



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st Floor, the Pavilion

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 17th October 2012, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Chairman	Jacqui Wilson
Vice-Chairman	Vic Humphries
Committee Members	Andrew Borrill Jill Coombes Ruth McCullough Lynne Drewitt
Guest	Cllr Marion Le Poidevin
Appologies	Trevor Wyatt, Diane Wyatt



1. Welcome and Introduction

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting. We don't have a scheduled speaker tonight, but Cllr Marion Le Poidevin has volunteered for a Question & Answer session.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Guest Speaker

Marion Le Poidevin gave an overview of points from the Area Committee meeting:

1. The saga of parking in Churchill Gdns was discussed and a compromise was achieved.
2. Litter on the Recreation Ground, particularly following football matches. The hiring of the football pitches is conditional on litter prevention and that a charge can be levied on offenders.

Question from the floor, what area was covered under the hire of pitch and associated possible littering? Answer, the pitch itself and the immediate surrounding area.

Question from the floor, who is responsible for litter clearance and how often is this done? Answer, Continental Landscapes are responsible and they will carry out litter clearance when they visit the Recreation ground. However, they do not carry out specific litter rounds.

Question from the floor, has any hirer been fined for littering? Answer, No, but warning letters have been written to offenders.

Jacqui Wilson asked about who/what is the Ashley Rd shopkeepers association? Answer, an association of approx 60 shopkeepers have formed together to promote and sustain the retailers in Ashley Rd. General discussion about the quality of shops in Ashley Rd and the proliferation of Charity shops in particular.



Also, the association entered a float into the Bournemouth carnival and it won best float. This has spurred them on into thinking about organising a Poole Carnival. The BWRA will need to find out a date for this carnival so that we do not hold an event that would clash.

Information: If residents need to contact the local police, they are now holding a drop in session at the Co-Op on Ashley Rd on the last Friday of each month 7pm – 8pm.

Information: The current mobile numbers for the local neighbourhood Police are –

Branksome : 07887 663384

Newtown: 07867 846128

Jill Coombes asked about lighting problems in the area surrounding the Recreation ground? Answer, we should report any lights that are out to the council, they will need the lamp post number that is faulty.

Jacqui Wilson, Ruth McCullough and a member of the audience raised an issue about a vicious dog & abusive owner that have caused problems on the Recreation ground. It was felt that this was an issue that should be reported to the local neighbourhood police to deal with.

Congratulations to Cllr Phil Eades on his recent marriage, we should send him a card.

4. Treasurer's Report

Diane not present, but from our last committee meeting:

Quarter 3:

Current A/C Balance: £78.30

Savings A/C Balance: £1,200.52



5. Planning Report

Not given as Colin absent.

6. Chairman's Report

Jacqui Wilson raised concerns about the low number of residents that are currently members of our association. It was discussed if changes to the BWRA logo, advertising, informal meetings & charging for meeting entrance (in preference to the annual subscription) would make any difference. The general feeling was that we should be making more effort to advertise ourselves and to look for an issue that would galvanise the interest of residents.

We have been more active in putting up posters in local shops, and we have just had a small article published in the Bournemouth Evening Echo advertising our residents meeting.

The Queen's Jubilee Field's in Trust application, for enhanced protection for the Recreation ground, has been successful. Final paperwork at the council is all that remains to be completed. The successful application does mean that some funding should be released for use on/with the Recreation ground facilities.

Discussion about tree planting, the Recreation ground should be getting some additional trees planted from various sources.

The Pavilion is to become the more regular meeting place of the BWRA following much discussion with councillors and the Borough of Poole.

The Head Of Leisure, at the BOP, Clive Smith has been made redundant. Kevin McErlane is now head of Culture & Community Learning (his sort of replacement).

We now have a new contact at Tesco Branksome, Jan Gould who is their community champion. Marion Le Poidevin suggested that we also contact Waitrose.



The BWRA had an interesting meeting with Denise Hoy from Twiggs Garden Club. They are part of the CSV/RSVP collaboration. Twiggs are holding their next meeting on Sat 27th October at the Rossmore Library, 10.30 a.m. It is hoped that Denise will be a speaker at one of our future Resident meetings.

Jacqui Wilson informed us all about the telephone code change which comes into force on the 1st November. All Poole telephone numbers must now be preceded by the 01202 code.

The next Area Committee meeting is being held on the 26th November, St Johns Church, Surrey Rd, 7.00 p.m.

7. AOB

We are to hold a Christmas party on Saturday 8th December, the venue will be the Pavilion on the Recreation ground.

Date of next meeting: AGM on Wednesday 9th January 2013, 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded: 8.30 pm.