

North West Bassett Residents' Association (NWBRA)

Ninth Annual General Meeting,
Wednesday 2 April 2014,
St Michael's Parish Hall, Bassett Avenue, Southampton.

Minutes

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chair, Pete Garvey, welcomed the members and prospective members attending this evening. In addition he welcomed Cllrs Les and Beryl Harris and Cllr John Hannides our local members.

Apologies were received from;
David Gaunt (Committee member).
PO Shelley Shaladan
PCSO Bob Stafford
Caroline Nokes (MP)
Chris Witt
John Fish
Linda Blake

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

- 2) Minutes of the AGM held on 17 April 2013.

These were accepted unanimously with only one matter arising related to the removal of some of the Cold Calling Zone notices when lamp-posts had been replaced. These were being replaced.

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

- a) The Chair summarised the main activities and issues during the last year. Membership for 2013 stood at 67 households.

- b) Neighbourhood development plan.

Cllr Les Harris provided a further update on the Neighbourhood plan.

Although there had been a number of delays to the expected timetable, they had been beyond the control of the

Neighbourhood Forum who were overseeing progress. The Residents Association's (RAs) from the Bassett area had put together a draft Neighbourhood Plan, covering the Bassett Ward, which has been provided to Southampton City Council for their consideration. The Forum had received some Government Grant and were using some planning consultants from Bristol to help finalise the Plan before going out for consultation. There had been some success with an agreement to keep the housing densities as currently exist. Cllr Harris felt that we were close to going out for 6 weeks of consultation before the Plan was submitted to an independent inspector. Once through that stage we would reach the Referendum stage when all those residents registered to vote would have their final say. In response to a question from the floor, Cllr Harris thought that the whole process could be completed by September.

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

The Chair thanked Cllr L Harris for the update.

c) Road Issues.

A number of matters of concern to residents were debated. Although some welcome road repairs had been undertaken, one of the most used roads, Bassett Heath Avenue was in dire need of repair.

Other road related issues were raised, in particular parking problems. In response to questions Sgt. Haley O'Grady outlined some of the actions the police take and pointed out that now, offences such as parking on double yellow lines were enforced by the City Council Parking Enforcement Team. Residents from Bassett Row had complained that some cars were regularly parked on double yellow lines in their road completely defeating the objective of having them installed.

d) Committee Volunteers

NWBRA was seeking more volunteers to sit on the Committee and the Chair was pleased to announce that Tref Mitchell from Pine Way had volunteered.

e) Hon. Treasurer

The Chair, in addition to seeking more Committee members also informed the meeting that Alan Guppy, our long standing Treasurer was intending standing down. In response to the Chair's thanks to Alan and heartfelt plea there was almost a

flood of responses, but Alasdair Murray came through the throng and volunteered to take over. He was warmly welcomed.

f) Streetclub

The Secretary presented the scheme, sponsored by B&Q, which was an ideal tool for NWBRA to communicate with residents. Streetclub had many possibilities and residents were urged to look at the website and sign up to the NWB site.

4) Annual accounts.

The examined annual accounts for the period ended 31st December 2013 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
- Tref Mitchell
- Alasdair Murray

All seven nominations were accepted unanimously.

Sara Merrett volunteered to continue as examiner of the accounts.

6) Any Other Business.

Local Police Sgt. O'Grady informed the meeting of recent criminal activity in the area, mainly burglary, and the successful outcomes. She advised the meeting on taking simple measures to prevent this type of crime and suggested that advice could also be obtained from the Blue Lamp Trust.

Questions from floor.

A resident asked why the Avenue had signs to warn of speed cameras when, to her knowledge, she had never seen a camera and speeding was a problem. In response it was suggested that the signs had to be in place to enable the legal use of mobile

cameras. So although there were no fixed speed cameras, mobile ones were used.

The Chair thanked the Committee, helpers who distributed the newsletter, local Councillors and the audience for their support during the year and looked forward to their help in the year ahead.

- 7) There being no other formal business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm. A social get together was held for members after the meeting.

Bob Merrett -- Secretary