

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 2nd December 2011

Present: Committee members and about 80 members

Apologies Mr & Mrs M. Atkin, Mr D. Busch, Mrs J. Clark, Mr & Mrs M. Dawe, Mr & Mrs D. Earp, Mr W. Forrow, Mr & Mrs P. Higney, Mr & Mrs P. Lamperd, Rev A. Leonard, Colin McNiece & Sally Gamble, Mr P. Millman, Tim Pike & Claire Kelly, Mr & Mrs C. Pim, Mr & Mrs M. Paton, Laura Popham and Mr D. Rudling

The Chairman welcomed David Willetts, our MP, who commented on recent events and proposals for Havant and Hayling Island and answered questions from members. He remained for the meeting and talked with many members during the Wine and Cheese Party.

The **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th March 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by Mr C. Emery which was seconded by Mr M. Treadwell.

Matters Arising The Constitution. All members had now received copies of the revision. The Committee believed revision was necessary to tidy a few loose ends and reflect some changed circumstances *eg* ownership of the phone box and the necessity to be able to raise funds other than through subscriptions. The Committee also decided to postpone final public discussion until the 2012 AGM so it is important that any comments/suggestions should be given to any committee member as soon as possible

The Telephone Box. John Griffiths, the Keeper of the Kiosk, had submitted a report stating that there were only two things to report since completion of restoration a year ago. The spiders that had vacated the premises for the winter had returned and there are a few cobwebs in the corners. Generally the kiosk is clean and tidy. The sign, for the benefit of the unobservant, that stated that the kiosk was no longer a telephone box has been replaced by one made by himself and mounted in a frame kindly donated by Ruth Dyche.

Lamp Posts. After a member's complaint, the Chairman had contacted Hampshire County Council and learned of an ongoing programme of modernisation countywide. This area will be tackled in 2012. He had replied, pointing out the reference to lamps in the VDS requiring traditional street lighting and mentioning the row caused by an attempt some years ago to install modern, tall standards in Northney Road. A meeting had just been arranged for 23rd January 2012 for all interested parties, work in Havant will begin in June. The major points suggested for discussion were column style for Conservation Areas, the level of dimming, areas where additional lighting might be required, any specific requirements and the retention of columns of historic or architectural note. He believed that the general feeling would be for no, or very little, increase in the number of swan necked standards, similar to some of those now existing and that the County will wish to install white lighting. He asked for any view to be given to a committee member.

Bus Stops. Highways had been contacted about these in the village and we were told that they would be inspected and removed if necessary.

Chairman's Report This year has seen the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of NEHRA and been marked by a party given and organised by its founder, Pesi Sorab. The Chairman congratulated Pesi on his foresight and thanked him for his generosity.

The period since the AGM had been fairly busy. Redrafting the Constitution had involved considerable suggestion and counter suggestion but we hope that the many hours of discussion, in both a subcommittee of Mike Dawe, Bill Smith and the Chairman and in full committee, have produced an acceptable document which will suffice for the next 25 years.

We have also been called upon to comment on three HBC documents, the Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Document, the Draft Active Travel Strategy and Public Participation in the Preparation of a Statement of Community Involvement and we have now received the First Revision of that Statement.

Our liaison with Hayling Island Resident's Association continues and we have assisted with the collection of signatures for the Save Hayling petition.

As usual, the Chairman thanked the committee for their vital work in the running of the Association; Judy Clark (Planning & Flooding), Fenella May (Membership), Bill Smith (Treasurer), Tom Dyche (Webmaster), Derek Bowerman (Minutes Secretary), Mike Dawe, Chris Emery, Colin Hunt and Mike Treadwell.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer ran through the Income and Expenditure Account for the period to 31st October 2011, copies of which had been circulated to all members. The Current Account stood at £1760 and the High Interest Account £2353.

Planning Report In the absence of the Secretary, the Report was given by Mike Treadwell. Approval has been given for alterations and extensions at 15 Spinnaker Grange, 12 Northney Road, 1, Northney Road and Lavender Bower, St Peter's Road.

A completely new application had been made for Ivory House, Copse Lane with many radical alterations not in keeping with the VDS, which was nevertheless approved.

Although already granted approval for major redevelopment, an application involving a complete rebuild had been submitted for an American style timber-clad house with an adjacent large garage at Langness, Woodgaston Lane. The Council is awaiting further amendments, although basically sympathetic to the design.

Northney Farm has applied for an extension of their opening hours at the Northney Farm Tea Rooms which might take effect in stages. Legal agreements and contributions have to be settled before approval can be given.

Approval for tree work, both felling and reshaping was given at Church Farm, Seafeld House, Woodgaston Lane and Primrose Cottage, St Peter's Road.

Membership Secretary's Report Fenella reported that the current membership stood at 212, including a number of new members.

Website Tom Dyche gave a brief report, indicating that the site receives about 35 hits each day, including a number from Russia. The VDS still attracts considerable interest.

Any Other Business The Committee proposal to attempt to obtain a walkway along the Northney Road sea bank to remove the dangers for pedestrians on that stretch was discussed and approved. Members would now contact Highways and other interested bodies.

The Chairman announced that the 2012 AGM would be held in May as proposed in the revised Constitution. The date will be posted on the website together with the draft Winter General Meeting Minutes.

Derek Bowerman then held a very successful, and amusing, auction of a number of lots which had been kindly donated by members. The auction raised £384.

The Chairman closed the meeting having thanked the organisers of the following Wine and Cheese Party; Bill Smith for the wine, Pam Richards, Jane Bowerman, Ruth Dyche, Sue Emery, Eleanor Taylor, Stella Smith, Dot Hunt and Madelaine Treadwell for the food.

These Draft Minutes of the Winter General Meeting are for information only and will not be formally adopted as a true record until the 2012 Annual General Meeting which will be held on

FRIDAY, 18th MAY