

MINUTES OF THE WINTER GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTH EAST HAYLING RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION HELD IN NORTHNEY VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM

Derek Bowerman (NEHRA's Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting but especially our guests, Alan Mak MP and Leah Turner, Councillor for Hayling East. Julie Richardson, our new Councillor for Hayling West was also present.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Rosy Raines, Councillor Clare Satchwell, Councillor Lance Quantrill, Councillor Brenda Linger, Tom and Ruth Dyche, Mary Makin, Richard and Elinor Lovelock, Joy and Wilf Forrow, Bill and Stella Smith and Coleen Jackson.

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These were confirmed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

None other than those on the agenda.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Derek introduced the various members of the Committee. Secretary: Mark Glasgow, Major Planning Issues: Jane Dodsworth, Local Planning Matters: Judy Clark and Karen Peacock, Entertainment and Bar Manager: Chris Emery, Publicity and Pantomime Producer: Alan Bartlett, Web Site and Entertainment: Tom Dyche, Treasurer: Lesley Shayler, Membership: Fenella May. David Paul retired from the Committee.

During the year we have had very few local planning applications that have needed NEHRA's comments.

Chris and his Litter Pickers have continued to comb the village during the year from the Hayling Bridge to the Yew Tree Pub.

Various entertainment events were held during the year. A Pop Up Pub night in April was well attended. A Platinum Anniversary Celebration was held with a bar, live music and refreshments. Over 150 villagers attended this event despite the rain. Members provided marquees and Sam and Annabelle kindly lent us their bench tables. A further Pop Up Pub night took place in October which again was well attended.

Looking forward Derek mentioned The Carols in the Village on the 15th December with the St Peter's Singers, conducted by Pam Richards. The donations following this event will be given to the Food Bank. He also mentioned the Pantomime, Cinderella, on Saturday 28th January at 2.30pm and 7pm. Alan said, 'Come and see how we get a coach and horses into the Village Hall.'

Derek said that NEHRA are planning another Pop Up Pub in the Spring.

Derek ended his report by thanking Colin Hunt for the loan of glasses, Angie Driscoll for the loan of the plates and his wife Jane and team of ladies for producing all the food. Derek thanked the Committee and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year.

An A.G.M. will be held in May of next year and we would be grateful for members putting their names forward to be involved on the NEHRA Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lesley said she would produce a full treasurer's report at the A.G.M next year. At present there is £1328.33 in the Community Account and £6292.51 in the Business Account. The interest rates have recently gone up in the Business Account. The Community Account has the income from subscriptions and covers the entertainment events in the village. Lesley encouraged people to take out a standing order.

PLANNING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jane told us about the Hayling Island Coastal Strategy, the Local Plan or "Building a Better Future" and Chichester Harbour Conservancy Annual Management Plan Annual Review and the North Common and Saltmarsh Site Management Plan.

Hayling Island Coastal Strategy. The partners involved are Havant Borough Council, The Environment Agency and Coastal Partners. The aim is to provide a long term plan to reduce the risk of flooding and erosion for the next 100 years. Over 40% of flood defences on Hayling are privately owned. The remainder are maintained by Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and The Environment Agency. The draft provides options but will be dependent on funding and obtaining the necessary consents. Havant Borough Council have also produced a Hayling Seafront Ambition Plan which covers West Beach, Beachlands and Eastoke, with proposals around protection of the seafront and regenerating facilities for recreation and nature. The document is still open for consultation and closes on the 30th December 2022. NEHRA have submitted a response to the consultation survey.

Local Plan. This is the second draft. The Government has allocated 516 new dwellings for the borough of Havant per year, although Havant Borough Council feel they are unlikely to fulfil this quota due to environmental and infrastructure constraints for the borough. The Plan covers a wide range of issues such as flood risk, climate change, the natural environment, housing, landscape and agricultural land, sport and recreational needs, pollution, transport and protecting our heritage. If the Plan is successful it will be adopted Mid 2025.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy Annual Management Plan Annual Review. Much of the water frontage on Hayling is adjacent to the harbour. Chichester Harbour Conservancy is charged with protecting, managing and enhancing the Harbour which is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. NEHRA are represented on the Harbour Conservancy's Advisory and Planning Committees. The Annual Review is available on the Harbour Conservancy's website and lists projects and initiatives achieved last year. With regards to the North Common and Saltmarsh Plan, this is due to be published on the Conservancy's website in December and then they propose to have an annual review meeting with representatives from the Conservancy and Havant Borough Council to identify projects and necessary works. NEHRA have been invited to attend these meetings in an advisory capacity.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fenella commented that numbers had been up to 240 in 2019 but due to Covid the numbers dropped to 170. At the time of the report the numbers had increased to 243 and by the end of the meeting had risen to 245. Fenella's target is now 250.

WEBSITE REPORT

Unfortunately Tom Dyche could not be with us. Derek said that Tom keeps the website up to date and is a good source of information of NEHRA events and other local information.

PRESENTATION

Derek presented Hemmy and Mahesh Patel with a picture of a local scene as well as a voucher for afternoon tea at Northney Farm Tea Rooms donated by Stan and Mary Pike. Their comments were sadness at closing Stoke Post Office but they had no choice.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hannah Williams representing the Northney Playground Project commented that the playground is not in great shape and to get it up to scratch would require £60-100,000 for renovation. They will be looking for fundraising opportunities. The Project would value views from the village as to what people would want in the playground. They hope to work with the Council and NEHRA.

Derek confirmed that any work that is done needs to be handed back to Havant Borough Council.

John Blake said that Request Forms were still available for the Tree of Light and they were available after the meeting.

Colin Hunt asked about the footpath between Hayling Bridge and the Langstone Quays Hotel. There are no further plans for this because of the environmental concerns.

Alan Mak thanked NEHRA and all the work they do for the community.

The meeting ended with a wine and buffet party. 65 people attended the event.