



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st Floor, the Pavilion

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 16th April 2014, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Chairman	Jacqui Wilson
Treasurer	Diane Wyatt
Committee Members	Andrew Borrill Jill Coombes Ruth McCullough Trevor Wyatt
Appologies	Alex Wilson Lynne Drewitt Cllr Marion Le Poidevin



1. Welcome and Introduction

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

At the AGM, held on the 15th January 2014, a problem arose with the election of BWRA committee members. We did not follow procedure as outlined in the Association rules. To resolve the problem, committee members will be elected tonight. Results of the election are:

Chairman: Jacqui Wilson.

Proposed Andrew Borrill, Seconded Diane Wyatt.

Treasurer: Diane Wyatt.

Proposed Andrew Borrill, Seconded Jacqui Wilson.

Secretary: Andrew Borrill

Proposed Diane Wyatt, Seconded Jacqui Wilson.

Assistant Secretary: Ruth McCullough

Proposed Andrew Borrill, Seconded Jacqui Wilson.

Events: Jill Coombes

Proposed Andrew Borrill, Seconded Jacqui Wilson.

General Committee: Trevor Wyatt

Proposed Andrew Borrill, Seconded Jacqui Wilson.

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3. Travellers Update

BWRA have written a detailed letter to Poole council regarding issues surrounding the Travellers issues from last year. In particular it suggests ways to improve security on Branksome Recreation ground. This includes the use of height barriers to protect two existing gates, one at the car park and one which provides access to the Pumping Station.

The two proposed transit sites, which the Borough Of Poole was putting through planning (one at Creekmoor, one at Fleetsbride) have been rejected at the planning stage.

Our local councillors, Phil Eades and Marion Le Poidevin, are to hold a meeting on the Recreation ground on Tuesday 22nd April, 11.00 a.m. This meeting is to discuss preventative/security measures for the Recreation ground. All are welcome to attend. Meet in the car park.

We are expecting to see this issue appear in the Bournemouth Echo, so we can all keep a lookout for the latest information.

As a result of the transit sites being turned down at planning, the council has indicated that they will be providing funds, for security improvements, to six of the borough recreation grounds/parks. It is understood that this funding is to come from the sale of the Creekmoor site.

The break-in to the Branksome Recreation ground, by the travellers, was witnessed by members of the public. Unfortunately, the police have said that eye-witness proof is not sufficient for a prosecution. To mount a prosecution, video or photographic evidence would be required of individuals carrying out a break-in.

The BWRA have complained to the Police about their poor response to the traveller situation last year. We are hoping that in future their response will be better.



The travellers, last year, invaded the Recreation ground for a total period of about 2 weeks and we believe that two separate groups moved onto the Recreation ground during this period. The council should be pressured into evicting the travellers as soon as possible after an invasion has occurred.

Jill Coombes asked why it was that the travellers had access to the Pavilion toilets and fresh water? This would only have served to prolong their stay.

4. Cedars Update

The Cedars site is currently undergoing demolition work. Planning amendments are under way at the moment which may delay work on the site.

5. Chairmans Update

The next Area committee meeting, scheduled for the 23rd April, has been cancelled.

6. Treasurer's Report

Details of Q1 finances:

Open a/c Bal 9/1/14 = £278.74

Income M/ship renewals £90 + Charity Dog walk British Heart Foundation (BHF) £175.00 = Total Income £265

Expenses Hall Hire 2014 £20 + Charity Dog walk BHF £175 + General £21.82 = Total Expenses £216.82

C/A Bal £326.92

2nd Savings A/C Bal 9/1/14 = £1,201.08



7. Planning

Not a lot going on at the moment other than at the Cedars.

8. Administration

We are in the process of leaflet production and distribution. The leaflet outlines what the BWRA does for the local community. We will be continuing leaflet distribution, to Branksome West ward roads as and when the leaflets are available and distributors can be found. We will attempt to keep this as a rolling initiative.

To produce A5 size leaflets, on donated A4 sheets, we can produce approx 4000 leaflets for the cost of black laser toner. This at a discounted price is around £30 for a black cartridge. This is currently the cheapest way of producing black and white leaflets.

9. Events & Volunteers

QEII-Field-in-Trust Mural, this is going to be unveiled at the Pavilion, by the Major of Poole, on the 29th April at 11.00 a.m.

Jill Coombes is holding a charity 'Big Brew' event in support of the RVS. This takes place at her house on the 3rd May 10.00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Poole Carnival takes place on the 26th May. The finishing post for the Float Parade will be Branksome Recreation ground.

Jacqui Wilson is holding a charity 'Carers Awareness Week' event. This takes place at her house on the 13th June from 10.00 a.m.

BWRA annual Dog Show takes place on the 19th July on Branksome Recreation ground. Registration from 1 p.m.



10. AOB

Security on the Recreation ground could be improved by the use of CCTV cameras around the ground, in particular around the Pavilion. The BWRA have looked into this before, but it is always been a funding issue that has prevented any progress on this issue. If funds do become available we would look at this again.

Can the new Mural, on the Pavilion be moved? It is really on the wrong side.

The BWRA have asked the council to write to the football teams that use the Recreation ground regarding team members using bushes as toilets. This is not acceptable as toilets are available in the Pavilion.

Roland Clark, a local resident, read out a prepared statement regarding late night noise from the Boys Club on the Recreation ground. He asked if the BWRA could take this forward.

Residents have reported issues with dog fouling on the Recreation ground. This is a continual problem. First point of contact needs to be the borough Dog Warden with details of repeat offenders. Time and place are important.

Residents are concerned about attacks from dogs not held on leads. Any occurrence of this should be reported to the local neighbourhood police to deal with.

Meeting concluded: 9.00 pm.

Next Residents meeting: 16th July, 7.30 pm.