



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 7.30pm

Attending:-

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



## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting. She also welcomed our guest speaker tonight, Marion White a governor at Heatherlands School.

## **2. Matters Arising**

None.

## **3. Events Affecting our Ward**

Jacqui Wilson read out notes provided by Cllr Marion LePoidevin:

The Japanese Knotweed problem has been the subject of local meetings and Spectrum has agreed to clear/treat the problem.

The Ceders planning permission has been agreed.

No further news on ward boundary changes.

Increase of young children, a new primary school is to built on the Fourways site.

The council budget setting process has agreed a 2 year freeze on council tax.

Bourne Valley car parking still an issue.

## **4. Guest Speaker – Marion White**

Points from the speaker:

Marion has been a governor at Heatherlands School for 5 years.

Marion has been heavily involved in the new building work at the school.



Currently, the school is taking in an extra 90 children per year and will eventually cater for 700 children.

The school has recently been refurnished with new classrooms added.

Mr Burns, the head teacher has retired.

Parking at the school continues to be a problem and is likely to get worse as the school expands.

Funding for the school is based on per capita, so the increase in children raises the overall budget for the school.

## **5. Travellers**

A meeting is to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at the Civic Centre council offices, to discuss the current situation regarding traveller issues. Jacqui Wilson and Ruth McCullough from the BWRA will be attending. We have previously submitted a number of comments to the council regarding the invasion of Branksome Recreation ground during the summer.

The security of the recreation ground was discussed, it was felt that this should be improved in a number of areas but as always easy access for the public has to be maintained.

It was felt by many residents that the council and the police have not done their jobs properly with regard to how the summer invasion was dealt with.

Residents felt powerless to do anything during the invasion and many reports of intimidation of local residents by the travellers. It is intolerable that local residents and users of the recreation ground should have been intimidated.

Jacqui Wilson has a number of significant issues to take to the council meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

The BWRA will feedback any information that comes out of the 18<sup>th</sup> October meeting



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

Current Account stands at: £288.29

Saving Account: £1201.00

## **7. Planning**

A planning application, in Connaught Crescent, to convert a bungalow to a shalay.

## **8. Administration**

A good source of information about the BWRA can be found on our website. Residents are encouraged to take a look. We have a gallery of pictures taken at recent events.

## **9. Events & Volunteers**

The Ashley Rd Traders are holding a regular car boot sale in the Albert Rd car park. The event started on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, it will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.

Poole Carnival is to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

The BWRA will be holding a Community Christmas coffee morning on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Starts at 10.00 am, the pavilion.

## **10. AOB**

QEII Field In Trust are holding a competition to find the best event held on a Field In Trust. We have entered our Dog Show event.

The council are holding a survey for the 'Vision of Poole'. The survey can be found on the council's website.

Damage to Gym equipment, on the recreation ground, has been reported. This will be passed onto the council.



Date of next Residents meeting will be our AGM: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded: 9.15 pm.