

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 18th May 2012

Present: Committee members and about 45 members

Apologies Laura Anderson, Mr & Mrs B. Bocking, Mr M. Camp, Cdr N. Chilcott, Rear Admiral & Mrs C. Cooke-Priest, Mr & Mrs C. Cutting, Mr & Mrs W. Forrow, Rev A. Leonard, Mr & Mrs G. Lloyd, Mr & Mrs L. Nash, Mr & Mrs J. Peall, Mr & Mrs C. Pim, Mr & Mrs J. Phillips, Mr & Mrs D. Taylor, Jill Turner, Mr & Mrs A. Underwood and Mr & Mrs A. Viles.

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Leah Turner and Frank Pearce and congratulated Leah on her re-election.

The **Minutes** of the Winter General Meeting held on 2nd December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by Chris Emery which was seconded by Mike Treadwell.

Matters Arising Items not covered by the Agenda.

The Chairman mentioned the recent newspaper articles citing the increasing value of K6 telephone boxes, now about £2000. He asked near neighbours to be aware of potential theft and believed that the £1 cost of the box represented a good investment for the Association.

Bus Stops. No posts had been removed to date; the Association does not know whether the bus stops have yet been inspected.

Chairman's Report The Winter General Meeting will be held on Friday, 7th December. There was little to be said which was not covered by other items but he wished to place on record his thanks to the committee for their expertise and support. To Bill Smith, Treasurer; Judy Clark, Planning and Flooding; Fenella May, Membership, Tom Dyche for managing the website, Derek Bowerman, Minutes Secretary and Mike Dawe, Colin Hunt and Mike Treadwell..

Bill had been a member of the committee, with a few minor breaks, since its foundation 26 years ago. A very special person, one I always relied on for a sensible solution to any problem, he has kept the Association solvent and financially efficiently run in addition to proving a good judge of wine for the WGM. This time he was adamant that he wished to retire; he will be greatly missed and deserved our sincere thanks.

The Chairman stated that, he too, had decided to retire, having long regarded himself as a caretaker chairman who had to wait a considerable time for his principal. Colin Hunt left the Chair in April 1990, to be briefly replaced by Ricky Ridgway until he took over in January 1991. Colin had now agreed to resume the Chair and he would hand over to him later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer ran through the Income and Expenditure Account for the period to 31st December 2011, copies of which had been circulated to all members. The Current Account stood at £1887 and the High Interest Account £2353. There were 224 paid up members.

The Treasurer reviewed the Association's finances and commitments and proposed a small increase in subscription from £2.50 to £3.00 per head to cover necessary expenses. Mike Dawe proposed that the accounts be accepted and the suggested subscription increase approved. Mike Treadwell seconded and the resolution was passed unanimously

Planning Report Judy reported that there had been no objection registered to the following:- Extension and/or alterations at Ivy House, 9 Northney Lane, 12 Northney Road, Meadowsweet, and 8 St Peter's Avenue.

Similarly, no objection to tree work at Eastney House and 1 Myrtle Cottage, demolition of a small store at The Barns, Church Lane and change of use at Deerview Lodge, Copse Lane.

A Certificate of Lawfulness has been granted for work at Ivy House involving construction of offices but no representations were permitted.

The applications for Langness, Woodgaston Lane had been withdrawn and the Yachthaven proposal is in abeyance as HBC require more information. Recently, reversion to rubbish dumping and skip storage had been reported.

No application had yet been submitted for the Bosmere Field site.

The Chairman reminded the Meeting of the exhibition of HBC's suggestions for potential building sites on Hayling to be held on 24th May at the URC Hall, Hollow Lane.

Membership Secretary's Report Fenella reported that the current membership stood at 119, 25 of whom were now paying by standing order.

Website Tom Dyche confirmed that the website was running satisfactorily and that the hits from Russia were now insignificant. He invited members to give him any information they believed appropriate for dissemination on the website.

Northney & Tye Street Lighting The Chairman had spoken to the organiser and the timing of work in Havant had slipped somewhat and will now begin in late '12 or early '13. Letters would be sent out with details in good time. Enquiry about dimming produced the standard Hampshire schedule; all lights will be fitted with dimming technology, the current regime involves dimming by 25% between dusk and midnight, another 25% between midnight and 5 am, then back to the initial setting between 5 am and dawn. However, not clear whether full power is used at all.

Judy had been dealing with the matters of design and reported that standard, swan necked standards, painted black, will be used throughout the village on a one for one basis but three, more ornate lamps will be installed in the Conservation Area.

Road Safety, Northney Road Derek Bowerman reported that he and Judy Clark had met Frank Pearce and members of the Highways Department who had raised the questions of funding and maintenance. Judy had also met Sam Jones from the Countryside Access Committee to discuss possible financial support.

The meeting agreed unanimously that action is required before an accident occurs as it is difficult to spot pedestrians, usually wearing dark clothing, during dark, often misty, mornings or evenings.

Frank Pearce supported the views of members and agreed to arrange a further meeting. The main problems were the ownership of the land and the financing of any scheme.

Adoption of the Revised Constitution The final revision had been circulated to all members, the changes had been made to accommodate new factors; insurance, the ownership of the telephone box, the facility to raise funds and to equalise the period between General Meetings. A proposal from the floor to remove the unnecessary term "Executive" from 5.1 was agreed and the Constitution was duly adopted after a proposal by Derek Bowerman, seconded by Stella Smith. There was one objection.

Election of Committee Members Prior to the meeting, Mrs Jo Paton and Alan Bartlett had offered themselves for election and the Chairman gave a brief introduction to each candidate. Those retiring as required were Mike Dawe, Chris Emery, Bill Smith and Colin Richards but, as the latter two had decided to retire, the Chairman asked for a proposal that the motion that Jo, Alan, Mike and Chris be elected. This was given by Bill Smith, seconded by Madeleine Treadwell and passed unanimously. Colin Richards then introduced Colin Hunt as the new Chairman.

The incoming Chairman paid tribute to Bill Smith and Colin Richards for their service to the Association. He pointed out that the strength and longevity of the Association was due in large part to the dedication of these two people. They have provided continuity through a period of continual pressure on the local environment.

Bill has been the treasurer for nearly the whole life of the Association except for a very brief interlude. He has ensured that the Association has remained solvent, however it is not only in maintaining a strong financial position that he has been significant, it is also in the wisdom and support that Bill has

provided in committee discussions. He has made sure decisions are constructive and fruitful. Bill has tremendous local knowledge, which when combined with his calm and authoritative views; mean he will be sorely missed by all the committee.

It would be hard to detail all Colin's achievements. During his tenure, he has furthered our local interests both on Hayling Island, and in the wider area. Amongst the most significant contributions however is that the Association is now recognised as not just a bunch of NIMBYs, but as a constructive group of concerned local residents. This is demonstrated by the respect shown to the Association's opinions by the Havant planning authority. Colin has created a strong committee, which has through constructive teamwork seen the production of a Village Design Statement, numerous traffic studies and most of all, the preservation of the unique character of this part of Hayling Island. Colin's wife Pam has been a solid support both to Colin in his role as Chairman, and to the association as well. She has particularly demonstrated her dedication in marshalling the resources of the village to produce refreshment for the winter meeting, which is now a highlight of the village calendar.

Colin and Bill were then each presented with a gift and the meeting unanimously expressed thanks to Bill, Colin and Pam for their service to the NEHRA.

Any Other Business Ruth Dyche announced the July Fete at Lower Tye Farm on Sunday, 15th July

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm, refreshments were then served.