

## North West Bassett Residents' Association (NWBRA)

Sixth Annual General Meeting,  
Friday 15 April 2011, St Michaels Church Hall, Bassett Avenue.

### Minutes

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman, Chris Witt, welcomed the members attending this evening. In addition he welcomed Councillor Beryl Harris and attendees from other local Residents' Associations. The Community Policing (PCSO) representative (Lee Scott, standing in for local rep) also attended.

Apologies were received from David Gaunt, Bob Merrett (prospective committee member) and Councillor John Hannides. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

Mary Milne has retired from the committee. Brian Milne thanked residents on Mary's behalf for their support during her period of illness. The Chairman thanked Mary for forming the Residents Association and for her sterling service as Secretary for the past six years.

- 2) Minutes of the AGM held on 23 April 2010.

These were accepted unanimously.

- 3) Report on activities during the year and future plans.

Last year there was a high level of membership with 98 households (approx one third of the total possible).

- a) Roads and potholes.

We had a bad winter resulting in a lot of potholes developing. The road damage and potholes are being repaired. The Chairman encouraged residents to report problems via email rather than phone as it seems more effective.

- b) Planning and development.  
16 Bassett Heath Avenue.

There have been many years of planning issues related to this property. Recently 7 one bed flats were approved in the main building. There is a remaining issue over the bungalow in the rear

garden, which has had planning permission refused. The owner has appealed and has been refused. There now follows the right to appeal to the High Court. We await developments.

#### Colten Care proposal.

The Chairman gave an update on the proposal by Colten Care to build a care home at the junction of Bassett Avenue, Ridgemount Avenue and Ridgemount Lane. This is actually out of our area but is very close. The proposal is for a 60 bedroom care home with 15 parking spaces. Initial planning permission has been refused by the Council but Colten Care are appealing. Cllr Harris reported that there will be a two day hearing in June in Southampton. She urged residents to attend the hearing to make their feelings known.

#### c) Parking.

A number of roads in the area have some parking problems, especially those adjoining Bassett Avenue. The Council has agreed that Saxholm Way and Bassett Heath Avenue will have double yellow lines extended as a safety measure. Bassett Row has already been dealt with. Lingwood Close has problems with what appear to be commercial vehicles causing some parking issues. There are a range of residents parking schemes that could be applied for. If any resident has concerns over particular parking issues then they should contact the Secretary.

#### d) Crime.

There have been some opportunist crimes recently in the area but not much. Advice was available on the night from the PCSO representative.

#### e) Communications.

We aim to publish 3-4 newsletters a year to members. The next newsletter will go out within a few weeks. Members were reminded that they can submit items of interest for the newsletter. The Chairman thanked all street reps for their help in delivering newsletters and asked for further volunteers to help distribute the newsletters. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Alec Samuels, who is retiring this year after 25 years service, for his considerable help to the Association since its inception.

#### f) Committee members.

The Chairman asked for at least two more members to join the committee. It would complete coverage of the area if one came from Bassett Row.

g) Questions from floor.

There were a number of questions from the floor:

Valerie Davill (Saxholm Way) asked if the double yellow lines to be implemented in Saxholm Way would cover the new vehicular access formed by the property on the corner of Saxholm Way and Bassett Avenue. It was assumed that as there was no lowering of the kerb that the double yellow lines would cover the entrance.

John Fish (Lingwood Close). Asked why the residents parking in Chetwynd had no 2 hour free parking period. Cllr Harris replied that it was the wish of the residents. The schemes are tailored to meet residents' wishes. The issue of commercial parking and the possibility that businesses were being run from residential properties was raised. The chair advised members to contact their local councillor with any concerns.

There was some discussion over the recent burglary in Bassett Heath Avenue. The Secretary said that he has information on how to form a Neighbourhood Watch scheme if any resident was interested.

4) Annual accounts.

The examined annual accounts for the period ended 31st December 2010 were presented to the meeting and accepted unanimously.

5) Committee nominations for 2011/12. Nominations had been received from:

- Pauline Bain
- Andrew Blunsden
- Pete Garvey
- David Gaunt
- Alan Guppy
- Bob Merrett

All six nominations were accepted unanimously.

6) Any Other Business.

Jackie Pye (Saxholm Way) reported that a local burglary recently resulted in just the car keys being taken and the car stolen and suggested that other residents should be aware of this. The member also raised the issue that planning permission is needed to pave over a lawn and asked who would monitor compliance. It was suggested that this was monitored as part of the overall planning process.

Alan Kelly (Bassett Row) raised the issue of the University implementing raised parking charges at the halls of residence. This appears to have resulted in students and staff parking in the neighbourhood. The committee will approach the University to find out if the situation is likely to change. Cllr Harris reported that the issue has been raised with the University and the University is in continued discussion with the Council. We will try and report on the situation in the next newsletter.

Ian Law proposed a formal vote of thanks for the Chairman and the outgoing Secretary for their work on the committee.

PCSO. Suggested sending a photo, or size of hole, when reporting potholes. He also suggested keeping car keys hidden in the house and to report any car stolen as soon as possible to help the police try and recover them.

Jerry Gillen reported that the residents close to the Colten Care proposed site have engaged counsel to support their case to get the proposal rejected at appeal. He also suggested that counsel can help with enforcement issues. The committee will consider the potential for NWBRA to engage counsel to help with issues, acknowledging there would be a cost.

- 7) There being no other formal business the Chairman closed the meeting. A social get together was held for members after the meeting.

Pete Garvey -- Secretary  
With thanks to Andrew Blunsden and Chris Witt