

**Broadstone Residents Association**  
**72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**St John's Parish Hall**  
**Broadstone**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 @ 7.30pm**

Attendees: Mrs. Annette Brooke [MP] and 58 members

Apologies: Malcolm Burgess, Andrew Carswell, David Williams, Doreen Muckart.

**The Chair was taken by Pat Talbot, Vice-Chairman, as we have no Chairman.**  
**Minutes of previous AGM**

All agreed as accurate.

**Actions and matters arising**

No detail to note.

**Discussion and vote on Rule 8**

Vice Chair Pat Talbot explains that Rule 8 details what happens if any member of committee is elected to the Local Council. As it currently stands he/she shall resign immediately. Our chairman, Roy Godfrey was elected as a Member of the council for Poole on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Principal officers met in April and agreed to recommend, with one exception, that the consideration for an amendment to Rule 8 be considered at the following meeting. It was then agreed at that meeting held May 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 by the Exec committee that the proposal be carried forward for a vote at the AGM; thus we propose a vote on this motion this evening.

Roy has been pro active in driving forward initiatives for benefit of Broadstone. He is also editor. If a debate became political at BRA then a member would call him to order. Previous ex members of the council have been chair person in previous rules. Rule 8 (everyone has a copy of this rule). A member of PC can be a chairperson if an amendment to rule 8 is passed. We must vote firstly to amend the rule and require a majority of two thirds. If passed we would then require a separate vote (simple majority) for election of chair man. Vice chairman agrees to a separate vote. There are two tellers in the room who will record the vote. Vice chairman opens a debate to enable anyone to air their personal feelings.

David Wenham – does not believe that all members have been notified of a possible change to the rule. This was clarified by a checking of the rules and the appropriate action was taken.

Mike Fisher concerned that even if the clause is changed with very good intentions that it is seen as a semi political action and would give the council a wonderful opportunity (even subliminally), that issues raised by BRA may be in the benefit of the Liberal Democrats.

**Wadsworth?** – concerned that a chairman should be free to speak independently and form an opinion of what is best for Broadstone. This should be completely independent of the Council.

Bob Williams – in 1938 there seemed to be an era when there were more people prepared to do something for the community. The dilemma now is that if we do not support this change in the constitution we could well be left without a Chairman. It is difficult to find an active Chairman and Roy has done a tremendous job. My concern is that without Roy the association would die on its feet.

Frank Wood – agrees with Bob. A compromise could be arrived at, could we change the rules for one year allowing us enough time to replace our chairman and editor?

Edward Floyd – please note that we have been asking for an editor for 6 – 12 months and not had one volunteer.

Don Harris- in previous years we had a councillor who was defeated and immediately took up chairman of this association. We have a group in BRA who are apolitical and are capable of keeping our Chairperson in line. I am in favour of making the amendment.

Tony Hamilton – I have also experienced the difficulty of finding volunteers. We need to have flexibility in our constitution. Whoever is the Chairman may have a personal leaning anyway and the committee are in place to ensure this leaning does not get out of hand. To amend the rules seems entirely sensible.

Edward Floyd – if the Liberal Democrats would wish to push something forward which was detrimental to Broadstone he is certain that Roy would inform them that they were stepping out of line.

Tellers [Jill Floyd and Cllr. Les Burden] collect votes from all those eligible.

Results – in favour of amendment 35. Against 19. The motion is lost by 1 vote. We now have no Chairman and no Editor.

The Vice Chairman explains that he could stand in but that he does not have the strength to Chair beyond this meeting.

Edward Floyd– explains that in addition to now not having a Chairman we do not have an Editor or an Education officer. Asks if any of the 19 wish to offer themselves as either. There is no answer.

## **Chairman's report**

None to report

Roy Godfrey does however stand to make the following comments – We could manage without a Chairman but we do desperately need an Editor. During the last twelve months we have built up the committee and I thank them all for all their hard work. In particular Jill Floyd, who amongst others, helped with the clearing of the Local War Memorial. We have a coalition (BRA, chamber of trade, Local sports centre, Local Police) to try and improve the under age drinking problems within the area and trying to persuade young lads of about 17/18 to stop drinking. Police advise us to concentrate on 9 – 18 year olds. Our plan would be to re open the Youth Centre. A new Play park is proposed for Broadstone Recreation Ground. Investment has been made in a mobile climbing wall and we hoped to bring it to Broadstone for the summer. The local sports centre is also involved with us in trying to produce a programme of events to help get the local youngsters engaged and off the streets. There is also hope for a skate park and a mini ball park for the younger child. But as with all these proposals there are issues with amongst other things, money placement and the like. But all the time we must be thinking of the young people of Broadstone. Roy explains that he will continue to do all he can to help with BRA to ensure it survives.

## **Treasurers Report for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 - Roger Jefferies**

Accounts detail handed out for all to see. *Income* was £9,581.97. *Total expenditure* was £9,629.94 which when deducted from our income of £9,581.97 leaves us with a small loss for the year of £47.97 compared with a surplus of £427.32 last year.

BROADSTONE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### **Treasurer's Report to AGM – 20 May 2010**

I have circulated a Statement of Income & Expenditure covering the year to 31 March 2010 which also shows the previous 4 years for comparison.

#### **Looking first at Income**

*Subscriptions* received were very similar to last year – down £30 to £6,113.50.

*Magazine advertising* was £3,330, up £347 (11.6%) on last year due to some rationalisation of the charge rates and 3 additional adverts in the winter magazine.

*Interest* received was £138.47 - well down on last year due to the pathetic rates of interest now being available.

*Total income* was £9,581.97

#### **Then Expenditure**

*Magazine Printing.* There was another increase in the cost of the summer and winter magazines due to printing costs and an increased take off.

*Other costs* are as shown. We spent £1,023 50 on replacing the two notice boards and they are a big improvement. Under Donations we gave £1,000 to the Chamber of Trade to assist with their new-style

Christmas lights and support brackets, £250 to Age Concern and £250 to Broadstone in Bloom. We also paid £152 for the plaque to commemorate Alfred Russell Wallace in the library.

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### **Accumulated Fund at 31 March 2010.**

Deducting the loss for the year from the Accumulated Fund at the start of the year we arrive at the figure of £11,965.02 which is the net worth of the Association at the end of the year. This is made up of the HSBC Treasurer's account £576.90 and the Scottish Widows Business Fund Deposit Account of £11,093.18. To this we must add amounts owing to the Association; interest on our Scottish Widows account to 31 March of £36.35, an amount due for advertising of £40, and prepayments of £247.58 in respect of the unexpired Public Liability insurance premium and Library hire, a total of £323.93; and deduct an amount owing by the Association - £28.99 for officers' expenses, to arrive at the Accumulated Fund balance at the end of the year of £11,965.02.

Since the end of the financial year the Executive Committee has approved further donations amounting to £550 in furtherance of its objective of making half the surplus for the year available for helping deserving causes in Broadstone. These relate to undistributed surpluses from previous years. The balance of our reserves will be held available for legal advice or to appeal planning decisions detrimental to the environment of Broadstone or other causes in accordance with the Constitution.

I would like to conclude by thanking our examiner, Trevor Bridle, for again going through the books and records with a fine tooth comb and issuing his report. He has indicated that he is prepared to put his name forward for re-election.

ARJ: 20.5.2010

Roger runs through various aspects of the statement of income and expenditure. All agreed with the detail.

### **Planning – Pat Talbot**

21 Charborough Road – to erect a detached dwelling in a Conservation area. Refused by Planning Committee. Applicant has now appealed and the Inspector will determine this appeal following written representations.

123 – 129 Springdale Road - to erect 73 Bed Residential Care Facility. Refused by Planning Committee.

Burwood Nursing Home – to erect a 42 Bed en-suite units. Planning Committee Approved.

Land RO 34 Ridgeway – to erect 6 Class C2 Dependency flats. Planning Committee deferred this application for further consideration. Amended plans submitted 16th March. No decision yet.

### **Magazine and advertising**

The next edition of the magazine is currently due out on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2010. But will that will now now happen? How do we communicate with the households of Broadstone if there is no magazine?

Chief Warden – John Sayers. A CHIEF WARDENS REPORT - Broadstone Residents Association AGM 2010

Firstly I would like to thank all the Area Wardens and Road Wardens for their efforts over the past year. They have all received a personal letter from me but this is my opportunity to thank them all in public. Membership numbers continue to rise thanks to their door-knocking.

At this point I usually make a plea for more Wardens. Although we can always do with some fresh blood as we are still 5 Wardens short, we have been fairly successful during the year filling vacancies as they occur. My

main concern this year is Area Wardens. Currently 3 of the 7 areas are without a warden , which I am having to cover, and a 4<sup>th</sup> Area Warden is undergoing medical treatment. An appeal to the Road Wardens in the areas concerned has so far drawn a blank. Added to this I have informed the Committee that I wish to give up my post as Chief Warden at next year's AGM, so unless these positions are filled the whole of the distribution system is in some jeopardy. Please, if you know anyone who can help, please come and see me in the interval.

Lastly, as regular attendees will know we now present those wardens with 25years service with a long service certificate. This year 2 more wardens qualify. One is Jane Gedling, who unfortunately cannot be here tonight to receive her certificate, and somewhat embarrassingly, the second one is myself. Both Jane and I had newly moved to Broadstone in 1985 and both responded to a plea for volunteers for wardens at the AGM. Nothing changes!

John Sayers  
Chief Warden

RG – is happy to volunteer to help recruit volunteers.

### **Introduction of new officers**

Vice Chair asks if any of the 19 present who voted against amending rule 8 would like to volunteer as Chairman? No one came forward.

Vice Chair asks current officers if they are all prepared to stand again and all say yes. But the vice chair reiterates that he cannot stand as Chair.

Vice Chair asks the 19 who voted against rule 8 if they would consider Editor – no one steps up.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

Trevor Bridle- agreed to continue.

### **Subscription rate for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010**

All agreed – no change.

### **AOB**

No detail to note.

Short break for refreshments.

Councillor Mike Brooke – stands to thank all those, especially Roy Godfrey who has been outstanding in all that he does for Broadstone. Sincere thanks for all his work.

Vice Chair – mentioned that he will call an extraordinary meeting to look for a way forward. Edward Floyd reads out rule 13 as follows: **Extraordinary general meetings of the membership may be called at the discretion of the executive committee. Extraordinary general meetings shall also be called by the secretary at the request in writing of not less than 12 members of the Association (of whom at least three shall be members of the executive committee). Such requisitions shall state fully the purpose for which it is desired that the meeting shall be called. Not less than 21 days notice shall be given to members of the holding of an extraordinary general meeting and all members may vote.**

There is to be a presentation by representatives from Bournemouth Airport.

Meeting closes.