



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 7.30pm

Attending:-

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



## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting. She also welcomed our guest speaker tonight, Denise Hoy from Twiggs.

## **2. Matters Arising**

None.

## **3. Cllr Marion Le Poidevin**

Marion gave us an update on issues likely to affect the Branksome West Ward.

- a. Ashley Rd Improvements. An initial consultation with the public has resulted in good feedback with over a 1000 responses. This has allowed council officers to draw up plans based on the responses. These plans will be displayed at several locations during July/August. 24<sup>th</sup> July – St John's Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> August – Bookworm Books, 13<sup>th</sup> August – Branksome West.

Question from the Floor, for those residents not on the Internet, how do we find out about progress on this issue? The Advertiser should be covering this issue, plus leaflets along Ashley Rd may be distributed.

- b. Council size. At the moment there is no set size of residents to councillors with some wards having small numbers of residents while others have large numbers of residents. Currently there are 42 councillors. The Boundary commission is to decide on how many councillors should represent the borough in the future. This could result in boundary changes, with the Branksome West ward being re-mapped.
- c. Waste collection. Recycling rates in Poole are slipping. Currently Poole recycles approx 40% of its waste. To improve this rate, the recycling of food waste is being considered, but no definite plans yet.



- d. Ceders Planning Permission. This is to go before the full planning committee as the application has been red carded. Residents have raised objections and in addition the location of communal bins and protected trees requires attention.

Dawn Whelan, representing 35 Recreation Rd expressed concerns regarding the Bins issue as this would badly affect the property at this address.

#### **4. Japanese Knotweed**

Several Residents expressed concern regarding the spread of the weed and that some properties in Wharfdale Rd are currently affected. The weed appears to be spreading. Initial reports indicate that the weed is spreading from the Bourne culvert in and around the Ceders.

Denise Hoy suggested taking photographs and send them to the RHS who would be able to identify the weed and produce a report.

Some residents are considering civil action to get the weed dealt with, but it is known to be very difficult to eradicate.

Cllr Marion Le Poidevin asked to be kept informed of issues relating to the weed.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Income, since January had been £195 which was made up of membership fees and a £50 donation from David Squires.

Expenditure, Public Liability Insurance : £244.86  
Hall Hire: £10  
Dog Show: £23

Current Account stands at: £65.81

Saving Account: £1200.84



## **6. Guest Speaker – Denise Hoy from Twiggs**

Denise gave us a presentation on how Twiggs was started and what it does. Also how the CSV & RSVP are involved and operate.

Denise has a news blog that she maintains which has all the latest information about Twiggs and their meetings, together with lots of useful gardening information. The BWRA website has a link to the blog which can be found on the Links page.

Denise invited our residents to attend the gardening club meetings if they are interested in gardening of any form.

## **7. Events**

- a. The Annual BWRA dog show is to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> July on the Recreation ground. Start of the show is 2.00pm with registration from 1.00pm.
- b. The QEII Field-In-Trust stone plaque has been installed at the corner of the field by the Alder Rd/Recreation Rd junction. It should be noted that LV are a sponsor of this plaque.

## **8. AOB**

- a. There will be a Soft Toy stall at the Dog Show, also a Lucky Dip and Refreshments including cakes!
- b. We need to obtain an Amplifier and Speakers for use at the Dog Show.
- c. The Poole Carnival is to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2014.
- d. David Squires was asked if he will open our Dog Show on 27<sup>th</sup> July. David said he would.

Date of next Residents meeting: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded: 9.30 pm.