

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Nutbourne Residents Association
at 7.30pm on Sunday 26th April 2026
at the Rising Sun (kindly offered by Regan Howard)**

Committee Attendees:

Brian White, Chairman

Bob Allison, Treasurer

Andrew Moffat — Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator

Residents

Lynn White

Jane Allison

Jacqui Dobson

Carole & Robin Martin

Sue & Roger Boroughs

Jilly Marcuson - Pulborough Parish Councillor

Frank Riddle — Pulborough Parish Councillor

Erica Riddle

Neil Brandon

Gill & Rod Wilson

Vanessa & Lee Goosens

Paul Clarke — Horsham District Councillor

Shirley & Andrew Coop

Len Ellis Brown — Horsham District Councillor

Elizabeth & Chirs Williams

Pam Wellard

Nad Guest

Tom Croft — Prospective County Councillor

Andrea Munday

Apologies for Absence

John Wellard

Betty Sherwood

Sarah Law

Carol & Paul Nash

Elizabeth Eatwell

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed all those present, especially our Local and District Councillors, whose attendance on a Sunday evening is much appreciated. He also acknowledged the absences shown above

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the AGM meeting were accepted and agreed by those present.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 District and Local Plan. Len Ellis–Brown, one of our District Councillors, gave a summary of recent developments. An Inspector acting for the Government has determined that the District Plan must provide 20,000 new homes over the next 15 years. Unfortunately this means that plans for Adversane, Buck Barn, and for extending Billingshurst are ‘back on the table’, perhaps supplemented by proposals for a number of smaller development sites. However maintaining a Local Plan, at least every five years, does provide some safeguards regarding size and location of such developments.

Len also informed the meeting that Horsham District Planning Meetings, attended by Councillors, are to be made smaller and split into North and South district areas. He also mentioned CIL monies (Community Infrastructure Levy) which is calculated based on a formula involving the proposed size of the development. A question was asked regarding infrastructure needs and Len advised that the Section 106 monies are still incorporated, as a legal document, into Planning Approvals for such developments. Usually this involves a discussion between District and County Councillors.

3.2 Neighbourhood Wardens. The March report produced by the Wardens was distributed by email prior to the meeting. BW noted that it contains useful information about their work in the parish, along with useful about littering, waste collection, and reporting issues to the Police. A concern was raised regarding parking issues in The Street, particularly at restricted points where the street narrows and hedges may be overgrown. It was noted that such matters should be referred to WSSC Highways, who may formally ask the householder to address the situation.

3.3 Social Events. JM advised that four gardens in the village would be participating in an Open Gardens Event organised by the National Gardens Scheme on 19th and 20th June. For details and tickets go to www.ngs.org.uk. JM also shared diary date for the following future events: Halloween 31st Oct, Pumpkin Rolling 1st Nov, and Xmas Carols at The Riser on 13th December.

3.4 Village Security. Previously FR, NB and LG were asked to form a small working group at the AGM to investigate suggestions of security measures for residents to protect their properties more effectively. This may address a worrying rise in the number of break-ins to local garages and outbuildings over the last year. Initial findings were presented and will be documented shortly. The key areas investigated, with assistance from site surveys by security systems companies, included CCTV, External Lighting with Passive InfraRed motion sensing, and the latest doorbell camera systems. The group felt that hard-wired rather than wireless solutions tend to be more reliable. Such systems can send alerts and live images to mobile phones. Various companies presented solutions with costs ranging from £2-2.5k, with optional monitoring costing around £150 p.a. A complete system connected to the Police can be installed for around £2,000 with a £50 monthly fee for monitoring. The meeting shared the Chairman's appreciation for the Group's initiative and hard work.

3.5 Police Assistance. BW also reported that Sergeant Jamie Bray from Horsham had visited a resident recently who had suffered a break-in to a garden building. He explored the details and identified the most likely means by which the perpetrator had entered and exited the garden. He recommended several security improvements, including additional passive infrared lights, which are known to be effective and particularly disliked by criminals.

4. Highways Matters

- 4.1 **Street Roundels and Edge Damage.** BW has a regular dialogue with the Highways Department at West Sussex County Council to get local issues raised on tackled. There has been good progress this year, particularly with three new speed signs completed so far and two more being addressed by a contractor. Action: **BW** to chase up.
- 4.2 **Road Signs and Finger Posts.** The Nutbourne Road name sign at the junction with West Chiltington Road has been reinstated. However the finger post at the junction of Nutbourne Road and Stream Lane remains broken. MW reported that another at Stream Lane's junction with Gay Street also requires a repair, but may be over the border in West Chiltington. Action: NH Warden **Lottie Torp** to follow up with PPC.
- 4.3 **Speed Information Displays.** The WSCC Highways Manager did a site visit in October 2025 to examine whether we qualify for one of these devices which is a highly effective traffic calming measure which also makes drivers slow down. But to date they have not submitted a report. At £3.5 - £4k these devices are beyond our means, but are sometimes financed by County Councils or by Police and Crime Commissioners.]BW has had no success so far, but LE-B said he would make some enquiries on our behalf, and we may wish to approach the Commissioner directly for a grant. Action: **BW&LE-B**

5. Planning Matters

- 5.1 The Planning Application known as '**Girder Bridge' North Heath**, DC/26/1364, (6 x dwellings) has received a number of objections and is due to go to HDC's Planning Committee in due course, date unknown. PC advised the meeting that the land needed for access to the proposed site is not owned by the applicant.
- 5.2 Planning Application DC/25/1364, **Stallcot Farm, Stallhouse Lane** (2 x dwellings) has been refused but an Appeal has been lodged by the applicant.
- 5.3 Planning Application DC/25/0150, **Peacocks Paddock, Stallhouse Lane** (2 x dwellings) has been permitted.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1 Our NHW Co-Ordinator, AM, reported that he had followed up on a pair of local issues with the Police District Commander. The first concerns a case of Fraud that is now under review by the Police, and the second resulted in the visit by Sergeant Jamie Bray detailed in 3.5 (above). Despite these incidents AM stated that NHW areas tend to be safer and report less crime generally.

6.2 PC reported that the scheduled **'tree works' to Church Road**, where the concrete barriers are, is now only happening on the Church side of the hill after an Injunction was granted following a mistake on the documentation submitted by WSCC.

6.3 CW who helped organise the local Village Open Gardens event last year stated that the St. Marys Church maintenance fund requires £1 Million and currently £250K has been raised. This year's event is organised by the NGS, as detailed in 3.3 (above).

7. Next Meeting

Will be held at 7pm on Sunday 19th July at The Riser. [Subsequently postponed to 2nd August 2026 at the same time and venue.]

Brian White
Chairman, NRA
11th May 2026