil the needs of the youngsters in Broadstone.

DW said that the Neighbourhood Watch had funds which it hoped could be used towards making the Youth Club a place to give Broadstone youngsters somewhere to meet.

- 12) **A.O.B:** JF had suggested asking Blair Crawford from the YMCA to speak at our AGM. A meeting has been arranged with him and Cllr Mike Brooke to talk about The Junction [the Leisure Centre]. JS suggested someone from Bournemouth Airport may be of interest. It was decided to make Blair Crawford the first option.

Ro Mitchell brought up the problem of Poole Town Football Club putting fixtures lists up on the Notice Boards. Some feel that it is not a problem as long as there is space, others feel it is a business, others that is not a local club. They had been using the boards for a long time and Mr Corbin of PTFC thinks of it as our local football club. RG felt it was in need of help and that as they had been using the boards for many years it should carry on. This was agreed.

LF commented on the fact that the BAG notices had also been removed but RM said they were so badly water damaged that they were unreadable. In future RM will notify LF if this happens.

The integrity of the board outside the Post Office is in question and may need to be looked at.

MB said the Golf Club has decided it is not willing to fund Footpath 5 as they cannot commit money to this at present. It may have to be subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order in the future, which would be very costly. There is still a tremendous amount of interest in this still to get it linked to Ashington.

There being no further business at the meeting, the chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9-18pm .

.....Chairman

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