

NORTH EAST HAYLING RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Winter General Meeting held in the North Hayling Recreation Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 3rd December 2010

Present: Committee members and about 70 members

Apologies Mr & Mrs M. Atkins, Mr & Mrs B. Barnes, Mr & Mrs T. Pink, Mr & Mrs E. Davies, Mr R. Klitz, Rev. A. Leonard, Mr & Mrs A. Levy, Mr & Mrs K. Lister, Mr & Mrs G. Lloyd, Mrs C. Morley, Mr & Mrs P. Sorab, Mr & Mrs W. Smith, Mr & Mrs P. Turner, Mr & Mrs E. Underwood and Mr & Mrs R. Vickers.

Rt. Hon. David Willetts MP had also tendered his apologies

The **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by Mr C. Pym, seconded by Mr C. Morley.

Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that all major matters from the Annual General Meeting would be dealt with in the appropriate Agenda item.

Chairman's Report The period since the AGM had been reasonably quiet with few major planning applications or activities. The exception being the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) to which we had responded earlier. The final report had yet to be released but we had heard that 20 years struggle has been rewarded by replacement of the 'Managed Retreat' option for the East Shore by 'Hold the Line.' Judy would comment more fully later in the meeting.

The Chairman reminded members that Mike Treadwell's efforts with the bureaucracy of BT and Havant Council, with which he had amused us in the past, finally bore fruit and the Association became the owner of the phone box in June. He thanked Mike and the others of the 'Phone Box Group,' James Griffin, Martin Rhodes and John Griffiths, for their efforts on our behalf. Most especially John, who has done such a splendid job of restoration. He would be speaking of this later.

Before he thanked the committee for their services, he wished to thank Alyson Griffin, who had recently resigned for personal reasons, for her invaluable work as the Association's Treasurer and Webmaster, as well as serving as a member of the group which produced the Village Design Statement.

Bill Smith has kindly offered to take on the duties of Treasurer and Tom Dyche similarly Webmaster. The Chairman thanked them and Judy Clark (Planning & Flooding), Fenella May (Membership), Derek Bowerman (Minutes Secretary), Mike Dawe, Chris Emery and Mike Treadwell. The Committee is now lacking one member, so a volunteer is needed; a resident of Spinnaker Grange would balance village coverage on that body.

Treasurer's Report All members had received copies of the accounts to the end of October: in the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman ran through the salient points. The overall balance showed a satisfactory position compared to 2009, £4026 against £3050. The cost of phone box restoration (£296) was covered by a County grant of £300, for which C. Cllr Frank Pearce was thanked, and the Social Night, organised by Fenella, raised £658. Membership subscriptions were down compared to the previous year although membership has subsequently increased.

Planning Secretary's Report Judy Clark reviewed the planning activity since April 2010.

The applications for Great Northney and Stubbington Barns were finally approved in September. Northney Marina application for the renewal of the temporary approval for offices was withdrawn.

12 Northney Road The Association had not objected to a proposal for front, rear and side extensions as there are similar extensions along that road. The proposal was refused by the HBC Planning Committee but, after submission to Appeal, only the front extension was permitted by a split decision.

14 Clovelly Road. A single storey rear extension was approved without conditions.

The Pines, Copse Lane. A major extension to a semi –bungalow on a fairly large site. We registered no objection but the proposal was refused both by HBC and on Appeal. A second application for a reduced alteration has since been made and approved.

Eastney House, St Peters Road. A new pitched roof over an existing flat roofed extension. A positive improvement which was approved in September.

Broad Oak, Copse Lane. This was a major proposal made under an outline application. The Council are not sure that it can be considered as an outline plan but no decision available at present. The proposal is for 16 additional bedrooms in the hotel (8 at present), 8 self catering lodges and 10 touring caravans with toilet block etc. This is a gross overdevelopment of the site, impinging on the surrounding rear gardens. Five trees would be felled and the site could cater for about 120 persons if all units were filled to capacity. We have objected strongly and asked to take the application to Committee if any approval is contemplated. It is currently still being discussed with the owners who might be submitting a revised application which will be carefully watched.

The Granary, Upper Tye Farm. A September application for Listed Building Consent. A structural report suggested that, when partially rebuilding the granary, the corners should be tied into the inner framework. Our only comment was that, should this be included in the application, traditional ties should be used. Subsequently, the entire building has collapsed and a revised application not to rebuild and remove the materials from the site has been made. English Heritage has inspected the ruin and their comments are awaited before we write again. It is part of village heritage and features in the VDS so reinstatement would be preferable but the EH report will form the basis of council approval or otherwise.

North Corner, Woodgaston Lane An extension incorporating the suggestions in the VDS and sympathetic to its surroundings. It is visible only from the shore, the building's height has not been increased and the bulk is visually diminished by small pitched roofs. These comments have been submitted to HBC, reinforcing no objection.

Sea Defences The North Solent Shoreline Management Plan has been approved by all local authorities involved and should receive final approval with publication by the end of the year. The Environment Agency (EA) is deciding whether it should prepare its 'strategy' for Hayling Island, which has been promised for some time. The SMP gives the authority to do this and HBC fully supports the idea. The SMP will enable landowners to carry out repairs without EA permission and HBC and the EA are to encourage community led schemes and are seeking funds to help those schemes.

A meeting was held on 24th November with Jonathan Simm to review the present situation and possible work next year. Jonathan has now completed his research and Judy expressed our thanks for all the work and help he has given to the village over the last two years. We hope to carry out some work on the East Shore sea wall next summer but will give any details at the Spring Meeting.

Judy answered three queries from members. There has been no further information about the recommendation for development at Bosmere Field and there is the possibility of another planning application for Yachthaven. The granary at Tye farm is not a listed building.

Membership Secretary's Report Fenella reported that, thanks to last minute canvassing, membership stands at 219, slightly fewer than the target of 232. 19 households now pay by standing order and 81% of members receive their correspondence by e-mail. Approval was given for a meeting some time next year incorporating a lecture on the COPPS activity based on Hayling during the Second World War.

Village Telephone Box John Griffiths gave a very informative illustrated talk on the history of public phone boxes, followed by a description of the restoration work. After thanking John, the Chairman posed the question 'What use for the box now?' Dot Hunt then proposed that it should be used as a book exchange while another suggestion was as a home for a NEHRA/village notice board. Any other suggestions should be given to a committee member.

Any Other Business John Blake reminded members that the Tree of Life charity, donations £5, would close at the weekend.

Karen Cutting asked what effect the departure of Country View would have on the Village Hall and was informed that the matter would be discussed at the next Hall Committee Meeting.

The Chairman then closed the meeting and invited everyone to stay for the Annual Wine and Cheese Party.

He thanked Mike Treadwell and Bill Smith for selecting and delivering the wine and his wife, Pam, for organising the food with the able assistance of Jane Bowerman, Ruth Dyche, Sue Emery, Dot Hunt and Eleanor Taylor. Feedback was requested on the experimental changes to the food and service.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

will be held on Friday, 25th March 2011 at 7.30 pm in the North Hayling Recreation Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters Arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Planning Report
6. Membership Report
7. Website Report
8. Review of the Constitution
9. Election of Officers
10. Any Other Business

Refreshments will be served after the meeting

Election of Committee Members

The serving members retiring as required by the Constitution are Derek Bowerman, Judy Clark, Tom Dyche, Fenella May and Mike Treadwell. All, with the exception of Derek Bowerman, are offering themselves for re-election.

As Alyson Griffin left the Committee last year, there are therefore two additional vacancies; will any member who wishes to stand for election to the Committee, please give their name to the Chairman (tel. 92467935) by Friday, 16th April 2011.