

North West Bassett Residents' Association (NWBRA)

Eighth Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday 17 April 2013,
St Michael's Parish Hall, Bassett Avenue, Southampton.

Minutes

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence.

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

Apologies were received from;
Bob Merrett
Anita Emm (Committee members).

PO Gail Sally
PO Shelley Shaladan
PCSO Bob Stafford
Councillor John Hannides.
Caroline Nokes (MP).

Approximately 39 people attended the meeting.

- 2) Minutes of the AGM held on 27 April 2012.

These were accepted unanimously.

- 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 67 households.

- a) Neighbourhood development plan.

Cllr L Harris provided an update on the Neighbourhood plan.

The Residents Association's (RAs) from the Bassett area have put together a draft Neighbourhood Plan, covering the Bassett Ward, which has been provided to Southampton City Council for their consideration. The city planners have commented that the plan is acceptable. There is a process of continuing dialogue with the

council over interpretation of certain aspects of the act. The next act is to apply for the ward of Bassett to become an official area (an Area) under the plan. This request has been submitted and we await the result of the submission. We also have to apply for the group which put the plan together to be recognised as an appropriate approved body (a Forum). The Forum, once approved, will have the responsibility to monitor the implementation of the plan for a period of five years.

The two submissions (Area and Forum) will be published to local RA's for comment before they are accepted. Once these are accepted the Neighbour Plan itself will be published to allow for six weeks consultation and comment.

It is anticipated that the Neighbourhood plan should be in place by the end of this year.

The plan will cover the ward of Bassett and therefore all RA's within the Ward.

The document itself will go on public display for twelve weeks for the comment period. All residents can view the plan and we will provide an item in our next newsletter when we know where it can be viewed. All RAs will get copies of the plan when approved for comment as well as the document being made available on the internet.

The Chairman thanked Cllr L Harris for the update.

b) No Cold Calling zone.

A NCCZ has been established in all roads covered by the association. Trading Standards are recommending that as many residents as possible put up the stickers as provided in the pack. Unfortunately Bassett Avenue has no fixed signs as there were no lamp posts available to put the signs on.

The Chairman thanked committee members, the local police and volunteers for the week done to get the NCCZ implemented.

c) Policing and Community.

There have been some opportunist crimes recently in the area, including (3) thefts from sheds. There have also been some thefts at local golf courses with golf clubs stolen and also a break in at the municipal golf course. Crime prevention advice can be obtained from the local police officers and PCSO and from the Blue Lamp Trust.

Advice can also be obtained on how to protect your bicycle.

d) Planning and development.

16 Bassett Heath Avenue. We are still awaiting action from council on enforcement. The committee will continue to monitor the situation and continue to apply pressure to the council. Jerry Gillen suggested NWBRA might want to consider engaging a Barrister to help try and get enforcement. He also reported that there are at least three applications for HMOs in areas around the NWBRA area. It is hoped that the Neighbourhood Plan will help protect against further HMO proposals. Cllr L Harris will ask the enforcement team if they can provide an update on any action planned.

e) Municipal Golf Course – proposed development.

The chairman reported that there have been no more developments over the recent period, but the proposed development is still possible. The committee will continue to monitor the situation.

f) Roads and potholes.

The Chairman reported that he and a number of local residents had reported a number of potholes which require attention recently. The Chairman had written to Cllr Hannides to express concern over the condition of many of the roads in the area. The Cllr has promised to try and get some action taken to address the situation.

Chris Witt reported that due to the age of the construction of Bassett Dale and Bassett Heath Avenue they really need to be resurfaced properly as the roads were not originally constructed to take today's level and type of traffic. It is recommended that all residents report and complain about potholes to put pressure on the highways department to carry out resurfacing as soon as possible.

g) Refuse collections.

A local resident had asked us to remind people that putting plastic carrier bags into the recycling bins means that they may not be emptied as they (the plastic bags) cannot be recycled.

h) Parking

The Chairman reported on double yellow lines about to be put down on the Bassett Triangle which could lead to additional parking during the day in some of our roads. The committee will monitor the situation to see if this leads to an increase in parking on our area.

i) Communications.

There was a view from the audience that the Association should consider email as a means of communications with members. The committee will consider how this could be done.

(Secretary's note, post meeting – There is an exemption for not for profit and voluntary organisation for registering under the Data Protection Act. NWBRS would not therefore need to register in order to hold personal details of residents, including email addresses.)

We will continue to publish newsletters three or four times a year. The next is likely to be when we know where and when the Neighbourhood Plan is available for viewing.

4) Annual accounts.

The examined annual accounts for the period ended 31st December 2012 were presented to the meeting and accepted unanimously.

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

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

All five nominations were accepted unanimously.

Sara Merrett volunteered to continue as examiner.

Residents who are willing to stand as committee members were encouraged to make themselves known to an existing committee member or the chairman or email the email address on the website (info.nwbra@hantsweb.org.uk)

6) Any Other Business.

The Chairman received a phone call from a resident saying that the garage at the Chilworth roundabout has applied for a licence to sell alcohol. Any resident who has a view on the application is reminded to there is a licensing meeting on Thursday 25 April at the Civic Centre (13:30) at which the application will be discussed.

Questions from floor.

A member of the audience proposed a thank you for the committee and for Cllr L Harris for his report.

- 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