



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, the Pavilion

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Chairman	Jacqui Wilson
Vice Chairman	Vic Humphries
Treasurer	Diane Wyatt
Planning	Colin Jones
Committee Members	Andrew Borrill Jill Coombes Trevor Wyatt Ruth McCullough Lynne Drewitt
Guest	Cllr Judy Butt
Appologies	Cllr Phil Eades



## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting and our guest speaker Cllr Judy Butt.

## **2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

## **3. Guest Speaker**

Cllr Judy Butt gave a presentation on the Localism Bill.

Funding of £80,000 has been allocated to support the Bill and will be used by the BOP to aid its introduction.

## **4. Questions & Answers**

Questions, relating to the Localism Bill, from the floor -

- (a) Can Branksome West join with Branksome East to become a neighbourhood forum? This may be possible but would require discussion with BOP
- (b) What is the £80,000 funding to be spent on? Information packs, support to councillors & BOP staff, planning/legal/advice departments.
- (c) Can a community bid for an asset? A constitutional body needs to be formed to purchase a community asset.
- (d) Is it possible to bid to run a service? A commissioning process could be used, by a community group, to bid for running a service.
- (e) Will any of the £80,000 funding go towards wages? No
- (f) What will happen to housing rents? In the past a slice of all housing rents went to the Government. This has now changed and all rents are kept by the council.
- (g) What will happen to unused/derelect land? If no claim is associated with the land, this land could become a community asset.
- (h) Are council housing rents going to be ring-fenced? Yes.



## **5. Cllr Marion Lepoidevin**

Marion said she is attending area committee meetings in the near future and she will let us know any relevant information that affects our area.

In particular, concern has been raised about the Ashley Rd area. In recent years Ashley Rd has had no/very little in the way of Christmas lights/decorations, Waitrose are going to offer a green token scheme to help with this.

Shopkeepers will be helping out with window displays for the Jubilee. They are also getting together to form a traders association.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Diane gave the following report for Quarter 1:

Membership Income	£55.
Table Top Sale	£13.65
Total	£68.65

Expenses Nil

Current A/C Bal £152.74

Savings A/C Bal £1,200.12



## **7. Planning Report**

- a) Thistle Hotel application not going ahead.
- b) West Quay development, a 3<sup>rd</sup> application has been posted.
- c) The old Power Station site, not much activity.

It has come to our attention that the Advertiser is no longer delivered to all roads in Branksome West. This may be a problem for the BOP council as some residents will not be able to see legal notices published, by the council, in the newspaper.

## **8. Chairmans Report & General discussion.**

Jacqui gave the news that Cllr Phil Eades has been made Sheriff. We congratulate him on his new role.

The application for getting the Recreation ground protection via the Fields In Trust has been approved by the BOP. We await a final outcome.

We have a general list of improvements that we would like to see being made to the Branksome Rec area. These include, Garden/Water feature, Drinking fountains, a Covered seating area.

We are liaising with BOP regarding the planting of trees in the area as part of the Woodland Trust Jubilee scheme.

It was noted that there are no recycling point's around the recreation ground.

Dog fouling is still a big concern, report any persistent offenders to the BOP.

Concern expressed at the lack of lighting around the Recreation ground. Can anything be done?

The old notice board is going to be refurbished and moved to a new location.



The Olympic Torch is in our area on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. It will be proceeding down Alder rd at about 5.25pm. Local organisations will be putting on displays/activities around the Recreation ground.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we will be holding a Dog show on the Recreation ground.

We now have a newsletter ready for distribution, hopefully this will happen around the beginning of May.

## **9. AOB**

We are trying to agree, with the BOP, to hire the Pavilion for future meetings. This negotiation is ongoing and we hope to have an outcome before our next residents meeting.

Date of next meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Meeting concluded: 9.00 pm.