

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

**Present:** Committee members and about 70 members

**Apologies:** Mr & Mrs J. Blake, Mr & Mrs M. Dawe, Mr & Mrs C. Hunt, Mr & Mrs J. Phillips, Mr & Mrs S. Pike, Mr & Mrs S. Popham, Mr & Mrs C. Pym, Mrs I. Smith and Mr & Mrs D. Taylor

The **Minutes** of the Winter General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman after a proposal by John Griffith which was seconded by Martin Rhodes.

## **Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that all major matters from the Winter General Meeting were ongoing so would be dealt with in the appropriate Agenda item.

## **Chairman's Report**

The majority of effort in the past four months had been devoted to the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) which was released for public consultation on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Many residents attended the local exhibition on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Judy Clark and the Chairman had a discussion with representatives of the Environment Agency and Havant Borough Council before that and there have been a number of meetings with the relevant landowners and Jonathan Simm, our advisory flood defence expert. The result has been the consensus now set out in our response and Judy would describe it later in the meeting.

The Chairman announced that the election of committee members would not be necessary as Ray Jones had proffered his resignation thus creating a vacancy for the one new candidate to come forward- Mike Dawe.

He also reported that Shelia Pearce, one of our HBC Councillors, had reluctantly decided not to stand for re-election. Shelia had been a great support to East Hayling and this Association and had written thanking us for the support we have given her – we shall miss her.

We shall also miss Judith Millman, whose funeral was held at St Peter's on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. Although not a committee member, Judith was an invaluable member of the group which produced the Village Design Statement - in fact she was the Editor who kept everyone on the straight and narrow and ensured the publication of a first class document. It will stand as a memorial to her commitment to the village. He had written to her husband, Paul, expressing the Association's sympathy with him and his family.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all committee members for their invaluable help and support over the past year. Judy Clark (Planning & Flooding), Fenella May (Membership), Alyson Griffin (Treasurer & Website), Derek Bowerman (Minute Secretary), Mike Treadwell (Phone Box), Tom Dyche, Chris Emery, Ray Jones, Bob Klitz and Bill Smith.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer discussed the past year's balance sheet, copies of which had been circulated to all members. The end of year balance of £3050 appeared healthy but Alyson reminded the members that this did not provide a large excess in case any expensive action faced the Association. The balance also included one-off contributions from the auction and sea wall donations and running costs were only just about balanced by membership subscriptions, so it was important that the membership remained well above 200.

## **Website Report**

Alyson reported that during the last six months there had been 2000 downloads of the VDS, 256 for Planning, 241 for Events and 224 for the Photo Gallery.

## **Planning Report**

Judy Clark reviewed the planning activity since December 2009

Langness, Woodgaston Lane was granted a time extension to a previously approved alteration.

Eastney House, St Peter's Road, extension approved with conditions for a new pitched roof etc.

There was no objection to renewal of a temporary permission at Northney Marina.

Permission had been granted for felling a diseased willow at Fairacre.

The Pines, Copse Lane. Permission for an extension had been refused by HBC; refusal was upheld after submission to Appeal. A consequent later application for a certificate of lawfulness for a static caravan in the rear garden was made to which we have no objection.

There was no objection to two applications at 5 Thorney View, for a heat pump installation and for a conservatory

12 Northney Road, proposal for a large side extension and rear extension which is not out of keeping with other extensions in the area. A full pitched roof to the rear extension had been suggested in place of the proposed part sloping, part flat roof and this was being considered.

Discussions are continuing about the lighting at The Langstone Hotel, some of which has been unlit recently.

Additional information has been submitted for Stubbington and Great Northney Barns. No adverse comment was necessary and the Council had been so informed.

A report, prepared by a London firm for the HBC Employment Land Review to show possible future development sites, has recommended Bosmere Field. Judy had written to the firm commenting on access difficulties for this site of which they might not be aware. There is also a possible flooding issue. No reply as yet.

## **Membership Report**

The Chairman thanked Fenella on the Association's behalf for her hard work and organisation which had brought our membership to the record number of 220 by the time of the Winter Meeting. Fenella then reported that the membership stood at 121 at present and that a number of new methods for payment of subscription were in place and being used. 70% of the membership is now contactable by e-mail. She thanked those who had assisted with the redecoration of the Hall.

## **North Solent Shoreline Management Plan**

Judy summarised the meetings and discussions which had preceded preparation of the Association's response to the Plan's proposals. She then outlined the details of the response, importantly the objection to the proposal for managed retreat on the East Shore. This would destroy valuable coastal grazing land and remove the vital rainwater storage provided at present by this land. The response was approved by the Meeting and members were also asked to make their own representations.

## **The Village Hall Telephone Box**

Mike Treadwell entertained the members with an account of the negotiations between HBC and British Telecom; the contract had not yet been signed but the removal of the mechanism has been promised by 30<sup>th</sup> April

## **Election of Committee Members**

The resignation of Ray Jones and Bob Klitz had obviated the necessity for an election. Ray has been an invaluable member for 13 years and is retiring as he will soon be moving away from his house at Tye to further south on the Island. In addition to normal committee duties, Ray served as Planning Secretary for four years.

Bob had been an even longer serving member – 18 years- during which time we had benefitted from his vast local knowledge and contacts, continuing the work which he did when both he and his wife, Anne, were committee members. The Chairman thanked them both for all they had contributed to the Association.

Therefore those persons now unopposed for election were Chris Emery, Alyson Griffin, Bill Smith and the Chairman together with a new member, Mike Dawe, well known to many members. Colin Cooke-Priest proposed that all be elected, the proposal was seconded by Mike Treadwell and approved unanimously.

### **Any Other Business**

Tim Pike outlined the summer programme for events at Northney Farm.

5 <sup>th</sup> June Harbour Walk	3 <sup>rd</sup> July Save the Children Barn Dance
18 <sup>th</sup> July Farm Open Day	31 <sup>st</sup> July Businessmens' Barbecue
8 <sup>th</sup> August Homestead garden Open Day	

Ice cream sale at the farm would commence on the first Sunday afternoon in June.

Northwood Farmhouse would host a Garden Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, all village residents would be welcome to attend.

Fenella proposed a Race Night as a future fund raising event which would be investigated further.

Bill Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman which was approved.

**Mr Nigel Roper** then gave a very instructive talk about the role and activities of The Friends of Chichester Harbour, illustrated by some beautiful photographs. A vote of thanks to Mr Roper was given by Nigel Chilcott.

Refreshments were served after the meeting

**These are draft Minutes which have been approved by the Committee but will not be adopted until the Winter General Meeting**