

# 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 3rd April 2009.

**Present:** Committee members and about 40 members

**Apologies:** Mr S. Alderton, Mr & Mrs M. Atkin, Mr & Mrs B. Bocking, Mrs R. Dyche, Mr & Mrs C. Cutting, Mr & Mrs G. Else, Mr C. Emery, Mr & Mrs D. Ford, Mr & Mrs M. Hampson, Mr & Mrs J. Horncastle, Mr & Mrs C. Hunt, Mr & Mrs R. Jones, Mr & Mrs T. Rowe, Mr & Mrs D. Smith, Mr & Mrs P. Sorab, Mr & Mrs M. Tweeddale, Mr & Mrs R. Vickers and Mr R. Wardle

The **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th December 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## **Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that the long awaited Hayling Flood Strategy would now wait on the completion of the North Solent Management Plan, estimated for 2010.

## **Chairman's Report**

As 'department heads' would report on their fiefdoms, little was left for comment. We were fortunate to avoid sea flooding this Spring, although rain caused some problems, especially at Gutner Lane and near Church Lane - the result of poor ditch maintenance and high tides. Otherwise a fairly quiet time with no unwelcome planning applications.

A request had been received from HBC for nominations for the Borough Design Award. Any suggestions of examples of good design to be passed to the Chairman by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

The Chairman concluded by thanking, on behalf of the Association, the committee members for their work during the previous year. Judy Clark (Planning and Flooding), Fenella May (Membership), Alyson Griffin (Treasurer, Website), Mike Treadwell (Representative on the Hayling Community Board), Chris Emery, Ray Jones, Bob Klitz and Bill Smith.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that the deposit account held £2,382 and the current account £433. Three years hire of the Village Hall had been paid in the sum of £142, as had £1500 toward the cost of the Village Design Statement

## **Website Report**

Alyson reported over 1000 visits to the Home page with the VDS accounting for the majority (878). Events and Planning each received several hundred visits

## **Planning Report**

Judy Clark reported the applications which had been of interest.

10-12 Clovelly Road, single storey extensions approved.

8 Northney Road. Single storey front extension likely to be approved as similar to others in the area.

Langstone Hotel. Ramp access to the dining room and a new canopy. The use of cedar shingles and the amount of uplighting has been criticised as excessive

15 Spinnaker Grange, application has been withdrawn.

North Corner, Woodgaston Lane, application has been withdrawn

## **Flooding Report**

The work agreed at Mill Rythe, Saltmarsh Lane and between Hayling Bridge and Stoke Common will probably be delayed until 2012/13. Any government aid for work on the East Shore defences appears increasingly unlikely. Alternative funding sources are being sought.

## **Membership Report**

Fenella reported that membership last year reached 190 and she was hoping for it to exceed 200 for 2009. To date 41 households had rejoined.

## **Northney Farm**

The farm is a vital part of this community and its continuing existence is crucial if the village is to continue without great change. Mary and Tim Pike then outlined the farm's plans to ensure that this happens.

The farm has now been split into essentially arable and dairy sections although still sharing some land and facilities. The major variable was the price of milk which, although the consumption of milk had varied little over the years, prices fluctuate continually, mainly due to the influence of supermarkets over the price paid to farmers. Today, consideration has to be given to diversification (both to land and herd) and other means to improve efficiency. The production of ice cream to be sold both on site and at the Stoke Farm Shop will provide one answer. A rebuild of Stubbington Barn would allow use by school groups and provide a meeting place and tea room.

The major issues governing the proposed diversification are the access to the farmland, maintenance of the coast, changes to European policy and compliance with new legislation and planning criteria.

The response to the proposals, as shown by question and comment from the floor, was very favourable and the family was thanked for its presentation. The audience was reminded that there would be an open farm tour on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Election of Officers**

The Constitution requires the annual retirement of half the committee members and this year those retiring were Derek Bowerman, Judy Clark, Tom Dyche, Ray Jones and Fenella May. All had expressed willingness to stand again, no other nominations had been received and all were re-elected *nem com*.

## **The Village Hall Telephone Box**

In December 08 the meeting voted for the committee to continue to investigate assuming the responsibility for the phone box. They did so and recommended, by a majority vote, that the difficulties involved were too great. However, information received from the Council had now changed and clarification was required regarding insurance and maintenance. James Griffin, John Griffiths, Martin Rhodes and Richard Wootton volunteered to accompany Mike Treadwell to a meeting with the Borough's legal team when arranged.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. and refreshments were then served.