

# LONGDOWN LODGE ESTATE

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES OF THE 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Residents' Association held at Uplands County Primary School, Sandhurst on 13th June 2007.

Present: Mrs S O'Sullivan (Chairman), Mrs P Marshall (Vice Chairman), Mr B Hickman (Treasurer), Mr P Roberts (Secretary) and 17 members.

The Chairman welcomed those present and introduced the Agenda for the meeting.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from, Mel Calvert (President), Wendy Markby and Sally Carpezi.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting were agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

### 4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman expressed her thanks to Coralie Ramsey for agreeing to be the Association's Social Secretary and for organizing the very successful Quiz Evening in April. She also thanked the committee for their help and support over the past year and those members who collect the subscriptions.

The year 2006/2007 was a very quiet year compared with the previous three years when we were fighting the proposal for a telephone mast and cabinets to be placed on the entrance island. We can claim some success in that this equipment, as installed, is not such an eyesore as it might have been. We have planted two small bushes either side of the notice board, with two more to follow, with the intention of obscuring the cabinets further. The Chairman hoped that members would appreciate how good the island is looking now that we employ a gardener to look after the grass and that this is money well spent.

The Chairman noted that there had been a lot of properties changing hands in the last year and extended a warm welcome to all newcomers. The basic houses are now selling for in excess of £400,000.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report for the period ending 31st May 2007 was presented by the Hon. Treasurer. There was a net surplus of £14.89 which could be regarded as satisfactory taking into account the two extraordinary items of gifts to David Markby and Peter North who had helped so much with the mast campaign. Also, we had not been invoiced for the hire of the hall for the Quiz Night, but it had been double booked. The Treasurer forecast that, if the subscription rate remained at £2.50, the credit balance would be satisfactory next year provided that the lawn mowing costs remained steady and there were no unforeseen increases in expenditure. The accumulated funds now amount to £671.87. The Chairman thanked Bert Hickman for his custody of the accounts. The Financial Report was accepted by members at the meeting.

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6. HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary said that since the last AGM there had been one formal meetings of the Executive Committee to welcome Coralie Ramsey as the new Social Secretary and to discuss a proposed social programme. There had been no correspondence.

The Association continued to be involved with the Sandhurst Town Council / Residents' Associations quarterly meetings, which are a useful forum for feedback on matters affecting the area.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Life President: Mel Calvert

The officers of the Committee were willing to stand for re-election. There were no other nominations. Derek Conway, seconded by Graham Ramsey, proposed that the Committee should be re-elected for the year 2007/2008. This motion was carried.

Chairman: Sue O'Sullivan; Vice Chairman: Pam Marshall  
Hon. Secretary: Peter Roberts; Hon. Treasurer: Bert Hickman; Social Secretary: Coralie Ramsey

Road Wardens: The following were re-elected/elected:

Greenways:	Rosemary Cole	Primrose Way:	Alan Kinsella
Broom Acres:	Mel Calvert	Orchard Gate:	Carole Langheim
Beech Ride:	Colin Last, Pam Marshall, Malcolm Greenfield		
Spring Woods / Kings Keep / Little Moor:	Steve Thomas		

8. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was proposed by Pam Marshall and seconded by Yvonne Conway that the annual subscription should remain at £2.50 per household with no concessions. This was agreed.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Entrance Island Yvonne Conway asked if the island belonged to the Association and was that why we were looking after it? The Committee had established that it was Highways land, but it was not BFBC policy to maintain it to the standard we thought appropriate.

Edgebarrow Woods There is a rumour that Bracknell Forest Borough Council is proposing to annex part of the woods for development. This is not true – Paul Bettison, Leader of the Council.

Footpaths Graham Ramsey, who is newly elected to the Town Council, is responsible for footpaths and said he would welcome any comments from residents.

**Action:** All

Crowthorne Road Ted Hawkins asked why there were double white lines on the main road outside the Estate, which suggests no right turn when coming up the hill from Sandhurst. The Chairman said this had been raised before and no satisfactory answer had been received from the Council. She would contact them again.

**Action:** Chairman

There being no further business, Mr Alan Butcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Committee for their work during the year. The formal procedures closed at 8.15 p.m. and were followed by a social gathering with cheese and wine.

Minutes approved

Chairman.....

Date.....