

Nutbourne Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 27th October 2024 at 7: 00 pm The Rising Sun

(kindly offered by Regan Howard)

<u>Committee Attendees</u> Brian White - Chairman <u>Members and Guests</u> Jacqui Dobson & Guest Erica Riddle Martin Harris-Standing Pam Wellard Roger Burroughs Liz Pocock Len Ellis-Brown – Chairman of PPC* Frank Riddle – PPC Councillor Paul Clark – PPC and HDC* Councillor	 Gil Wilson Ben Farmer John Wellard Sue Burroughs John Pocock [Key: *PPC=Pulborough Parish Council *HDC = Horsham District Council]
<u>Apologies</u> Lynn White – Ladies Social Group Vanessa & Lee Goosens Liz & Jeremy Edwards Jilly Marcuson – PPC Councillor Ruth Simmonds	 Carol & Paul Nash Betty Sherwood Carole & Robin Martin Jane and Bob Allison Andrew Moffat

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all those present, in particular our Councillors since their attendance on a Sunday evening is much appreciated.

2. **The minutes of the previous AGM meeting** were accepted and agreed by those attending.

The Chairman also expressed thanks to Regan for the continued use of The Rising Sun for our Sunday evening meetings.

3. **Matters Arising**

- **HDC District Plan - L. E-B** The plan is in the final stages prior to the public vote. The Inspector has been appointed and engaged in discussions with all parties. This should conclude by the middle of December. The referendum on the plan could be in late January 2025 information should be available at the regular Village Market. Subject to the result the plan should be adopted by HDC in April 2025.

- **The Neighbourhood plan** is coming forwards to referendum probably in late January 2025. As it is paramount that plans are less than 5 years old to prevent speculative applications by developers, the whole process start again from fresh immediately.
- **Parish Neighbourhood Wardens** – Reports are now produced monthly and distributed via our NHW email distribution which stands at 127 addresses. A request was made for additional ‘fridge magnets’ giving contact details for the Wardens which are 07584 337475 /476. **Action:** BW
- **Highways Matters Update – L. E-B and PC**
 - PC informed the meeting that he currently chairs the PPC ‘Transport and Infrastructure Group’ covering highways, footpaths and bridleway issues locally.
 - Lower Street Recently installed ‘SID’, speed detector, in Lower Street appears to be having a positive impact with average speed for 85% of vehicles shown to be 23 mph. Therefore, imposing a 20 mph speed limit is not currently being considered.
 - The A29 situation remains as before concerning accessing the private land and consideration is being given to making this a permanent fixture. In addition, there has been some noticeable reduction in the number of HGV’s using this road.
 - Pigeon Gate Bridge (A29) is currently being considered for improving pedestrian safety by widening the footpaths and possibly having the bridge roadway controlled by traffic lights.
 - BW advised the meeting that he had recently met with Adam Bazely from HDC Highways, and a number of issues were addressed. The very small ‘sink hole’ on Nutbourne Road was identified as a critical repair (now repaired) and the ‘edge breakaway’ also chased as needing urgent repairs. It was also agreed that the 20 Mph roundel at the southerly end of The Street would be repainted and a new roundel installed at the northerly end would be investigated. The issue of HGV’s using Stream Lane was discussed as was the need for ‘Not Suitable for HGV’s signs to be considered. AB advised that the existing 6’ 6” signage is enforceable by the Police and vehicles exceeding that width restriction can be prosecuted whereas the ‘Not Suitable for HGV’s’ signage is advisable only
- **Planning Matters**
 - Ebbsworth Cottage, a decision regarding the latest application for changes to the garage was deferred at the last HDC Planning Committee meeting.
 - The Harwoods site, Land Rover end, will shut down completely on the 10th of November, some staff will be relocated to other Harwood sites apparently. The site may be subject to a ‘Mixed Use Application, Commercial and Residential, but this would be up to the new owners.

- **Nutbourne Common**

Parish Councillor JM recently met with Dominic Sutherland from the South Downs National Park team. A 'working party' visit is planned for the 11th February 2025 to cut back some of the heather to keep it healthy and also remove the brambles growing in the heather. Nearer the time we will ask for additional volunteers locally. Future plans include the removal of a few silver birch trees to be replaced by rowan and willow trees to increase the diversity of the trees on the common

4. AOB

- Carpe Diem – the retrospective application for a swimming pool and outbuildings was objected to by PPC and has now been with HDC for some considerable time. It would appear that the latest water neutrality plan produced by the owners is being contested. Update is requested. Action: Len Ellis- Brown please.
- BW advised the meeting that our Defibrillator located in the foyer of The Rising Sun needs a service which he will sort out with Trimbio in Horsham, cost will be £72 covered by the 'De-Fib Fund' (Now carried out and De-Fib is back in place. FR pointed out that this unit does not appear on a website search for local De-Fibs. Action: BW to investigate.
- The Social Group have advised that this year's Xmas Carols at The Riser will take place from 6pm on Sunday the 15th December .
- Previously raised as an issue by a resident was their discovery of invasive Himalayan Balsam on the verge of West Chiltington Road just along from the junction with Nutbourne Road. This verge is possibly owned by Southern Water. **Action:** L. E-B to investigate.
- FR raised the issue of Full Fibre Broadband for the village. This is being rolled out nationally by Open Reach but do we want to mount a campaign to prioritise Nutbourne. There was little support for this proposal by those present.
- It was advised that the next Pulborough Village Fair would be on the 6th December.
- The issue of poorly maintained stiles on our Public Footpaths was raised by M. H-S. These stiles should be maintained by the landowners and can be reported online. **Action:** BW to investigate

Next Meeting : AGM 26th January 2025 6pm at The Rising Sun.

In keeping with tradition this will be followed by a social gathering.