

North West Bassett Residents' Association (NWBRA)

Seventh Annual General Meeting,
Friday 27 April 2012, All Saints Church Centre, Pointout Road, Southampton.

Minutes

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman, Pete Garvey, welcomed the members attending this evening. In addition he welcomed Councillor Les and Beryl Harris and attendees from other local Residents' Associations.

Apologies were received from Charlie Collins, Bob Merrett (Committee members).

Alison Findlay (Chilworth Councillor)
Mary Milne
Janet Pratley (OBRA)
PC Gail Sally and Jack Hayward PCSO
Councillor John Hannides.
Caroline Noakes (MP).

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

- 2) Minutes of the AGM held on 15 April 2011.

These were accepted unanimously. The current Chairman thanked Chris Witt for all of his efforts as previous Chairman.

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

The Chairman summarised the main activities and issues during the last year. Membership for 2011 stood at 85 households.

- a) Neighbourhood development plan.

The Chairman reported that we have been working on a draft input for the neighbourhood plan and relayed the report from Bob Merritt regarding progress. *Copy attached.*

Question from the floor about the Council's obligation to accept the Neighbourhood plan. Cllr Harris responded that there is an obligation on the Council to accept the plan once agreed through the appropriate process.

The plan should last approximately five years according to the guidance. Each residents association in Bassett is contributing to help produce a draft Bassett plan. NWBRA is actively contributing to the process. The plan is to aim to get a draft Bassett plan to residents at the end of the summer.

The chairman encouraged residents to provide feedback on the current draft of the neighbourhood plan which can be found on our website.

Cllr Harris emphasised the importance of this plan in helping to protect Bassett.

b) Municipal Golf Course – proposed development.

The chairman reported on the meeting held on 01 April relating to a proposed development at the Municipal Golf Course by My Time Golf to build a golf range. Cllr Harris reported that there has been no planning permission requested as yet and the developers will need the permission of the Council as the landlord before any development can take place.

There was concern at the meeting that the current access road to the golf course would be unable to cope with the potential increase in traffic. The Chairman of the Ridgemount RA (Graham Bartlett) stated that he had been informed that the Council were currently against this development. The committee will continue to monitor the situation and represent the wishes of residents. The chairman encouraged residents to let the RA have their views as any further developments occur.

The matter of a proposal to relocate the golf range to that part of the practice range abutting Bassett Dale had been brought to the attention of the committee by Councillor Alison Findlay (Chilworth) via Councillor Beryl Harris. Councillors B Harris and J Hannides have expressed their opposition to the golf range.

At present approximately 20 residents in the Bassett Dale/Saxholm area have contacted Councillor Hannides individually to express their strong opposition to the development.

c) Roads and potholes.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed that the council have spoken to the highways maintenance contractor to try and improve the repairing of potholes.

d) Planning and development.

16 Bassett Heath Avenue. Still awaiting action from council on enforcement. Cllr Harris reported that the Council has taken on an extra enforcement officer. The committee will continue to monitor the situation and continue to apply pressure to the council.

The Chairman reported that the Colten Care proposals were rejected. The three properties involved seem to be remaining as dwellings.

The chairman encouraged residents to ask the council to put trees on existing grass verges, the head tree person at the council, Nick Gruber, is keen on new trees being planted.

e) No Cold Calling zone.

These are being encouraged by the local council and police. It needs at least 60% of residents to be in favour before a zone can be established. Cllr Harris reported that the council has allocated £50,000 for signage, and that 45 RAs have signed up to the scheme already (this may be impacted by any change in council members). The committee will canvas opinion of residents and report back on the views. A straw poll of those attending the meeting was 100% in favour of such a scheme.

f) Crime.

There have been some opportunist crimes recently in the area, including crimes of deception at doorways and rogue traders asking for extra money for trimming trees, etc.

g) Communications.

We published only two newsletters last year as there was little to report. Anybody who would like to volunteer to serve on the committee was asked to contact one of the existing committee members.

4) Annual accounts.

The examined annual accounts for the period ended 31st December 2011 were presented to the meeting and accepted unanimously.

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

- Pete Garvey
- Pauline Bain
- Andrew Blunsden
- David Gaunt

- Alan Guppy
- Bob Merrett
- Anita Emm

All seven nominations were accepted unanimously.

Sara Merritt to be asked to continue as auditor.

6) Any Other Business.

a) Questions from floor.

A resident asked will the next AGM be at St Michaels? We will attempt to hold the next AGM at St Michaels.

Charles Noble (Bassett Row) asked about Chilworth estates restrictive covenant conditions on certain properties, and were these still enforced. The Chairman stated that he had tried to contact Chilworth estates without success but we would follow up and remind residents to check for any covenants before undertaking any development or changes to properties.

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

Andrew Blunsden -- Secretary