

LLERA - Meeting Minutes

Meeting: AGM 53RD

Date/Time: 04/06/15 – 8pm

Venue: Uplands School

Notes by: Chris Mackie

Attendees:

Name	Position
Sue O'Sullivan	Chairman
Chris Mackie	Secretary
Wendy Miles	Committee Member
Robert Miles	Committee Member
Richard Bullock	Treasurer
Tracey Jones	Committee Member
Ian Harrison	Committee Member

Apologies / Absent

Name	Position
Karen Harrison	Committee Member

Agenda

- Minutes of the last AGM
- Chairman's Annual Report
- Financial Summary
- Secretary's Report
- Confirmation of Officers and Committee Members
- Annual Subscription
- AOB

Notes:

Previous Actions

Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Update
1.	Minutes of AGM to be written up and circulated	Chris Mackie	11/07/14	COMPLETE
2.	Rules to be updated to allow a postal vote. Mechanism to be discussed at the next committee meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14	COMPLETE
3.	Alley way to be named Calvert Way. Legality to be assessed. Committee to discuss at next meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14	Approved, funding secured and we are waiting on availability of a local builder to complete the installation.
4.	Committee to consider tree purchase to commemorate Mel Calvert and sighted at the top of Broom Acres. Committee to discuss at next meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14	Tree purchased, the committee is waiting on BFBC to confirm whether it is safe to dig on the island as there are a number of utilities running underneath.
5.	Wendy to consider progressing running club. To be discussed at next committee meeting	Wendy Miles	18/06/14	Due to lack of interest this was not progressed.
6.	Consider assisting estate members on setting up clubs etc.	COMMITTEE	18/06/14	Ongoing.
7.	Tree in Little Moor/ Spring Woods is badly leaning. Committee to have it assessed. To be discussed at next committee meeting	COMMITTEE	18/06/14	Assessed and the trees have been removed and will be replaced in the autumn.
8.	Handover to be completed between Steve and Sue Banking Facebook access email access Duties	Sue / Steve	18/06/14	Complete

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	Welcoming new residents			
9.	Continue to follow up the No Cold calling Zone. Progress to be discussed at next committee meeting	Tracey	18/06/14	BFBC and SRA showed no interest

Chairmans Report

First, I have to say a huge thank you to the committee for all their hard work in the past year. As you may have noticed we have a new member of the committee, Richard Bullock who has very kindly taken over from Eric Barratt as Treasurer. Eric and Mary moved to Sussex in April to be near their family. While thanking people I would like to minute our thanks to Councillor Michael Brossard for all his help to the Association over the last year.

Secondly, it has been an interesting and in some ways a challenging year as I started my third and positively last term in office as the Association Chairman.

In September 2014 we held a very successful association drinks and nibbles party which was on a Sunday starting at 5pm in Little Moor. Little Moor was an ideal location because officially we have to close the road for safety issues and a big thank you has to go to the residents' of Little Moor for putting up with us. The start time meant that children could come and we provided some games and wheels for them to play with while their parents socialised. I happen to know that some residents came who have lived on this estate for a long time and had never been to an association function before and they enjoyed every minute, so did we all. Therefore we are intending to hold another Drinks and Nibbles party this year on Sunday 13th September, again in Little Moor.

In March this year we held a very successful Quiz night at Eagle House School courtesy of Richard and Helen who live in Little Moor. The quiz was organised by Ian and Karen Harrison and Robert Miles made sure there was fair play and kept the scores! Graham Ramsey's team won!

If anyone has any other ideas about a suitable social event for the estate residents please let a member of the committee know.

As I'm sure you're all aware Mel Calvert, who moved on to the estate when it was built and was responsible for setting up the Residents' Association and became our President, sadly died last year aged 94. He worked hard to keep the estate a nice place to live in, even stopping a plan to put in a through road! In his memory the pathway between Orchard Gate and Wellington Road is going to be named Calvert Walk and we are hoping Odette will be able attend a little ceremony when the signs are in situ to open it. In his memory also we are going to plant a tree at the top of Broom Acres where Mel and Odette lived but we are still waiting for information from the council as to which services, if any, lie under the grass. We don't want Coralie Ramsey, who will

plant it for us being electricuted, or gassed when she puts the spade in to dig the hole! I have a letter here from Odette Calvert that I would like to read to you.

For your information also the house that was a bungalow in Greenways which is bedecked with off white cladding and rendering is on the market for £750,000. However the developer has totally flouted the planning permission he was given and it is in the hands of the planning enforcement officer as it is totally out of keeping with the surrounding properties. This estate along with, Robin Lane and Thibet Road is deemed to be an area of Special Character Housing and there are specific rules that any development has to be within keeping in terms of bricks, tiles, colour and design. The developer may be forced into applying for retrospective planning.

The 20mph signs on the estate are due to be painted onto the roads this week and next week and I think a metal 20mph sign will go on the post already in situ with the cul-de-sac sign on and we really hope that residents' will abide by the speed restriction.

While talking about traffic on the estate a resident earlier this week was going out of the exit when an orange car came flying IN the exit and the driver screamed and shouted at the resident assuming she was in the wrong! She was very lucky that this orange car did not collide with her. The driver of the orange car actually committed an offence by driving IN an official NO ENTRY, had a policeman been present the very least the driver would have got away with would be "driving without due care". Please do make sure all your friends and relatives are aware of the "no entry" before someone gets badly injured.

We are also still in the process of trying to get the silver mobile phone cabinets on the island painted green, unfortunately no-one is in a hurry to do it.

Those of you who use the pathway from Springwoods into Wildmoor Heath will know that the lower end can get very muddy and soggy when it rains, but you will also know that back in the Autumn the council came and repaired it after I contacted them, they also cut back some of the foliage at the end of the pathway as you enter Wildmoor Heath. There is also a new "no cycling" notice into the pathway.

The committee has been thinking about having an Association notice board to give residents' information. Chris found one on line and it will go up beside the post box in Beech Ride very soon.

Grass cutting. You will remember that for the last three years Bracknell Forest Council have been cutting our verges for us, that was the first time in 36 years! I was warned last year that with the economic cut backs it was unlikely to happen this year and with only 2 or 3 residents' who didn't cut their verges it seemed a waste of council money anyway. A resident has suggested that the Association should be responsible for cutting the verges of the empty houses and the areas that don't always get cut, if we asked the gardener who cuts the islands for us to do it we would have to increase the subscription for Association members drastically to cover the cost. I would suggest that every resident has a verge in front of their house which is part of their garden and it only takes five minutes to cut, the corner areas and the small islands we are reliant on the goodness of residents and we are very grateful to them for doing it.

There will be a sign going up on the corner of Beech Ride and Orchard Gate about dog fouling, let's hope it has some effect.

That completes my report.

Financial Report

Richard the association's treasurer summarised the following financial position as audited by Andy Ward

<u>Income</u>	
Subscriptions	£509.00
Quiz Night	£73.00
Bank Interest	£2.07
Total Income	£584.07
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Miscellaneous Costs	£32.99 * Note 1
Refreshments	£166.00 * Note 2
Estate Upkeep	£227.00
Running Costs	£213.12 * Note 3
Gifts & Donations	£153.49 * Note 4
Total Expenditure	£792.60
Excess of Income over Expenditure	£-208.53
Add balance at commencement of year	£1085.68
Cumulative fund's at year end 31/05/15	£877.15

Notes

- 1 Tree for Mel Calvert
- 2 Refreshments for AGM, Quiz night etc
- 3 Includes AGM costs June 14 & May 15
- 4 Various gifts and Donations for local charities and good causes

Secretary's Report

Chris the associations' secretary provided the following report.

- LLERA Web Site

Regular updates for social events

Uploading of minutes.

- 2 x Newsletters

2014 - Christmas

2015 – April

LLERA - Meeting Minutes

- 1 x AGM Minutes
- 7 x Committee Meeting Minutes
- Various email communications to residents and BFBC.
- Regular Facebook updates
- 1 x AGM

Confirmation of committee members

All previous committee members were happy to stand and were confirmed for a subsequent year.

Graham Ramsey joined the committee as a general committee member.

For the year 2015/16 the committee shall comprise of;



Chairman

- Sue O'Sullivan
- Resident of Beech Ride and third term chairman of LLERA. She has been a nurse (20 years) and a Health Visitor (13years).



Secretary / Vice Chairman

- Chris Mackie
- A Resident of Primrose Way since 2009, Married to George with 3 young children Lucia 5, Adam 4 and Elodie 1.



Treasurer

- Richard Bullock
- Married with two grown up children, works in the broadcast industry for Ericsson and moved onto the estate just over 12 months ago from Frimley, Surrey. Took over from Eric as the Treasurer in the new year.



Social Secretary

- VACANCY



Committee

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- Tracey Jones
- Married to Terry, 3 children and 2 dogs and 1 grand child.



Committee

- Graham Ramsey

Street Representatives

Ian thanked current street representatives on behalf of Karen and gave a summary of vacancies requesting anyone interested in taking a post to get in touch.

VACANCY

Primrose Way

- Covered by Chris Mackie LLERA Secretary

Thank you!

Greenways

- Fred Osborn

Thank you!

Broomacres - Odd Numbers

- Lucy Goulding

Thank you!

Broomacres – Even Numbers

- Linda Bannell

Thank you!

Broomacres – Extended

- Tony Dolphin

Thank You!

Orchard Gate

- Covered by Ellen [Hansford](#)

Thank You!

Beech Ride – Odd Numbers

- Malcolm Greenfield

Thank You!

Beech Ride – Even Numbers up to 24

- David [Markby](#)

Thank You!

Beech Ride – Even Numbers 26 - 48

- Tracey Jones – Committee member

Thank You!

Spring Woods - odds and Kings Keep

- Steve Thomas

VACANCY

Spring Woods - evens and Little Moor.

- Covered by Wendy Miles – Committee Member

Coralie Ramsey volunteered to cover Primrose Way taking over from Chris Mackie

Hilary Cross volunteered to take over Spring Woods (evens) and Little Moor taking over from Wendy Miles

Annual Subscription

There will be no increase for the 2015/16 financial year. The subscription shall remain at £4.

AOB

Question - A resident asked what the committee felt about maintaining the character of the estate, i.e. So many bungalows being converted to houses.

Response – The committee explained that they had agreed they would only get involved when the street scene was impacted such as with No 4 Greenways where the planning conditions had been ignored. On the subject of Bungalows being converted to houses it was felt that modernising and extending properties would encourage more families back onto the estate and the committee had decided not to object on that basis.

Question - The question was asked how we find out about planning applications?

Response – Planning applications can be searched for Online, Graham Ramsay said it is also possible to view them at the library on the notice board and also at the council offices.

Question - Cathy from Spring Woods asked if it was possible to have a white line painted on the road as Beech Ride turns into Spring Woods as cars often drive round the corner on the other side of the road.

Response – This will be added as an action to be looked into by the committee at their next meeting

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Question - Hilary asked if the trees in Little Moor were going to be replaced.

Response - Yes in October.

Question - A resident asked as to why the lights on the estate were being replaced.

Response - Apparently they had come to end of life, plus the new lights were more energy efficient.

Alwyn Ward, thanked the committee for the excellent information they provide the LLERA residents.

ACTIONS

Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date
10.	Minutes of AGM to be written up and circulated	Chris Mackie	04/07/14
11.	Social events – 10 years ago the association held a party with photos of old estate and storm of 1989 – would be nice to do something similar for the next big birthday. Sue to check with David Markby and Odette (when out of hospital)	Sue O'Sullivan	26/08/15
12.	Cathy from Spring Woods asked if it was possible to have a white line painted on the road as Beech Ride turns into Spring Woods as cars often drive round the corner on the other side of the road. Committee to consider at next committee meeting	Committee	26/08/15
13.	There was also a request for committee to send an email about the accident black spot on Beech Ride/Greenways	Committee	26/08/15

Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed

Time of Next Meeting: 8pm

Location of Next Meeting: Sue O'Sullivan's House

Provisional Agenda

- Previous Actions
- AGM actions
- Right Move Alerts
- Planning Applications
- Mouseprice alerts
- SRA minutes
- Estate Maintenance
- AOB
 - Social Events