



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st Floor, the Pavilion

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 12th November 2014, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Chairman	Jacqui Wilson
Treasurer	Diane Wyatt
Committee Members	Andrew Borrill Jill Coombes Ruth McCullough Lynne Drewitt Tom Brown
Appologies	Alex Wilson Trevor Wyatt



1. Welcome and Introduction

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting.

This meeting postponed from the 15th October due to vandalism of the Pavilion.

Jacqui introduced Carole Cluett, from the Friends of Wessex Assisting Dogs, who is our guest speaker tonight.

Alex Wilson and Trevor Wyatt are attending an Area meeting tonight.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Guest Speaker

Carole Cluett gave a demonstration of a young dog in early stages of helping.

This was followed by a presentation from Carole and her assistant on projector duty.

Questions from the floor:

1. How are dogs helped to exercise and do they need the use of helpers? Not usually as most owners find ways to keep their dogs active.
2. Is there any legal contract between the owner and dog? Yes, the owner usually pays a £25 contract fee. It makes the relationship between owner and dog legal.
3. Are assistant dogs allowed into Hospitals? Yes they are welcome.
4. Are any efforts being made to train dogs to help with dementia? Yes, trials are under way.
5. How long does it take to train an assist dog? Usually 2 years.



4. Treasurer's Report

For Q3 16/7-29/10/14

Income: £239.15

£50 donation from David Squires for pavilion hall hire
£189.15 profit from Dog show, stalls & refreshments

Expenses: Nil

Q2 ca bal £62.30 + Q3 income £239.15= total £301.45

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Sav £1,201.48 includes 20p interest accrued

5. Administration

Our Residents Meeting minutes can be found on the Archive page of our website, usually. However due to some issues with our website hosting company/service, the BWRA website cannot be accessed at the moment.

It is hoped normal service will resume by the end of January 2015.

6. Events & Volunteers

We are organising a Christmas meal this year at a local restaurant. After much deliberation, we have chosen the Harvester pub, at Alder Hills, which is called the Seahorse.

We have chosen the 3rd of December 6pm as the date/time for the meal. Residents are welcome to attend this meal with the committee. We have a booking form and menu available tonight. Jill Coombes is overseeing the bookings.



7. BWRA 2015

It was outlined that several committee members would be standing down at the AGM next January 2015. Jacqui Wilson, Alex Wilson and Ruth McCullough have indicated their intention to stand down. Diane Wyatt is hoping to remain as Treasurer, but will be unable to offer any other support for the time being.

The Borough of Poole is consulting on boundary changes, these are very likely to affect Branksome East and Branksome West. The boundary changes will affect residents and their residents associations.

The BWRA committee is considering a possible merger with other Residents Associations in the area to form a "Branksome Area Residents Association". This may help with recruitment for the committee. This is an idea at a very early stage.

8. Branksome Pavilion

At our last Residents meeting, Vicky Ashley outlined her plans for setting up a Cafe and function room in the Pavilion.

It has since emerged that the Borough of Poole has decided to open up the tendering process for any organisations that wish to run facilities at the Pavilion. A meeting is to take place, at the Pavilion, on the 4th December p.m. to discuss this and organisations are invited to attend to indicate their intent.

9. Tip Changes

The Borough of Poole are introducing some charges for the recycling of certain materials at the local tip(s).

Residents commented that this would likely increase the amount of fly tipping.



10. Christmas

This was covered under Events and Volunteers.

11. AOB

Residents asked if it was possible to change the time of the Residents meetings during the winter. It was also suggested that the AGM could be moved to October. No firm decision made as yet, this should be brought up at the forthcoming AGM.

A poisonous plant, which has grown up by the notice board on the Recreation Ground, has been removed.

The Borough of Poole is thinking of installing a Pond on the Recreation Ground for a cost of around £7000. This would be desirable but does have safety issues/concerns.

It was reported that a pipe under the Pavilion has been blocked for some time leading to some localised flooding. This has been investigated and a carpet has been found to be blocking the pipe. It is yet to be removed.

The Jubilee Rd Toilets issue is still rumbling on. The latest news is that the Ashley Rd traders are doing a community right to bid for the running of the toilets. This is progressing and they have to submit a business plan by the end of January 2015.

Pavilion toilets close early afternoon. Residents have asked if the opening hours can be extended.

Meeting concluded: 9.30 pm.

Next Meeting the AGM: 14th January 2015, 7.30 pm.