

Nutbourne Residents Association

Sunday 28th April 2024

7: 00 pm The Rising Sun

(kindly offered by Regan Howard)

Committee Attendees:

Brian White-Chairman
Bob Allison-Treasurer
Elisabeth Eatwell - Secretary

Residents:

Lynne White – Ladies Social Group
Jacquie Dobson
Gil Wilson
Erica Riddle
Martin Harris-Standing
Chris Williams
John Wellard
Sue Burroughs
Jilly Marcuson - PPC Councillor

Jane Allison
Rod Wilson
Robin Martin
Carole Martin
Liz Williams
Pam Wellard
Roger Burroughs
Monika Knight
Frank Riddle – PPC Councillor

Apologies:

Carol & Paul Nash
Len Ellis-Brown - PPC Chairman
Betty Sherwood
Peter Gregory

Vanesa and Lee Goosens
Jill & Graham Westlake
Liz & Jeremy Edwards
Ian & Sarah Hare

- **Welcome and Apologies**

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

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

The Chairman also expressed thanks to Regan and Alice (the Bar Manager) for allowing us the continued use of The Rising Sun for our meetings.

1. Matters Arising

- **HDC District Plan**

This was covered in the Chairman's Report for the AGM. The consultation period is now finished. There is however a 'political' issue which is holding up the PPC Plan up. We need an update. **Action:** Len Ellis – Brown.

- **Parish Neighbourhood Wardens**

Reports are now produced monthly and distributed via our NHW email distribution.

- **Highways Matters**

At long last West Chiltington Road has reopened after months of 'the water level is too high'. The culvert has been cleared and a pipe installed. Concern was expressed that the pipe may not be large enough and the issues surrounding the Heat Mill run off/stream being blocked has not been addressed as far as we can establish. Time will tell. At least traffic and local customers can get to the shops gain.

The A29 situation remains as before and unfortunately we do not have an update regarding the possible compulsory purchase of adjoining land and/or news as to whether legal matters are progressing or not.

The matter of the drain being blocked at the junction of Nutbourne Road and West Chiltington Road was raised. It was suggested that the possibly Victorian drains have been damaged and need renovation. **Action:** BW to raise with WSCC Highways. Stream Lane is in a total mess in many locations repairs are urgently required. **Action :** WSCC Highways

- **Planning Matters**

The latest application for changes to the garage at **Ebbsworth Cottage** has been rejected. A revised application has stone-faced rear wall, reinstated boundary wall and a concrete base which was discussed at some length. It was

suggested that the concrete base should be replaced with gravel/pea shingle or even tarmac. It was agreed that NRA will submit an objection. **Action: BW**

At the same property, the 2 bedroomed Annexe has been granted Planning Permission. Parish Councillor FR stated that the materials used must be in keeping with the original fabric of the cottage, for example it must not use machine-made tiles for example. Lastly FR raised the issue of sewage discharge requesting that this needs to be checked and working correctly. Both points were noted by those present.

Possible Travellers' Site in Stall House Lane. This was raised by a North Heath resident who requested that we look at DC/23/2098 an application for 4 static caravans that was refused in January 2024 but which may reappear as an amended application. For information only at this point.

Nutbourne Common. Parish Councillor GM raised the topic of 're-wilding' at Nutbourne Common with the aim of making the common more of a nature reserve. It is proposed that we try to protect the heather clearing and expand and retain the outer path around the common. GM stated that there will be a working group on Wednesday 10 – 2pm to remove brambles and saplings from the heather. Other aims are to keep the circular path, increase the gorse and leave fallen tree wood in place. These aims were broadly supported.

2. AOB

- Carpe Diem – the PPC objected to the retrospective application for a swimming pool and outbuildings; it 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. An update is requested. **Action please : Len Ellis-Brown**
- An outline of proposals submitted for the redevelopment of the TOAT site on the A29 was discussed at length. As currently understood the proposal is to remove the car wash and café and replace them with a Car dealership, an M&S food store and business units with a smaller sports area. Responses were mixed with a need for more detailed plans. FR asked those in attendance to email him or BW with their views. **Action: All attendees to FR/BW**

- Following the re-instatement of West Chiltington Road attention needs to be diverted to Stream Lane which is in a terrible state, particularly at the West Chiltington end . **Action: BW to raise with HDC Highways works.**
- Broadband Fibre to the house – FR raised the subject of FTH stating that in West Chiltington cable laying was already happening. Some discussion ensued but generally those present were content to await developments. Digital Voice was also mentioned which replaces our existing phone lines with a digital internet based system. More details are awaited and ‘roll -out’ is some time out.
- The damage to the road edge along Nutbourne Road was raised by a resident which was first reported at least 18 months ago. A job number was allocated, but to-date there has been no action. **Action: BW to chase WSCC.**
- Future event – Pulborough & Nutbourne Open Gardens 15/16th June. Details to follow but last years event was much enjoyed by many who purchased tickets to support the remedial works required at St. Mary’s Church, Pulborough.
- Lastly our Treasurer highlighted the issue of subscriptions, which are purely voluntary at £5 per person or £10 per household. **If you wish to make a payment please contact Bob Allison directly at ‘robert@theallisonfamily.co.uk’**

Next Meeting : 21st July 2024 7pm at The Rising Sun