

NORTH EAST HAYLING RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the North Hayling Recreation Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 25th March 2011

Present: Committee members and about 45 members

Apologies Mr & Mrs J. Blake, Mr & Mrs D. Clark, Rear Admiral and Mrs C. Cooke-Priest, Mrs J. Dawe, Mrs S. Emery, Mr & Mrs W. Forrow, Mrs A. Horncastle, Mr & Mrs D. Lown, Mr & Mrs C. Pim, Mrs L Popham and Mr & Mrs P. Sorab

The **Minutes** of the Winter General Meeting held on 3rd December 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by Mr S. Pike, seconded by Mr C.Emery.

Matters Arising

The Chairman reported that, following the report that the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan had been approved, confirmation had now been provided by publication. Work to reinforce the East Shore sea wall can now be done without seeking initial Environment Agency permission and we shall be discussing with the Farm the possibility of work this summer. We have heard nothing of an possible Environment Agency strategy for Hayling.

All other items would be dealt with under the appropriate Agenda item.

Chairman's Report There was little to be said about the three and a half months since the Winter General Meeting, no real alarms for our area and Agenda coverage would give any update from the situation in December.

The Committee was delighted by the attendance at the Winter Meeting, given the weather; it reinforced our commitment to the Wine & Cheese as a get-together valued by members. The modifications to the menu also met with general approval. My impression was that the December snowfall caused fewer problems to the village than that at the beginning of the year, probably because HBC gritted the village main road more effectively.

As usual, he wished to thank committee members for their vital work, thoughts and support – Judy Clark (Planning & Flooding), Fenella May (Membership), Bill Smith (Treasurer), Tom Dyche (Webmaster), Derek Bowerman (Minute Secretary), Mike Dawe, Chris Emery and Mike Treadwell.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer ran through the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2010 which had been distributed to all members. Although the year ended with a satisfactory balance of £3824, Bill pointed out that at present, even with a membership of 221, subscriptions do not cover expenditure and he thanked Fenella for organising the Social Night which raised £658. Such annual fund raising events are important with our existing membership and subscription structure.

Planning Secretary's Report In the absence of the Planning Secretary, the Chairman read her report.

Of the two applications mentioned at the previous meeting, that of Broad Oak had been withdrawn and the Granary at Upper Tye Farm was still under discussion with English Heritage with no firm conclusion whether it should be rebuilt or not. It might have to go to the Secretary of State for a final decision.

North Corner, Woodgaston Lane. We had supported this proposal which was approved with conditions.

Ivory House, Copse lane Several concerns were registered about the major alterations which included a considerable increase to the height and bulk of the building. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

There were no other applications for this area but we felt that we should comment on the plans for a housing estate at Goldring Close as the increased number of vehicles and people using the infrastructure will affect everyone on the Island. An initial letter will be sent followed by detailed comments when more information becomes available. The suggestion for a petition will also be considered at that time.

The Chairman had recently been informed by HBC that the Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document was now available for six weeks public consultation – online at www.havant.gov.uk. This document aims to ensure that the right type, size and tenure of housing is provided to meet the needs of Borough residents so it might not throw much light on planning aspects but we shall examine it carefully.

Membership Secretary's Report Fenella reported that currently there are 87 members with 22 now paying by bank mandate and that 81% of members accepted emails for notices and other information.

Review of the Constitution The committee had decided to modify the existing Constitution to reflect changes in our operations and to clarify some points. As always, attempts at clarification result sometimes in unforeseen complications – at least unforeseen by those drafting the changes.

We have received helpful comments from a number of members and have decided that more thought was required to remove ambiguities. As it is impractical to go through such a document line by line at a public meeting, we shall defer final decision to the next General Meeting. In the interim, would all members kindly read the revised document and give any committee member a note of any comment they wish to make. The committee will be reviewing the document and all suggested modifications, so by the end of April please.

Election of Committee Members The Agenda states that those members retiring as required by the Constitution are Derek Bowerman, Judy Clark, Tom Dyche, Fenella May and Mike Treadwell and that all, except Derek, offer themselves for re-election.

As a result of a request made at the Winter General Meeting, two persons volunteered to stand so Derek very kindly offered to retire to enable new blood to enter the committee. Unfortunately, one of the volunteers has now withdrawn and, in the absence of other candidates, Derek has rescinded his decision. Therefore we have Derek, Judy, Tom, Fenella and Mike with Colin Hunt, our sole volunteer, standing for six vacant positions. Colin has served on the Committee, and as Chairman, some years ago so his experience and local knowledge will be invaluable.

The proposal that all six candidates be elected was made by Chris Emery and seconded by Stan Pike and carried *nem con*.

Any Other Business John Griffiths reported on the six months since he completed the restoration of the Telephone Kiosk. It had stood up to the ravages of winter well and there were no signs of vandalism or even attempted vandalism. The interior was clean, with little detritus on the floor and no cobwebs in evidence. John suspected that someone anonymous might be giving it some care and attention. The first advertisement was observed in January, for Summerfield Cars, but as it was attached to the outside with blue tack, it did not survive the first rainfall.

The Chairman undertook to relay a complaint about the poor state of many of the village's lamp posts to the Council and request repainting. The poor state of bus stops was also mentioned.

Members were advised that thefts had begun again, especially of steddle stones, and that residents should watch for suspicious characters inspecting gardens.

The Winter General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday, 2nd December 2011

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm, refreshments were then served.