

Nutbourne Residents Association
Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Attendees:

Committee members:

Brian White - Chairman

Bob Allison -Treasurer

Jilly Marcuson – Secretary

Andrew Moffat – NHW Co-Ordinator

Residents:

Lynne White

Roger Burroughs

Susan Burroughs

Barry Davis

Heather Davis

Robin Martin

Carole Martin

Andrea Lawson

Rod Wilson

Gil Wilson

Ian Hare

Frank Riddle

Pam Wellard

John Wellard

Peter Gregory

Sandra Martin

Apologies:

John and Nadine Guest

Chris and Jeanette Brickell

Mary Smithers

Jane Allison

Tim and Diane Smith

The Chairman opened the meeting and expressed his gratitude that so many residents had turned out on a wet evening, but also that we had 2 local parish councilors, Andrea Lawson and Frank Riddle, and the new Chairman of PPC, Ian Hare, in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting in July were accepted by those in attendance and signed off as correct by the Chairman.

Matters arising:

1.Summer BBQ Funds : It was noted that the monies left over in July are to be used for future events was £136 and not £166 as Jilly Marcuson was owed £30 for expenditure on the BBQ

Andrew Moffat suggested we check on Mary Smithers to see if she needed help with groceries etc after her recent fall.

Action : BW

2.Speed watch:

Still problems with speeding, both Frank and Brian saw a DHL van speeding today. Frank is not in favour of roundels etc, some kind of crackdown needed, including contacting DHL. Various residents felt the roundels were quite effective. Brian had received a response from WSCC re another roundel, it seems unlikely they will pay for another one, and suggested we do it ourselves. (£100 for the marking, traffic management a lot more). Frank is against more road markings.

However WSCC Highways have responded to our concerns about poor junction markings locally which have been repainted. Frank still felt it was too much, that people drive more slowly and carefully when there are no markings. Not everyone agreed though especially in Stream Lane. Brian suggested we wait until Spring and see what money the Council has to fund any further works.

3.Village PA system.

The village has one, put together by Bridget with millennium funds some time ago. It's not in great condition, only one speaker working properly. They are big heavy speakers, good quality but low range. However Bob Allison felt it would be useful to have a set that could be used for village events like the Christmas Carols for example or by anyone in the village for a small fee. We would also need a mobile kit to transport them and somewhere suitable to store them. Bob suggested it would not be worth repairing the existing ones but rather replacing them, either with a new set which would cost around £250 or a secondhand one on eBay etc. All agreed that this is a good idea and would be happy for NRA funds to be spent on it so this is to be pursued.

Action : RA

4.Mobile phone reception:

Reception is really bad and appears to have deteriorated in recent years. John Wellard again raised the possible solution of getting a booster box to plug into the router through O2 business which anyone can apply for. Tom Abbott is his contact and they have been very helpful. He now has good reception (4bars) everywhere in the house and now makes mobile calls through the WiFi so doesn't pay for them. O2 have to turn it on. So it's worth contacting your provider and getting a booster box.

5.Pre Christmas drinks/social in the pub:

BW suggested we have a pre Xmas, informal, drinks/social in the pub again this year. Everyone is in favour of this, it was so well attended last time. Wednesday December 11th was suggested as a possible date. BW will check with Reagan and confirm it in case he needs to get in extra staff.

Action : BW

6.Social events:

The Pumpkin Roll is scheduled on October 27th.

Xmas Carols in the pub on 22nd December. Paula Streeter will support us again. It was decided to serve mince pies etc as people arrived.

Action : Social Group

All agreed the summer BBQ went very well and was very much enjoyed by those who attended, in fact a good numbers of residents wrote or emailed to express their thanks. Also photographs of the event have now been posted on the Nutbourne.Org website under 'Home' and then 'Latest News', thanks to Paul Seaton. It was suggested that we hold the same event again next year. To be discussed at the AGM in January.

AOB's:

- Andrea said the Nutbourne Common working group would be at the common at 10.30am on 27th October and the South Down National Park we're coming to help. All volunteers would be welcome. (However this clashes with the Pumpkin Roll)

- Neighbourhood plan: Ian Hare, who is now the new Chairman of the Parish Council, gave a report. The plan is still ongoing. The Sports Pavilion refurbishment project is continuing, despite cuts to funding and assessments over the feasibility of putting in a roof were taking place, with quotes etc. The Lower Street Road proposals to widen the pavement by the cafe and introduce traffic calming measures etc will be subject to a trial planned to take place at some point. The consultation on these proposals is now closed and the results are being assessed although we can still email the Parish clerk. Concerns were expressed over this, especially the traffic calming measures, which could result in more pollution from idling engines, longer journey to the station, possible queues of lorries etc.

- Sculpture walk. The app has been downloaded 700 times, the sculptures are in place and there will be a big promotional campaign in the Spring. Residents expressed concerns about a few problems with flooding.
- Arundel bypass. Frank is very against this, more destruction of the countryside, more pollution. Only 24hours left to email any objections to WSCC.
- Andrew Moffat suggested we send out a newsletter around Christmas as one hasn't been sent out for a while. BW agreed and will draft one shortly.
- Also Andrew suggested we have 'Burns Night' again at the January AGM and this could go in the newsletter. All agreed, Burns night is a good idea.
- Another village event would be afternoon tea in the barn on Tuesday 14th January, open to, especially those on their own and transport would be provided for those who need it. Everyone. This could also go in the newsletter.
- The Nutbourne walk? Fizzled out as people stopped turning up, maybe do it less frequently, four monthly, bi-monthly, annually? Social Group to consider.

Date of next meeting: 7.15pm Tuesday 21st January AGM and Burns Night.