

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NORTH EAST HAYLING RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**

HELD AT

NORTH HAYLING RECREATION HALL, HAYLING ISLAND

ON FRIDAY THE 16TH MAY 2014 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT

Colin Hunt (chair)

There were 48 attendances at the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Mr and Mrs W Farrow, Mr and Mrs T Underwood, Mr and Mrs Stuart-Popham, Mr and Mrs Edrington-Wright, Mr and Mrs R Vicars, Mr N Chilcott, Mr and Mrs T Jones, Mr and Mrs C Cooke-Priest, Ms M Makin, Mr and Mrs G Lloyd, Mr and Mrs M Atkin, Mr and Mrs C Cutting, Mr and Mrs B Smith, Mr and Mrs C Beatlie, Mr and Mrs J Blake.

**MINUTE 1. MINUTES OF THE WINTER GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE
6TH DECEMBER 2013**

- 1.1. The minutes for this meeting had been previously circulated and were accepted as a true record.

MINUTE 2. MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. There were no matters arising that were not being dealt with in the meeting.

MINUTE 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 3.1. The Chairman welcomed Councillors John Smith and Lea Turner and reminded everybody that the Winter General Meeting will be held on Friday the 5th December 2014 and will follow the usual format.
- 3.2. Since the Winter General Meeting there had been much to deal with mainly on planning issues and some progress on the safety of Northney Road. The Association was closely involved with the issues around the Copse Lane Car Park and Mike Dawe would update later in the meeting. Together with much of the country we experienced severe flooding this winter and this would be covered in the individual reports.

- 3.3 Mike Dawe, Judy Clark and Tom Dyche attended the HBC allocations public enquiry to access Havant Borough Councils plan and to represent the views of the Association with respect to the allocation of new properties. We stated our view that it was a large number and should not be exceeded also that roads, sewage disposal and storm drainage infrastructure constituted restrictions on what should be built. This view was supported by the Council representative. There was no discussion or suggestion that houses may be built at Northney Marina as no representatives of the developers were present.
- 3.4 We had a meeting with Dr. Richard Austin AONB Manager for Chichester Harbour Conservancy as part of their plans to improve relationships with communities around the harbour and ensure we understand their plans for the future. We were also able to let them know what we perceive as issues significant to our local area.
- 3.5 We have kept a watch on the planned merger of the Hayling Island Residents Association with the Hayling Island Community network but feel that the best future for NEHRA is to retain our independence and keep our focus just on our local area.
- 3.6 The strength of the Association is in broad membership of our local Residents and the support we all give to our local community. One of the most outstanding examples of this is the telephone box outside this hall which John Griffiths maintains on behalf of us all and John has prepared a brief report on this.
- 3.7 The Chairman recorded that Alan Bartlett, Derek Bowerman, Judy Clark, Mike Dawe, Tom Dyche, Chris Emery, Fenella May, Joanna Paton and Colin Richards were the present Committee and the Chairman thanked them for their hard work that they all did to keep the Association dynamic and healthy. There is a good spread of Committee members across our area and I hope and believe that we are able to get a good feeling for the views of our members.
- 3.8 Colin felt that as Planning Issues are central to all we do we would particularly thank Judy Clark. Judy Clark has extensive knowledge and understanding of planning issues and her positive style ensures that our views are not always seen as negative. He felt special thanks should be offered to Judy and this was endorsed by all.

MINUTE 4. TREASURERS REPORT

- 4.1 Jo had circulated an Income and Expenditure Account as at 31/12/2013 and confirmed that the present balance of both accounts as at today's date was £5,045.00 and the recent quiz night had raised a profit of £243.00. We had also throughout the year received a £300.00 grant towards the upkeep of the phone box, it was proposed by Mike Dawe and seconded by Ruth Dyche that the Accounts be adopted and this was unanimously accepted.

MINUTE 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

- 5.1. Fenella May reported that with new membership taken at the start of the meeting this now stood at 124 paid up members and Fenella was thanked very much for all her hard work in collecting the subscriptions. Fenella also suggested that perhaps producing a newsletter which could be put on line and this was approved.

MINUTE 6. PLANNING SECRETARYS REPORT

- 6.1 Judy recorded the following planning matters during the year:
- a) An extension to Meadow Lands had been approved.
 - b) The use of the land next to Mandai was currently being investigated by the enforcement team from the Havant Borough Council.
 - c) Oak Lodge was still the subject of consideration by Building Control on the question of windows.
 - d) A single storey extension to 27 Northney Road had been approved.
 - e) There had been applications for the felling of damaged trees following the storms and there had been no major issues with this from the Residents point of view.
 - f) Northney Tea Rooms had applied for an extension to the car park and this had been supported by the Association.
 - g) A planning application had been made for a single storey extension to 2 Church Orchard which showed a flat roof, it was suggested by Judy that perhaps a pitch roof should be shown but there was no decision to date.
 - h) Lagnes had submitted an application for improving sea defences and this was supported by the Association .
 - i) Planning Permission had now been given for the development of Yachthaven etc.
 - j) An application for a concrete crushing plant had raised considerable objection on the site close to Hayling Yacht Company but had been subsequently withdrawn.
 - k) Tom Dyche, Mike Dawe and Judy Clark had attended the allocations planning meeting and made representations on behalf of the Association, particularly stressing the strain on all services and linked to the problems with storm water and flooding.
 - l) Concerning Copse Lane Car Park Mike Dawe confirmed that the involvement by the Association was now complete but as a result of involvement by the Association and others a new lease was being granted to the Local Authority which would allow parking to continue on the site.

MINUTE 7. FLOODING REPORT

- 7.1. Three separate brief reports were given on flooding matters:
- a) Judy Clark was dealing with the Coastal path and she had within the last few days met an engineer from the Havant Borough Council who thought that the protection of the road was important with a possible sea defence measure with a footpath on top and this was being further investigating together with the obtaining of grants towards the cost of the works. Depending on budgets it may well be that £5,000 had to be raised by the local residents and a fund raising scheme towards this could always be organised. Judy would keep the residents advised of the position.

- b) Tom Dyche then gave a report on the flooding which he had monitored from land by the hotel and round the back of the common and here it was important that all ditches on adjacent land were kept clear, tidal flaps were regularly maintained and there was an important ditch running parallel to No.14 which needed to be kept clear to allow storm water to rapidly drain away in times of heavy rainfall.
- c) Derek Bowerman reported that a sub-committee of Tom Dyche, Judy Clark, George Atkins, Sam Wilson, Mary Pike and he had met recently to discuss flood defences particularly following the high tide of the 14th February. There would be on going meetings on this and at the present time any repair works to sea defences would be led by the Farm who had the necessary specialist machinery and equipment but the Association were more than happy to offer any assistance with repairs if required and this would be further pursued.

The Chairman also summarised this really by asking members to be vigilant, to inspect tidal flaps and ditches when possible and draw attention to any potential problems. There had been co-operation from the Havant Borough Council in clearing out ditches as well as work by land owners and all of this was most important for Northney, it was also suggested that any flood warnings be put on the website.

MINUTE 8. WEBSITE REPORT

- 8.1 Tom Dyche was regularly maintaining the website and felt that some progress was being made to obtain high speed possibly by 2015.

MINUTE 9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 9.1 The following members of the Committee stood down, as required by the Constitution having served 2 years being Alan Bartlett, Mike Dawe, Chris Emery, Fenella May and Joanna Paton.

There had been no further nominations.

Those members standing down were willing to stand for re-election and it was proposed by Colin Hunt and seconded by Ruth Dyche that all be elected en block and this was passed unanimously.

MINUTE 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 The question of the street lamps was raised as to whether there was any possibility of these being altered but there was no information to date

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

