

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 7th December 2012

Present: Committee members and about 74 members.

Rt Hon David Willetts MP attended the later stages of the meeting
Sergeant Neil Goodyear of Hayling police

Apologies J & P Higney, S & T Underwood, G & D Lloyd, J & D Bowerman, M & M Treadwell, D & E Taylor, S & C Popham, L Popham, C & K Pim, C & K Cutting, D & C Morley, A Bartlett, B Smith, P & C Sorab.

The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Leah Turner, Frank Pearce, John Smith and David Collins. He also reported that Pesi Sorab was very unwell and therefore unable to attend the meeting. All present wished Pesi a speedy recovery.

The **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by Mike Dawe which was seconded by Colin Richards.

Matters Arising Items not covered by the Agenda.

A question was raised concerning the replacement street lighting. Judy Clark stated that the timing was still uncertain and that in the absence of other information, it was assumed that the lights would be placed in the same locations as the existing ones.

Chairman's Report The Chairman started his report by stating that when he took on this role last May, he assumed that it would not occupy much time, but that very quickly things had started to happen. As well as the already existing planning application for Yachhaven, there were several meetings on the proposed footpath from the bridge to the Hotel, and then the Hotel and Restaurant at Bosmere field. Additionally members of the committee have discussed drainage and tidal flaps with the environment agency to ensure the appropriate authority adequately maintains them. There is also the Havant Borough allocations plan, which we will respond to in due course

The chairman stated that the planning secretary would talk in more detail about the specific planning issues, but that he wanted to express his amazement at how she manages to stay on top of all the changes, and that her knowledge of planning matters is invaluable to the Association.

The chairman had attended a Havant Borough Council planning meeting for the first time when the planning application for the Bosmere field Hotel and pub/restaurant was approved. He said that he was really surprised at how poor the process was. At the meeting; as well as the developers speaking for the proposal, there were representations against the proposal from NEHRA, the two Langstone residents' associations and a councillor. Little notice seemed to be taken of the councillors on the committee and the issue was ultimately decided on the basis of the recommendation from the Highways officer from Hampshire County Council. Hampshire County Council are owners of the land, and their representative effectively gave the only information that was given any weight. This information was provided late, and the committee was made up of at least two councillors called in at the last moment. These were hardly the best conditions for deciding on a development of such importance.

Whatever the rights or wrongs of the Bosmere hotel, for such a significant development, the process itself seemed to be undemocratic. Attendees at the meeting were left with the feeling that the opinions of the residents of Langstone and Hayling Island counted for very little.

Telephone Box. The chairman invited the meeting to join him in thanking John Griffiths for his efforts in maintaining the K6 telephone kiosk in excellent condition. With some help from Martin Rhodes, he has swept it out, washed it down inside and out and strimmed the grass around it. The paintwork will probably need attention after another year in the sun and John will review this next autumn. John's

theory is that the better we maintain the Kiosk, the less likely it is to be vandalised, and it was agreed that his efforts bear this out.

Committee. The chairman thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication. Whether it's planning, membership, finance, web site maintenance, it all seems to happen like clockwork.

It was pointed out to the meeting that members of the committee retire in rotation, so we would like to hear from any members of the association who would like to join the committee.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer ran through the Income and Expenditure Account for the period to 20th November 2012, copies of which had been circulated to all members. The Current Account stood at £1900 and the High Interest Account £2354.

Planning Report Judy Clark reported on the following matters

Yacht Haven. Despite numerous negotiations and additional reports, the plans were scheduled to be refused when the Planning officer received an Email a few days before this meeting, asking for the application to be withdrawn. It is expected that a revised proposal will be submitted at a later date.

Hotel, restaurant and public house at Bosmere field. Despite numerous letters of objection and deputations, this application was approved. Many conditions will have to be agreed between the developer and Havant Borough council. Our concerns were of course chiefly related to the transport issues and the potential for traffic congestion at the Langstone roundabout. The advisor to the planning committee was Hants County Council who are also owners of the land. A letter is being written asking for knowledge of and some input to the planning conditions, and also that some reforms are made to the planning process.

As the association was unhappy about the way the decision was reached, NEHRA together with the Langstone Village Association and Langstone Residents Association also wrote to Julia Potter who is the chief officer for HBC and East Hants. Also to Sandy Hopkins, Chief Executive. After receiving no response for some weeks, the concerns were raised to a formal complaint

Other matters.

2 St Peters Avenue, an outline application for a dwelling was refused.

Deerleap Lodge next to Broad Oak, an application to convert an existing garage and flat to a dwelling was refused. An appeal has been lodged.

35 Northney Road, the committee made no objection to a two storey side and rear extension.

Northney Farm, no objection was made to an application for a new additional farm building.

There were other applications for minor amendments to existing approved plans, and applications for cutting back or down trees in the conservation area. There were no objections to these by the association.

Membership Secretary's report. Fenella May reported that the number of members for 2012 stands at 224. This is the highest we've ever had. Many thanks to those who continue to renew promptly and Standing Orders continue to assist and maintain this high membership. Standing Orders however have to be updated as the membership fee will be raised to £6 double/£3 for a single in 2013. Thanks to those who have done this already; we've Change of Standing Order forms here if required. Thanks also to those who have assisting collecting subs this year. Fenella then shared some of the varied experiences and reactions when collecting membership. Finally she welcomed the new members here tonight for the first time, recommending that they stayed behind after the meeting to enjoy the refreshments and meet some of their new neighbours.

Website Tom Dyche confirmed that the website was running satisfactorily and that the hits from Russia had now ceased. He conducted a straw poll by show of hands on how many members were visiting the website. The response was a little disappointing.

Road Safety, Northney Road Further meetings have been held to discuss options, but the stumbling block is financing any changes.

Any Other Business Ruth Dyche gave details of the village carol service to be held in the Recreation Hall on 20th December at 7pm.

At this point the meeting was closed and prior to the cheese and wine party, Sergeant Neil Goodyear, our Hayling Sergeant, gave a presentation mainly to do with security and the activities of his team, which consist of four Constables and four PCOs.

He made the point very clearly that the main Police activity occurred in South Hayling and that the crime rate and general Police activity rate in North Hayling was very low. Mike Balch reported that he had experienced the theft of an outboard engine and trailer and Sergeant Neil Goodyear encouraged us to be very vigilant particularly over the festive season. Sergeant Goodyear also informed us that once a month they hold a Police Surgery in the Texaco Garage and these dates will be on the website. Sergeant Goodyear was keen to have any suggestions about local issues and brought with him a box and forms and it was agreed unanimously that this could be located in the telephone box.

Sergeant Goodyear suggested that a form of security observation organization called 'Country Watch' may well be relevant to North Hayling and he was going to get back to us on that. There was some discussion on the floor with the Sergeant about an exclusion Zone for Cold Callers, there was some support for this from the floor and it was felt the committee could discuss this at their next meeting.

David Willetts arrived half an hour later when the wine and cheese had been started, and made a short ten minute presentation, mainly revolving around changes in financing flooding policy.

It was felt by the floor and by the committee that we should look into this with particular regard to the road between the main road and the hotel. Something interesting David Willet's commented on was that the expensive development of the flood defenses opposite the garage to the west of Langstone Bridge, part of that funding was provided by the utility companies because of their concerns about the utilities coming ashore there and supplying the garage. It was hoped later during discussions over the wine and cheese, that the utilities supplied to The Marina and Hotel might carry equal weight and we could use this as a lever in gaining financial support for the road.

Dot Hunt, and her team of Pam Richards, Stella Smith, Sue Emery, Ruth Dyche, Jane Bowerman and Madeleine Treadwell produced a wonderful repast which was enjoyed by all and Bill Smith sourced some super wine, which most people including David Willetts seemed to enjoy!