

LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Residents' Association held at Uplands County Primary School, Sandhurst on 6th July 2011.

Present: Mrs S O'Sullivan (Chairman), Mr P Roberts (Secretary), Mr B Hickman (Treasurer), and 23 members.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members, especially those new to the Estate.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr M Calvert (President) Alwyn and Keith Ward, Eric Barratt, Mr and Mrs Butcher, Wendy and Robert Miles and Barbara Gulliford.

2. MINUTES OF THE 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Acceptance of the minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting as a correct record of the proceedings was proposed by Graham Ramsay, seconded by David Markby and agreed by the meeting. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Paragraph 9 Footpath to Wildmoor – Flytipping has been removed by the Council. The Chairman has contacted BBOWT about the deterioration of the boardwalk.

Junction of Greenways/Beech Ride – The tree has died. It was proposed that a replacement should be planted to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman thanked the President and officers of the Committee for all their help and support during the year. She mentioned that Pam Marshall would be standing down as Vice Chairman and thanked her for all her hard work. Pam is to continue to distribute the newsletters.

On behalf of all members, she expressed a huge "thank you" to Alwyn Ward and her band of helpers for organizing the very enjoyable Street Party for the Royal Wedding.

The full text of the Chairman's report was distributed at the meeting

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report showed a net loss of £359.32. The Treasurer explained that this was partly due to the cost of grass cutting and the exceptional charge of maintenance of the sign board. The overall credit balance remains satisfactory. To cover likely increases in costs he proposed that the annual subscription should be increased to £4.00 per household. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Steve Thomas and seconded by Richard Foster.

6. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

A long standing resident was supported in his opposition to a planning application which overshadowed his property. As a result, the plans were slightly modified.

BFBC was thanked for the way the road maintenance was carried out on the Estate, which they said made a welcome change from the usual letters of complaint. Sandhurst Town Council was thanked for their contribution of £250 from the Respect, Responsibility and Rights Project towards our Street Party to commemorate the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton. The Association agreed to publicise the Council's project.

The Longdown Lodge Estate sign at the entrance to the Estate has been professionally refurbished.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Life President: Mel Calvert

The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were willing to stand for re-election. Alwyn Ward was nominated for the position of Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. David Markby, seconded by Ted Hawkins, proposed that the Committee should be re-elected for the year 2011/2012. This motion was carried.

Chairman: Sue O'Sullivan; Vice Chairman: Alwyn Ward, Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts,
Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman; Social Secretary: Vacant.

Road Wardens: The following were confirmed:

Greenways:	Rosemary Cole	Primrose Way:	Margaret Ratcliffe
Orchard Gate:	Bill Knight	Broom Acres:	Judith Sutherland,
Beech Ride:	Colin Last, Pam Marshall, Ron Beck		
Spring Woods / Kings Keep / Little Moor:	Steve Thomas		

8. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was proposed by Graham Ramsay and seconded by Ted Hawkins that the annual subscription should be £4.00 per household with no concessions. This was agreed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Entrance to the Estate The grass cutting is now being done by a different gardener. The state of the verge outside 2 Greenways is the responsibility of the owner. It remains very untidy despite complaints by the Association.

Roundabout at Broom Acres South Residents here have arranged for the area to be tidied up.

Proposed Residential Home at Eagle House Field The plans differ from those shown at a public meeting in Sandhurst earlier in the year. The building is now 3 storeys high to make the footprint smaller. The developer has submitted these proposals to BFBC and after registration there will be a 21 day consultation period during which objections can be made. The Chairman said that the latest plans would be available for members to examine at the end of the meeting.

TALK BY LAURA (Community Police Support Officer)

Laura has been a PCSO for 3 years. Training takes 7 weeks and covers appropriate laws, first aid and self defence. Her area stretches from Eagle House School to Rackstraws Crossroads. She mainly deals with small crimes and anti-social behaviour. She also works on developing activities for young people of the area and community projects and supervises people doing Community Pay-Back.

The Chairman thanked Laura for a very interesting talk. There being no further business, the formal procedures closed at 8.45 p.m. and were followed by a social gathering with cheese and wine.

Minutes approved

Chairman.....

Date.....20/06/12