



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Heatherlands First School

Library Road Parkstone Poole BH12 2BG

Meeting 8 June 2011

Attending:-	
Chairman,	Vic Humphries
Secretary	Jacqui Wilson
Planning Officer	Colin Jones
Treasurer	
PR & Recruitment	
Committee Members	Ruth McCullough Jill Coombes Lynne Drewitt
Apologies	Diane Wyatt Trevor Wyatt, Andrew Borrill
Guest	Cllr Phil Eades

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr Humphries welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Phil Eades for attending. Cllr Eades is now the elected councillor for Branksome West Ward with Cllr Marion LePoidevin being elected

2. Local Issues

The long awaited improvements on the Rec with the Green Gyms are again on hold due to the Judicial Review being brought to bear on BoP by Chris Maile. Whilst it was felt that there is very little trust in the councils ethics over Open Space. The majority of residents present felt that Open Space is more valuable than the placement of Green gyms which may get the go ahead in the future.

Heatherland School to change to Primary status with effect from 2013 at a cost of £1.3 million concerns at present regarding funding gaps due to the governments cuts.

Key School plans on the Rossmore Site to be and a new build at Turlin Moor over £1.mil available in the Education capital.

Cedars Residential Nursing home has now closed and it is a NHS estate that is now surplus to requirements and will be put up for sale. Possibilities for housing development and replace the building. The trees are protected and there could be some impact on the local traffic.

Bridge Site on Poole Quay, St Anne's Hospital and Ashdown are all marked for refurbishment or regeneration. The Poole Quay site offers affordable housing, shops, jobs, open spaces and walk way around the old Pilkington Site on the harbour.

The circus in coming to Branksome on 17-19 June but fairs have now been banned to racial incident's that have been reported.

Green Bins at the start of the scheme it was planned there every home would eventually have a greenbin but due costs this pilot scheme was eventually stopped leaving some streets with a green bin and others without. Green waste can be taken twice a month to St Aldehem Academy.

To change the blue/black bins you need to contact the council and arrange the swap over.

3. Chairman's Update

Area Committee meeting nothing really that concerned our area however Alderney, Benbow Street and the University still have their parking issues and complaints regarding rubbish.

At present the new twin sails bridge is on target and on budget for March 2012 and new road works to be completed in July 2011. 30% of housing on the old Pilkingtons site is to be affordable. There is a model available for viewing in the Planning Dept of the Council Offices.

Heath fires 2/3 people are prosecuted for starting fires but the police would like 100%. If you see a fire or are suspicious contact the police.

4. Treasurers Report

Closing balance of General Account as at -8 June 2011	£334.33
Closing Balance of Savings Account as at -8 June 2011	£1100.33
Income:	
Membership fees	£30.00
David Gilliver Memorial Bench Collection	£25.00
David Gilliver Bench Collection to date	£198.00
Raffle	
Expenses	
Loan to Friends of Branksome Rec (for David's Bench)	£200.00
Remainder of our share of £465 from General Account	£93.00
To be paid	
Awaiting invoice for Hire of hall charges to Heatherlands school totalling	£90.00
Tennyson Public Liability Insurance will be due for renewal 13 July 2011.	£220.00 est
Last year's payment was £220.00. Currently awaiting renewal premium.	

5. Fund Raising/Events

The fun day had to be cancelled due to lack of support for volunteers a deadline date had been set of 5 May to ensure that sufficient time was available to either continue with the plans or to cancel this event. Queens Jubilee 2012 there is to be a 4 day bank holiday and we will try to organise something to mark this occasion.

There was also insufficient response to run the coffee mornings in the pavilion to make this a viable proposition.

6. Planning

Nothing really contentious or "Branksome specific" this time, however there are some interesting issues affecting Poole.

The Planning saga at Hamworthy Power station and West Quay Developments is still causing concern. Cllr Eades added that the BoP had taken out a £10million loan for this development over a 2 year period and was to be repaid from developers taxes on the new properties. So far not a brick has been laid on the properties and the loan will be coming up for repayment with at present no way of repaying this loan.

7. Administration

Nothing to report

8. Any Other Business

Mr Hawkins is concerned regarding the fire safety certificate for the pavilion and he will be taking this up with Katherine Watters again also will be speaking to the Fire Service regarding proof of inspection. We were advised that Katherine Watters has left BoP.

The Localism Bill is going to allow councils to set its own planning regulations

A warning was passed to residents that there is a rogue gang touting for business in roofing repairs but then do not undertake the job properly and then problems ensued with demands for money.

The planning application for the PTFC is going ahead on Canford Arena.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

9. Next Meetings

Wednesday 5 October 2011

All meetings held at Heatherlands School and commences at 7.30pm

Cllr Judy Butt is to be invited due to her new role as Public Engagement and Participation/ Localism Bill