

**Broadstone Residents Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Broadstone Library
July 1st 2010
@ 7.30pm**

Attendees:

Lynne Fisher (LF), Jill Floyd (JF), Councillor Les Burden (LB), Derek Hawker (DH), John Sayers (JS), Roger Jefferies (RJ), Don Harris (DH), Councillor Roy Godfrey (RG), Pat Talbot (PT), Edward Floyd (EF), Susanne Christie (SC, minute taker), Juliet Knight (JK), Sally Banford (SB), PC Joe Cooper (JC), Sergeant Andy Jenkins (AJ), David Anderson (DA), Mike Fisher (MF, guest)

1. Apologies:

Diane Durham, David Williams, John Noyes. PCSO Pauline Guest, Keith Clements, Frank Wood, Roy Mitchell

2. Minutes of meeting May 13th 2010 – agreed as accurate

3. Actions and matters arising- none

4. Correspondence [EF]

Lytchett Minster Arts Festival has requested space on our Boards for adverts.

An email has been sent to the Bobbin Lace Group who kindly allowed us to use the library today, which is the second time they have done so, our thanks to them.

Doctor Pat Mather has sent detail about the oak tree we mentioned together with full biological detail, such as how many bugs live with in it etc.

BW sent detail of the new Secretary of the BCTC. We do have a lady named Jill Webber who runs a Bed and Breakfast in Golf Links Road, who will be stepping into his role. She has a keen interest in playing a part in the resident's executive but is unfortunately unable to be there on the 1st. Bob hopes to be here at our next meeting in order to introduce her. Edward has written to welcome her.

Mrs Bussey of West Way wrote concerning the Youth Shelters. She expressed her unhappiness so EF rang her and the detail was passed to RG. Mrs Bussey was also concerned about the number of closed shops in the Broadway and she would like to see more of the boarded shops re opened with a greater variety of stock. The current economic climate was explained and detail passed to BW for a fuller answer. Councillor LB will also be contacting her.

After AGM Edward wrote to Sally Windsor to thank her and her team for presenting so professionally on behalf of the new Bournemouth Airport.

YMCA 'Off the Hook Summer Break' detail which we allowed to be advertised on our notice board. Runs for four weeks 2nd to 27th August 2010 for ages 10-15, 8am to 6pm. Price is £20 per day or £80 per week with a 10% discount for Broadstone Leisure Centre Members.

We have received our first request for an advert in our magazine via our website. This came from Southmead ~Rest Home and the detail has been forwarded to RJ for action.

An email has been sent to Jo Kinsella who wrote to us re the oak tree in his garden, which he felt was 300 years old. We would like a photo of him and the tree. But we must have his parent's permission in writing. RG may have the opportunity to discuss this when he visits Jo's school shortly.

A letter has been received from Broadstone in Bloom thanking us for the £250 and Charlotte Hussey thanking us for the £50 we gave her.

5. Chairman's report-[given by Vice-Chairman] Pat Talbot

We reached a situation at AGM which is now the past. As a consequence we did read the constitution which states that the Editor does not have to be on the executive so RG can continue in that role until we find a replacement and thus we are going to continue to print. However we do still need a Chairman. Perhaps we could find someone who would be interested with RG helping to lead them in? We are currently advertising for an Editor, Chairman, Advertising Manager, Education officer, Chief Warden and Wardens. All details of which are going into the summer magazine, which is due out very shortly.

6. Police report PC Joe Cooper and Sergeant Andy Jenkins

The month of May has seen 30 crimes reported in Broadstone a reduction of 7 on the same period last year. There has been one report of attempted residential burglary and no dwelling burglaries. There has been no theft of motor vehicles now for 6 months, but 5 thefts from vehicles. Also there have been 17 reports of other types of theft including theft of dairy and milk products. 6 reports of criminal damage, 3 to fences, including damage to election boards when they were up. Two men (NOT youths) have been arrested for damage to some of the fences. There has been Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) again at the Springdale recreation ground; the Police believe this is due to the refurbishment of the play area. The Police are working very hard to try and reduce this ASB, using colleagues, for example, in the Specials. There has also been ASB outside Tesco express and by the library. The next public meeting is July 21st 2010 at the Bearwood Community Centre. Between January and May this year compared to last year crime has fallen by under a quarter and ASB dropped by a third.

7. Reports by Officers

Planning [PT]- nothing to report. However a Group that meet regularly have come up with a 'Community Engagement Forum', an open forum. This is to help engage as early as possible instead of being given 21 days to respond. When a proposed application is worthy of it, it will be discussed at this new forum. All BRA members agreed that a draft could be taken to the meeting in the next two weeks. SB explains her concerns about a bungalow built in Fairview which is not in keeping with the rest of the road, turning what is effectively a Bungalow development area into that more akin to houses.

Treasurer[RJ]- Income: This is of course early in the new financial year – however we have so far received £766.00 in respect of subscriptions which indicates that there are quite a few wardens who do their collections with the spring newsletter instead of waiting until the summer magazine is issued. The figure at this time last year was £898 so we are down about £132 or £15%. In addition we have advertising income of £125 in respect of the Swards advert in the spring newsletter, bringing total income to £891.

Expenditure - to date, has included £928.00 for printing the spring newsletter but £249 of that will come back from the Chamber of Trade for their colour centrefold; £170.00 to Sarah Littlewood for the refreshments at this year's AGM - £20 less than last year, and £10 for certificate frames for long service awards. In addition we have paid donations of £250.00 to Broadstone in Bloom, £150 to Chris Palmer for his student expedition and £50 each to Emily Magnus, Helena Kipling and Charlotte

Hussey for their student expeditions, all approved by this Committee. I have not received an account from St John's Church Hall for the use of the hall for the AGM and we also owe for the use of this library tonight. Making allowance for outstanding amounts brings our total expenditure to date to £1,541.28

This means that expenditure has exceeded income by £650.28.

This has reduced our current bank and cash balances to £10,825.94 of which all but £196.41 is on deposit earning a derisory rate of interest!

Advertising[RJ] – There have been very few changes in advertising content from the winter magazine so advertising revenue should be similar to last year. I have mentioned before that some the adverts are getting rather tired and dated and would benefit from an active revamp if we could find ourselves an advertising officer with some flair and imagination in this field.

Chief Warden[JS] – 2 new volunteers, Sally does however have an additional resignation. There are still 3 area wardens and a Chief Warden post to fill.

Magazine Editor - RG

The magazine deadline date is Monday July 5th for production on July 12th. Abby and Catriona both 18 and lead very busy lives and had hoped to help RG but did not come back to him, which he appreciated bearing in mind their school commitments. Laura has also fallen away. BRA group would still like to attract young people.

Web master[DA] – updating of the website is still be undertaken on a regular basis. There has been an item for the Broadstone Access group which will be discussed with LF as it is felt that our site may not be the best available for the content concerned. However, there will be a link on our site to LF's site.

Cycle ways and footpaths[DA] – No detail to report re Cycle Ways. Footpath under Pine ridge road, issues with mud which has been drained.

Chamber of Trade[BW absent] – DH explained that gifts we requested via letter for the St Johns fair raffle and shops in Broadstone were incredibly generous.

Neighbourhood Watch[RG] – David Williams, who has been Chairman of the Watch for the last eight years retired at the recent Annual General Meeting. David has given many hours of his time to the Watch; we thank him for all his hard work and wish him well.

I have the Honour to be elected as the new Chairman, I thank the Committee members for their support, and I thank these dedicated volunteers for their support and service to the Watch.

Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch continues to fully commit to supporting the Police in every way possible.

We currently have a membership of 2,894 households and we want to increase the membership to over the 3000. A simple way to achieve this would be for members to ask their neighbours if they are in the Watch, and if not, why not, people often say, "because I have never been asked".

Our Membership Office, Jeff Davies, Tel; 603024 would be very pleased to hear from anyone wishing to join and can arrange for a free membership pack and all necessary information. Donation is currently £1 per year, which includes twelve monthly newsletters and monthly surgeries in the Library.

We also wish to raise the profile of the Watch and forge strong links with Broadstone Residents Association and the chamber of Trade so that we are all working together for the benefit of the community.

We are very fortunate to live in Broadstone with its very low crime rate, however, we do have problems, not unique to Broadstone regarding anti social behaviour and under age drinking. The Police work very hard to keep this to a minimum but we would like to work towards a long-term solution.

Young people in trouble will often say to the Police, "I had nothing else to do"

There are already plenty of activities for young people in Broadstone but we are working with others, including the Residents Association, the Chamber of Trade, the Police, our local Councillors, the Council Youth Team, and the The Junction Sports and Leisure Centre to create more activities. The Sports Centre has produced a great summer programme for 10-15 year olds, including Street Dancing, which they advise is the most popular activity on their books due to ' Britain's Got Talent '. Broadstone Neighbourhood Watch have also organised another poster painting competition in Broadstone Middle School this summer, I was pleased to be invited to help judge the posters. The theme is ' Stranger Danger ' the standards were incredibly high.

There are prizes for each category for Key Stage 2 (ages 9-11) and Key Stage 3 (ages 11-13). The prizes are first £35, 2nd £25 and 3rd £20; £75 will also be presented to the School.

The winning posters are very impressive and we intend to have them professionally printed and posted around Broadstone.

Environment [KC]– The nature report has gone to the Web master for inclusion on the website. More litter bins have been included on the Recreation Ground.

Access Group[LF] - Broadstone Access disabled swimming group have had a generous grant from the Borough of Poole, just waiting for a voluntary life guard, running at Lodge Hill. Jo O'Connell a rep from social services at BOP will be talking about the future of Social services and budgets for people with disabilities July 9th 2-4pm Broadstone Methodist Church, entrance via Macauley Road. BOP parking manager will be questioned about issues with parking in Broadstone, why are we not seeing the three traffic wardens? They are supposed to be here every day but few people see them. LF is still investigating the issues surrounding the entrance to Carousel on the Broadway.

9. Officer Vacancies

After the last AGM, Mike Fisher (MF) has kindly agreed to attend our meeting tonight in order to discuss the possibility of becoming our Education Officer. RG explained that we would like a link between BRA and the local schools in order to keep us informed. All agreed on the floor that we would like MF to join. MF explained that he would like to find out a little more before committing to the role.

10. Play Builder Parks [RG]

Update of Broadstone Recreation Ground. £42000 agreed but there is now a funding issue as the Council are looking to see if there could be a greater need for the money? We may find that the funding is not taken away totally but reduced? Mike Gotobed has come up with some plans. Nothing is yet agreed but things are still progressing. There was a protest group at the area meeting, objecting as they are near neighbours and they are concerned that the re build may create further problems with Anti Social behaviour in the future? Rest assured that a full debate is going on.

11. Town Green[RG] – we are sitting on the application until we get the recreation ground completed. Branksome Park as you may know has also been in the news recently. Prince William has joined a charity which has been set up in order to save school playing fields, in order to protect the sites they could register them as Town greens.

12. BROADSTONE YOUTH CLUB [RG] – Roy wrote an article about Youth shelters in the last edition of the magazine and it attracted debate and comment. The Youths made it clear that they did not want the shelters because where ever it is placed would indicate to their parents and the Police where they will be! Police advised us to aim at the 8 – 13 year olds to try and educate a life style

where the children do not want to drink. A meeting was held. Some progress has been made. They would like to see a climbing wall for the 8-13 year olds. There is a climbing wall in the Broadstone scout hut which can be rented out for a nominal sum. A meeting was also held with management committee of the Broadstone Youth Club. It is being used but for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, it is also used during the school day. We are trying to connect the qualified staff at the Broadstone leisure centre with the facility at the Youth club.

The Broadstone Sports centre explained that they need to be supported and run activities for children including amongst others holiday clubs, obviously they are not a charity and we must do our best to ensure we do not lose this facility. The sports centre has also volunteered a room for BRA. RG is concerned that maybe we have outlived our time and use of the Broadstone Library? Can we consider using the facility at the Broadstone Leisure centre?

AOB

Grants – Only one request has been received since the last Committee meeting in May and this is from Charlotte Diffey, a first year undergraduate at Oxford University studying archaeology and Anthropology whose home is in York Road, Broadstone. She has been accepted onto a field course in Iceland from 25 July to 21 August excavating in the North West of the country. Total costs amount to £1,336 – these are partly subsidised by the Icelandic Government.

Charlotte is the elder sister of Helena Diffey to whom we donated the sum of £250 last year to attend a Girl Guides Jamboree in Canada. Since then the sub-committee has had a rethink on personal donations to students as these do not benefit the community as a whole and the last 3 student applicants have been awarded £50 each. Vote by Executive committee in favour of giving Charlotte £50.

Applying the formula for the determination of the amount available for grants and donations, there is the sum of £632 still available after allowing for donations of £550 already approved and paid in the current year.

Meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

Next meeting-August 12th.