



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

At Heatherlands School Library Road Poole

Meeting 28 April 2010

Attending:-	
Chairman,	Vic Humphries
Secretary	Jacqui Wilson
Planning Officer	Colin Jones
Treasurer	Diane Wyatt
PR & Recruitment	Jessica Elvin
Committee Members	Thelma & David Gilliver, Trevor Wyatt, Jill Coombes Ruth McCullough David & Natalie Rose
Apologies	
Guest	Clive Smith Head of Leisure Services Cllr Peter Adams

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr Humphries welcomed our guest Mr C Smith, Head of Leisure Services BoP, Cllr Peter Adams. Cllr Eades and Cllr Mrs Lavender also attended the meeting.

2. Discussion on Improvements to Branksome Rec

Mrs Wilson had emailed a list of questions raised by residents who were unable to attend this meeting and Cllr Adams responded to these first

Questions	Response
More seating around the rec	Additional seating would be possible with the money coming from Section 106 funds. Cllr Adams explained that there will little 106 monies available to Branksome Residents but it may be possible to use adjacent areas funds as these residents would also use the Recreation Ground.
More waste bins in order to prevent litter and dog waste some of the bins are old and rusty.	Additional Waste bins unfortunately this was not in his control and would forward this request to Environmental Services and Cllr Collier.

<p>Tree planting in order to help with water logging issues such as willow trees which tolerate water</p>	<p>Additional Trees he couldn't see a problem with this request and trees are good for the environment and assist with climate changes. Had we thought about getting residents and local business or schools to sponsor a tree?</p>
<p>Signs for penalties for dog fouling and litter</p>	<p>Penalty signs this was not considered a problem as it would assist in education of picking up dog waste</p>
<p>Prevention officers</p>	<p>Prevention officers to liaise and leading to fining offenders. Could we please advise the approximate timings and if we know of any specific person who is not clearing up after their dog.</p>
<p>The sorry state of the pavilion and the best way forward for us as a community to use</p>	<p>Pavilion. Mr Smith and Cllr Adams had had a previous discussion regarding the repairs or rebuilding of the pavilion. The state of the pavilion is due to neglect of approximately 30 years and could cost up to £1m if a rebuild was deemed necessary. Superficial work is not covered under 106 monies. Lottery grants are being diverted into the Olympics so there is little available spare cash at present. The council are suffering with lack of cash due to government cuts. Mr Smith added that no work is planned on the Rec in the current year due to the application for a TVG. However it does need work and he will stay in contact and work with us to get the improvements and help us achieve obtaining the money through various charity funding. Mr Gilliver suggested that the residents may be able to assist in this by providing the labour if the council would provide the materials. Mr Smith and Cllr Adams thanked us for this and would look into the matter further.</p>
<p>Resident No 60 Rec Rd There are a number of trees which need attention due to either upper branches dead or overhanging the road. Playfields Rd Access near the electricity substation they have seen torch light around the area and suggested that someone may be sleeping rough.</p>	<p>Mr Smith and Cllr Adams will look in to this matter further.</p>
<p>Mr Hawkins had written to the FOI officer Ms K Watters regarding the safety of the pavilion for public use. A copy of this letter was given to Mr Smith to assist him with his enquiries</p>	<p>Mr Smith will check tomorrow as the lack of a fire certificate, fire escapes is of concern. This could mean the possible closure of the upper part of the Pavilion if this proves to be unsafe.</p>
<p>Mr D Gilliver</p>	<p>Cllr Adams asked who responsibility it was to place</p>

<p>We have a notice board on the Recreation Road side of the ground but would be advantageous to have a further one installed on Playfields Road/Central Ave junction.</p>	<p>notices in the board. Mrs Rose responded that Friends of Branksome Rec, BWRA and Mr Martyr have a key, but on the residents used this as an information point.</p>
<p>Steps on Playfield Rd access near Wharfdale Road are steep and dangerous.</p>	<p>Cllr Adams asked if there was anti slip strips and a hand rails. There are hand rails but no anti slip strip. Mr Smith has taken always these points for further investigation</p>
<p>Cllr Eades asked why the TVG application was being objected to by Leisure Department and for an indication as to the process at present.</p>	<p>Mr Smith responded that he full report has been submitted to Licensing who are dealing with the application and this report will be available to the application (Mrs Wilson see TVG for report) shortly. Mr Smith's department feel that there is sufficient protect on the L1 category of land and any changes or improvements to the Rec would prove onerous to deal with. His department has sought legal advice regarding the issue of TVG.</p>
<p>Mrs Rose stated that Mr Smith is using the same arguments the residents/BRAG used regarding the protection of the Rec in the Poole Town Proposal Mrs Rose stated The modernisation/alteration to the Pavilion should incorporate a downstairs meeting room and kitchen facilities.</p>	
<p>Playground Improvements</p>	<p>Cllr Adams stated that funding to this could be possible by utilising section 106 monies</p>
<p>Mrs Mabey suggested that equipment should be installed for teenagers.</p>	<p>Both Mr Smith and Cllr Adams agreed that these facilities should incorporate amenities for all age groups and suggested that we have a look at some of the recently refurbished schemes which are proving to be successful with regard to vandalism. 5 aside at Bourne Bank St Georges and Oakdale have solved a lot teenage problems Arne Avenue MUGA facilities</p>



3. Items agreed for investigations

The following items were agreed to be investigated further by Mr Smith and Cllr Adams and they will report their findings in due course.

1. The provision of further trees around the Recreation Ground.
2. Investigate the problems on overhanging trees on Recreation Rd in the vicinity of Number 60.
3. The step and drainage problems Playfield Rd/Wharfdale Rd access.
4. The possibility of rough sleepers in the vicinity of the electricity substation.
5. A second notice board to be located at the Central Drive/Playfields Rd access.
6. Health and Safety issues regarding the Pavilion raised by Mr Hawkins letter from the Freedom of Information Officer Ms K Watters (copy given at the meeting).
7. Improvements to the children's play areas.
8. Request for further waste bins to forward to Environmental Services and/or Cllr Collier.
9. Prevention Officers to help us eliminate dog fouling and we will let you know of the best time for your officers to visit.
10. The installation of penalty notices to assist with litter and dog fouling.

4. TVG Application

Mrs Wilson has received notification from Mr Wenzal that the time for objection has now passed and the necessary council reports have been submitted. The documents will be placed into files ensuring it is in the correct order. Mr Wenzal is hoping to complete this by the end of this week and deliver the objections to you next week. I will then have a period of 8 weeks to look at the information. Mr Wenzal will contact Mrs Wilson for the delivery of these files.

5. Chairman's Update

Transport budget for the area for the coming year is £6100 allocated as follows:-

1. £1000 double yellow lines Stalham Rd
2. £1000 double yellow lines Wallisdown Rd
3. £1000 single yellow lines Sancreed Rd
4. £1000 no waiting restrictions at junction of Francis Rd/ Douglas Rd and Francis Rd & Gwynne Rd
5. £700 to relax single yellow lines in Carlton Grove and Norish Rd applied Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm

Total expenditure of £4700 and a remaining balance £1400

Branksome West there is £19854 for children's equipped play area fund and £69502 in the casual play and Amenity Open Space fund although £30000 has been reserved for the Green Gym equipment on Branksome Rec.

6. Treasurers Report

20 January - 26 March 2010 Balance transfer from BRAG £1704.81



Income paid in £211.00 Exp paid out £262.15

LTSB Bank - Actual Balance £1678.66 (Statement confirms this total).

17 Apr Outstanding Income £7.50 Coffee Morning re Book Sales to be credited to account next week

Exp £25.00 BVCC Hall Hire A/C awaiting presentation of this item.

7. PR and Recruitment

Permission has been granted by the Council for use of the Rec on 31 July for a fun day and events are now being planned.

1. Novelty Dog Show
2. Variety of Stalls
3. Entertainment for all

8. Fund Raising/Events

Coffee Mornings to be held on 15 May, 19 June and 17 July in the Bourne Valley Community Centre
Quiz nite in the Bourne Valley Community Centre is being organised for 18 May with a Fish/chicken & chips supper

9. 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..

10. Administration

1. We now have the key to the notice board on the Rec and flyers and notices will be placed.
2. We have 44 members at present and this is on the increase.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

11. Next Meeting

To be held on 23 June Heatherlands School at 7.30pm