



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

**Meeting 12 January 2011**

<b>Attending:-</b>	
<b>Chairman,</b>	Vic Humphries
<b>Vice Chairman/Secretary</b>	Jacqui Wilson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Diane Wyatt
<b>Planning Officer</b>	Colin Jones
<b>PR &amp; Recruitment</b>	Vacant
<b>Web Master</b>	Andrew Borril
<b>Committee Members</b>	
	Ruth McCullough
	Jill Coombes
	Lynne Drewitt
<b>Apologies</b>	
	David & Natalie Rose

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr Humphries welcomed the members and the minutes of the inaugural meeting were read approved and signed.

### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes

### 3. Planning Officers Report

Planning and transport matters relating to Branksome were very low on the agenda during the last 12 months.

Whilst several temporary road closures were reported during the year, no significant planning applications were submitted that directly affected the residents of Branksome West.

Poole is facing significant major developments in and around the old town over the next few years but the major schemes identified to date has either yet to submit detailed planning applications or have been requested to 'think again'.

The long standing proposed development at Talbot Village is now the subject of an enquiry, which will not be heard until later in 2011.



One local developer has successfully appealed against development fees imposed by Planning (transport contribution costs), at the moment the impact/consequences of this are not known, but could be cause for concern due to loss of potential revenue for the Council.

Illegal tree felling has now reached the stage where residents' groups are requesting stiffer penalties and 'name and shame'; currently the fines imposed can be easily met from increased profits.

Conservative reforms, whilst very visible in terms of press comment etc have yet to show any real substance but undoubtedly will impact on planning issues - hopefully no 'back garden' developments or compulsory traveller's sites will be forced upon us in the future.

#### 4. Treasurers Report

##### INCOME AND EXPEDITURE FOR BWRA AS AT 12 JANUARY 2011

Opening Balance as at January 2010			£1,704.81
Income	£	£	£
Membership Fees	245.00		
Fun Day	986.47		
Sundries	13.50		
Bank Interest Account 2	0.11		
<b>Sub total</b>		1245.08	
Expenditure			
Stationary, Postage, Advertising	103.82		
Photocopier	32.12		
Equipment	101.80		
Hall Hire Coffee Mornings & Meetings			
Q1	80.00		
Q2	135.00		
Q3	57.31		
Q4	60.00		
Fun Day	373.40		
Insurance	220.00		
Sundries	260.00		
<b>Sub Total</b>		1423.45	
Current Balance of Accounts			
Account 1	226.33		
Account 2	1300.11		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1526.44</b>		
<b>Gross Loss for Year</b>			<b>£-178.37</b>



## 5. Nomination of Officers

Office		Proposed and Seconder
Chairman,	Mr Vic Humphries	Mr G Spencer Mrs M LePodevin
Vice Chairman and Secretary	Mrs Jacqui Wilson	Mr G Spencer and Mrs R McCullough
Treasurer	Mrs Diane Wyatt	Mrs I Coe and Mrs B Scollard
Planning Officer	Mr Colin Jones	Mrs T Gilliver and Mrs R McCullough
PR & Recruitment		Vacant

## 6. Plans for the Coming Year

It was felt that efforts should be concentrated on:

- a) To have a campaign to increase the awareness and membership of BWRA and to increase the committee members
- b) To continue to push for further improvements on the Pavilion
- c) The installation of a second notice board to been taken up with Clive Smith and to see if it is possible to increase the capacity of this notice board
- d) Mr LePoidevin felt that there should be less concentration on the Rec and to raise other matters with the council. Mr Humphries pointed out that unless residents bring their problems to the RA there is little we can do to address the situation. We attend council meetings and bring the information back to the RA members. If the members felt that we should be attending any other council meetings to advise the committee.
- e) It was also stressed that as we only have a limited number of active committee members to increase the workload without additional members would be unfair

## 7. Constitution

A request was made to adjust the constitution for the quorum from 5 to 3 as it was getting impossible being able to hold committee meetings as not all members were available.

Mrs Lepodevin asks how many members the committee had and was advised that there were only 8 active committee members. It was agreed to reduce the quorum members to 3 and Mrs Wilson to amend constitution accordingly.

## 8. Town Village Green Application

Mrs Wilson had just received the 75 page report on the application for a TVG on the Rec. However the report has not upheld the request and the final decision will be made at the Licensing Committee meeting at a date to be organised

## 9. Fund Raising/Events

It was decided to organise a Fun Day for around 23 July and to take the event away from Love Parks Weeks as it was considered that there were often other events linked into this initiative. Mrs Wilson is to liaise with the council for a date and the Events Team to organise meetings to commence with the organisation. It was also stressed that if this event is to proceed we would need additional helpers on the day. It was pointed out that the RA had other games and events that could have raised additional funds but there were no volunteers to assist. It was suggested by a number of members that we contact various organisations to offer a free table for volunteers to man the events and games on the day:

- a) The Girl Guides
- b) Scouts
- c) Explorer Cadets
- d) Churches
- e) Other organisation

Mrs Coe agreed to make the cakes for the tea and coffee stall much to the delight of all members.

The Novelty Dog Show to continue as this is a good fund raising event. Mrs Wilson is to ask Mr Feilden the local vet and Mrs Campbell local Crufts Judge to judge the event again. New entry suggestions of Fancy Dress and the Noisiest Dog

### **Coffee Morning.**

Coffee Mornings were organised on a monthly basis but as there were insufficient members attending these mornings it was decided that they should be reduced to just 4 per year and to include a raffle, variety of small stalls for crafts etc. These dates are to be organised either in the Pavilion or at Bourne Valley at Easter, Summer, Autumn and Christmas.

### **Other Suggestion**

It was suggested that we organise a Sponsored Dog Walk

## 10. Meeting

It was agreed that the number of meetings per year to be reduced to 4 in an effort to reduce costs and it was decided that 6 April, 8 June, 5 October and 11 January 2012 for the AGM. These dates are to be booked with Heatherlands School to commence at 7.30pm and Mrs Wilson to find interesting speakers for the meetings.



## 11. Any Other Business

During October Mr David Gilliver sadly passed away and it was decided to sponsor a bench on the rec in his memory at a total of cost of £930. Leisure Services had agreed to donate half the cost of the bench providing BWRA were able to confirm this by the end of the council's current financial year ie 31 March 2011. The Friends of Branksome Rec had agreed to donate £200 towards the bench. Leaving BWRA with £265 to raise Mr Jones proposed that we borrow the fund necessary from the BWRA accounts to ensure that we could take up Leisure Services offer this was seconded by Mrs Wyatt. We had raised £? from the Christmas raffle and it was agreed that these funds should be donated towards the bench fund.

Mr and Mrs David Rose resigned from the committee due to their continued ill health. Mr Humphries thanked them for their time and effort spent over the last few years.

The severe winter weather which brought snow and ice to the area had caused a degree of stress to residents as the council did not grit the streets and the roads and paths were dangerous. Mrs Wilson is to contact Cllr Eades with regards to the installation of Grit Bins for the residents use during the winter periods. Also the council were unable to collect the refuse due to the roads being impassable.

Mr Spencer advised that the interior of the Pavilion had been refurbished by the Cricket Club with a Grant from NatWest. Was it possible that we could look into grants to assist with the refurbishment of the Pavilion? Mrs Wilson and Mr Humphries advised that there are various agencies that we can apply to for charity funds such as the National Lottery but we needed to find someone who would take on the role of checking and applying for these funds. The main problem with some of the charity funding is that these are matched funded ie if we have £1000 for refurbishment the charities will donate a further £1000 and we need to raise more money before applying for these. Miss Drewitt offered to undertake this task and Mrs Wilson to regain possession of her Charity Funding information from Mrs Rose.

Mrs Wilson advised that the Green Gyms due for installation on the Rec will now go ahead after the Council final processes had been achieved. The delay in the installation was due to the TVG application.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

I certify that this is an accurate record of the Annual General Meeting held at Heatherland School on 12 January 2011

Signed..... Dated...11 January 2012

Mr V Humphries

Chairman