



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**Heatherlands First School**

**Library Road Parkstone Poole BH12 2BG**

### Meeting 23 June 2010

<b>Attending:-</b>	
<b>Chairman,</b>	Vic Humphries
<b>Secretary</b>	Jacqui Wilson
<b>Planning Officer</b>	Colin Jones
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>PR &amp; Recruitment</b>	
<b>Committee Members</b>	David Gilliver, Trevor Wyatt, Jill Coombes
<b>Apologies</b>	Diane Wyatt Thelma Gilliver Jessica Elvin David & Natalie Rose Ruth McCullough
<b>Guest</b>	Station Commander Terry Clapp and Jim Turnbull

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Mr Humphries welcomed our guest Mr Terry Clapp, the Station Commander of Dorset Fire Service at Westbourne. Mr Clapp and Mr Jim Turnbull brought along with them a variety of leaflets and addressed the meeting on various safety fire precautions.

- People are twice as likely to die in a fire if there is no smoke alarm that works
- 90 people die each year because the battery is missing or flat in their smoke alarm
- Over half the home fires are cause by cooking accidents
- More than five fires per day are started by candles
- Every three days someone dies from a fire that was caused by cigarettes
- Faulty electrics (appliances, wiring and overloaded sockets) cause around 7000 house fires across the country every year.

Dorset Fire Service are now installing smoke alarms with a battery life of 10 years and have a large button able to be pressed with either a walking stick or broom handle to avoid unnecessary climbing to check that the alarm is working correctly.

Home fires can be prevented by simple precautions such as:-

- Ensuring handles don't stick out so then can be knocked over.
- Watch loose clothing or towels and cloths so it cannot catch fire.
- Sparking devices are safer than matches or lighters
- Ensure that the cooker is switched off when you have finished.
- Never move hot oil, leave it to cool
- If an oil pan catches fire don't take any risks, never throw water on it.
- Electric items ensure that there is no sign of wear and replace old wiring and leads
- Unplugging items helps reduce the risk of fire
- Try and keep one plug per socket. An extension lead will have a limit to how many amps it can take. Each appliance will use different amounts of power. Don't overload
- Ensure there is a British or European Safety mark
- Never leave candles unattended and ensure that they are in holders and away from surfaces that may ignite.
- Be prepared by planning an escape route by keeping exits clear. The best route is the normal way in or out of your home. Think of a second route should that become blocked.
- Know where your keys are to every door and window

**In the event of a fire:-**

- Don't tackle fires yourself leave it to the professionals',
- Keep calm, get everyone out quickly,
- Don't waste time investigating what is happening or rescuing valuables
- If there's smoke keep low where the air is clearer
- Before you open a door check to see if it is warm. If it is don't open as there is a fire on the other side and most doors will hold for approximately 1 hour.
- The message was simple get out, stay out and call 999
- If your clothes catch fire don't run around, lie down and roll on the ground or smother flames with a heavy blanket or coat. Remember stop, drop and roll.

A questions and answer session took place and Mr Clapp and Mr Turnbull stayed for coffee and answered residents question on a one to one basis.

Mr Humphries thanked the Dorset Fire Service for attending.

## **2. TVG Application**

Mrs Wilson reported that the application for a Town Green has raised just four objections, from the utility companies that have buildings on the Rec, the Parkstone Sports and Art Club and the Councils own Leisure Services Department. The first three are due to boundary problems and can be addressed hopefully by simply adjusting the boundary of the Town Green, as unbeknown to us at the time of the application buildings cannot be included in the Town Green Boundary. The biggest problem that we face is the council who own the land but our advisors, after reading the

report do not feel that this is insurmountable. Much has been said in the press regarding costs of this application and so far the council have spent in the region of £19000 contesting this application and should these have to proceed to an Inquiry then the costs will escalate due to fees to barristers. The initial hearing is to be organised towards the middle of July and we are awaiting confirmation of this date.

Mrs Wilson attended the sub-committee meeting this morning of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to review the record of the Poole Town Football Club's application to build a stadium in the Branksome Rec.

Meeting chaired by Cllr. Gregory, with Mike Brooke and Philip Eades putting the questions.

The meeting agreed that the following questions should be investigated at a full day meeting on around July 20 :

Amongst the questions being asked are:-

1. The early meetings of the Football Club with Officers and Councillors were not fully minuted?
2. The Audit report on the Dolphin Quays scandal laid down that all initial meetings of developers
3. With officers and Councillors meetings must be minuted - why has this policy not been implemented?
4. Apparently some Councillors met with the Football Club without officers being present, this is in Breach of the members' Code of Conduct?
5. Since the application was so clearly in breach of the Poole Local Plan, why did Leisure Services support the application so strongly?
6. Why were the views of the local residents, as expressed at the Lighthouse meeting, so ignored?
7. Was a proper Risk Management Assessment undertaken including the Club's ability to deliver the contract?
8. What have been the costs to the Council and other parties?

All relevant officers and Councillors will be instructed to attend including John McBride. All relevant documents will be lodged and open.

This situation has relevance to the Council procedures for licensing Town Greens.

### **3. Chairman's Update**

There was no Area Committee Meeting on 26 May 2010 due to insufficient items for the agenda and the next meeting will be on 21 July 2010.

### **4. Treasurers Report**

Bank Balance 29 Apr £1,661.16 (Total reported at previous RM as closing balance)

Total Income 29 Apr - 23Jun £30 Memberships

Total Expenses 30 Apr - 23 Jun £218.47 Hall Hire (£110), Stationary (£15.47) & Equipment Microphones (£93)

Closing Balance 23 Jun £1,472.69

## **5. PR and Recruitment**

31 July for a fun day and events are now being planned.

1. Novelty Dog Show. Mrs Wilson advised that she has contacted a Crufts Judge and awaiting a response from Henry Fielden regarding his role.
2. Variety of Stalls
3. Entertainment for all
4. Helpers are required

The Mayor has accepted our invitation to open the Fun Day and the application form is to be completed and returned to the Mayor office.

David Squire the Town Crier is to be invited but he is a member of the RA and will be asked at the coffee morning then a letter of confirmation to be sent to him.

Continental Landscapes to be contacted regarding the hire of the Pavilion for the Coffee mornings in August and September and also for the use for the Fun Day.

Quiz nite in the Bourne Valley Community Centre for 18 May with a Fish/chicken & chips supper had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

## **6. Fund Raising/Events**

Coffee Mornings to be held on 15 May. 19 June and 17 July in the Bourne Valley Community Centre

## **7. 31 July Fun Day**

There have been over 20 applications for stalls via the advert placed on a market trader's website. Mr Barry Steed is supplying a variety of amusements such as an Aunt Sally Flip the Frog, Donkey Derby, model steam organ, candy floss and popcorn to name just a few of the items. There will be refreshments with a tea stall run by Iris Coe and her friends, burgers and hot dogs and ice cream. The Dorset Fire Service was approached with a view to bringing a pump to the Rec and Mr Clapp will investigate the possibilities. There will be a DJ, music and a children's fancy dress parade. The Mayor and Town Crier have been invited to open this event. With the addition of these amusements and rides the day should prove to be very successful. The Dog show plans are well in progress with the rosettes being ordered and waiting delivery, judges organised and the classes finalised. A request for volunteers was made to assist on the day.

## **8. Planning**

Mr Jones is receiving on a weekly basis the planning applications and decision lists from the Council's planning dept. – this includes trees applications.

To date nothing worthy of mention or contentious, the number of applications certainly appears lower than previous years, due no doubt in part to the recession and also the section 106 contributions sought by the Council.

Transport/highway notifications are still not being received however and I have sent a gentle reminder to the Council seeking a remedy re this. Pot holes are a subject worthy of me filling in and I would urge everyone to notify either myself or the Council as soon as any potential dangerous holes are seen unless the Council are aware, they cannot act and if unaware there is certainly a chance they can claim mitigation in the event of a claim etc being attempted against them..

## **9. Administration**

Mrs Wilson spoke to Mr Maile regarding the press release below, but was advised that at the present time this only applies to Play Fields but she will look into this further.

“Prince William has launched a scheme to save 2,012 playing fields in time for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Wills, 27, will become patron of the Fields in Trust charity which prevents green spaces from being sold to developers. Around 330 spaces are lost a year. Wills said; "There's never been greater need for this work." The Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge will see each chosen park dedicated to Her Majesty. Brits can vote for the local areas they want protected and say how they want them used. The charity plans to raise £7million from private and public donations.”

Being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

## **10. Next Meetings**

**Wednesday 8 September Sgt JP Oosthuizen SNT will be speaking**

**Wednesday 10 November,**

**Wednesday 12 January 2011 AGM**

All meetings held at Heatherlands School and commences at 7.30pm and the booking form and a copy of the Public Liability Insurance has been forwarded to the school