

THE BADGERS MOUNT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Thursday, 21st May 2015 in the Memorial Hall, Highland Road, Badgers Mount, Kent.

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

Outgoing Committee:

Chairman – Dave Woledge

Secretary – Tracey McCartney

Vice Chairman – Alistair Dunlop

Treasurer – Gordon Plumb

Committee Members – Nicola Walker, Adrienne Dunlop, John Ralston, Eric Raven, Zena Belton, Trevor Simmons, Christine Donovan and Brian Marston.

Present: 31 members of the Association.

Prior to the start of the formal AGM business, a respectful silence was held for residents who passed away during the last year.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Albert & Daphne Thomas, Tina Bennett, Norma Payne & Davina Powell.
2. MINUTES OF THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING were approved with no comments being made. Roger King proposed, Zena Belton seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the minutes be accepted as prepared. The chairman signed off the minutes.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – no matters, not being dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda, were raised.
4. PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

4.1.4 ORGANISATION

4.1.1 Once again in assuming the stewardship of the BMRA I reiterated that I considered I had the responsibility to maintain the integrity of the BMRA. To implement what was in the best interests of the residents, the community as a whole and to continue to reinforce the atmosphere of transparency and openness.

4.1.2 I was, and indeed remain conscious, of the widely differing views and heated exchanges expressed at a previous AGM. So in assuming the Chairman's role I remain intent on supporting an 'all inclusive' association where views can be aired forcefully, with passion but where personal animosities are not welcome. So I would ask you during the course of this meeting to keep to the subject matter and refrain from rancour and personal attacks on individuals, please.

4.1.3 We set a target of the committee meeting finish time of 22.15hrs. Unfortunately we have missed this target typically finishing before 23.00 hrs which, whilst a significant improvement on midnight finishes, still leaves us with some work to do. I recognise that we must improve on this aspect in order to attract new members to the committee

4.1.4 The membership remains in line with last years.

4.1.5 We now, as agreed at the last AGM, publish the draft minutes within a month of the meeting. Those for last year can still be viewed on the website.

4.1.6 Unfortunately the committee could not agree on publishing the Committee minutes as some concern was expressed that the minutes contain names of who said what and some members felt a little uneasy about this aspect. There was also the implication of the minutes replacing the Newsletter. The AGM may have a view on this.

4.2 ACHIEVEMENTS

4.2.1 DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

4.2.2 Messrs Conway had the opportunity until July 2014 to apply for a Waste and Minerals Licence but none was received. The Sub-Committee decided that they had nothing further they could achieve following the AGM's decision to open up a direct dialogue with Conway's on the daily activities of the site and its operations. Their Chairman Stephen Salmon wrote to me tendering the resignations of all the committee members. I did respond to Stephen asking him and the sub-committee to reconsider their decision as following my inaugural meeting with Conway's Directorship I had gained the impression that the sub-committee still had a role to play.

4.2.3 The main Committee reviewed the need for the Indemnity insurance which had been introduced in 2012 and was deemed necessary, at the time, as site specific to Conway's. After much debate the Committee decided **not** to renew the insurance thus reducing our potential costs by some £218/annum.

4.2.4 Following the decision taken at the last AGM to open up a dialogue with Conway's on the daily operation of the site and its effect on the residents. I along with Trevor Simmons (having also co-opted Sue Wyatt) met with Conway's Directorship. The inaugural meeting went well and the three of us agreed that regular meetings should be set up with just Trevor and Sue in attendance and that I should stand down. Christine Donovan stepped in during Trevor's temporary absence. Trevor will give the meeting a brief update and answer questions a little later on.

4.3 POSSIBLE CONWAYS DEVELOPMENT

4.3.1 In July 2014 a consulting firm Peter Brett's (acting on behalf of Messrs Conway's) wrote to the BMRA and asked to meet the Committee to explore development opportunities for the existing Conway's site. We had the meeting where we were told that Peter Brett's were reviewing how best they might exploit/develop the site.

They told us they were considering several options namely

- 1 No change to the existing use
- 2 Relocate their offices to the site
- 3 A housing scheme.

We listened to their presentation and we put forward our objections to its existing use.

They went away with the various thoughts we had put forward.

4.3.2 They then gave us a second presentation on the 14 November 2014 when they stated that their favoured option was a low density housing scheme. The BMRA gave the idea a cautious welcome with several issues being highlighted including affordable housing. We were assured that if the community as a whole were not in favour of the development then the scheme could not proceed. Peter Brett's confirmed that they would provide an open presentation to the residents once they had worked up some plans.

4.3.3 It is understood that Peter Brett's then approached the SDC's Planning Department with their initial ideas in order to get a feel from the local planning perspective. Apparently SDC were quite complimentary on Peter Brett's process of engaging and briefing the community rather than just simply submitting a scheme for approval. Peter Brett's left the meeting with SDC agreeing that they should work up a detailed scheme which would be previewed by the committee culminating with a public exhibition similar to the Fort Halstead proposals.

4.3.4 You will note that they had not approached the Shoreham PC owing to, and I am guessing here, the impending Parish split which may have only complicated matters. The consultants continually stressed to us that they were very keen to get the community 'onside' and that such a scheme would undoubtedly fail without the communities support. I anticipate that the consultants will at some stage bring our new Parish Council up to speed and furthermore hope that the BMRA and the Council can work closely together on this project as I see the BMRA retaining a liaison role to ensure that the residents are briefed on a regular basis and that their views are fully represented.

4.3.5 I spoke to Peter Brett's a couple of days ago and was advised that with Conway's recent purchase of Becket House the idea of relocating their offices to the Badgers Mount site was not now an option. Peter Brett's have apparently reconfirmed direct with Messrs Conway that they were still keen to proceed with a housing development. The problem is that the company need another site on which to relocate the Badgers Mount operations. The new site would not necessarily be in this area but it was essential that it retained good links with the M25. Their Dartford site is too small to absorb the Badgers Mount operations. In any event once they have relocated their offices the redundant space is already earmarked for alternative use. Finding a suitable site is proving to be the problem and consequently the planning on the housing scheme is proceeding, albeit a lot slower than they would have liked or indeed expected.

4.4 BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

4.4.1 The Parish Council has now been elected namely John Grint, Roy Blamey, Tracey McCartney, Gordon Plumb and Noel Wills and we congratulate them on their successful election. The BMRA looks forward to a healthy and fruitful relationship. Commiserations go to John Ralston although I have to say that any permutation of the 5 of the 6 candidates would have yielded an equally strong team. John Grint was appointed as our District Councillor. Roy Blamey was subsequently elected Chairman and Gordon Plumb Vice Chairman of the Council.

4.4.2 The BMRA had 3 representatives on the PC Working Group of 11 (namely Alistair Dunlop, John Ralston and myself). John and I constructed the job description for the Lengthsman duties which in turn was submitted to Shoreham PC for implementation. Alistair designed and monitored the over view and thus ensured that the Working Group was kept to target and the whole programme delivered to time.

4.4.3 In my Statement last year I stated the draft budget prepared by the Working Group implied that we would see a rise in our rates, in real terms, over that which we could expect if we had stayed with Shoreham. Furthermore I undertook to resist any prospective budget which showed such an increase. So when invited to take our seats on the Working Group we adopted the policy line intimated in the BMRA Newsletter, published around the time of the Referendum. Namely that upon the separation of the Shoreham Parish Council that the precept cost to BM ratepayers would likely fall against what would be the case if we remained with Shoreham. I have to report that there was much serious and lengthy debate surrounding the setting of the first year budget and I am happy to report that the arguments set out by the BMRA finally prevailed and with the aid of a quirk in the SDC rating formula, we achieved our objective by a small margin. In short, costs were kept broadly in line with the BMRA's aspirations. On a personal note I have to say that I still find it somewhat perplexing that to administer some £2,840 of actual work in the form of grass cutting, dog bins, freighter services and the like, that it requires an administrative budget of some £12,480. Admittedly whilst most of this admin spend is so called 'fixed' costs, this figure also includes some £2,300 of one off election costs which should not reappear in the budget next year. Checks and Balances of expenditure in the months ahead and especially when the Council seeks to construct the budget for 2016/17, needs to be introduced. You will appreciate that the future budget setting process is, totally, in the hands of the Parish Council with no input from the BMRA.

4.4.4 The Committee did discuss the Parish Council relationship with the BMRA. The Committee expressed the wish that a member of the Council attend our regular committee meetings in order to strengthen the links and avoid the misunderstandings which unfortunately arose several years ago with Shoreham.

4.5 PLANNING

4.5.1 I can advise that the proposed traveller's site in Shoreham has been rejected. Furthermore the site near to Knockholt Station has been allowed a 2 year extension. The one by the bottom of Polhill is full to capacity. We need to recognise that the prospect of traveller's sites will always remain an issue so we must stay vigilant.

4.5.2 You will have seen in the local press that 5 Parish Council's along with some 200 individual objections have been lodged against the Fort Halsted development. The implication of these decisions needs to be recognised and the residents need to make their views known regarding the Conway proposal either direct and or through the BMRA.

4.5.3 Gordon will explain other planning issues a little later on

4.6 ROADS

4.6.1 The street lighting on Polhill is being switched off at night in the interests of energy saving but we have yet to be advised of the precise switching times.

4.6.2 Speed restrictions have been introduced as promised but having got authority for the village gates we were obliged to go back to KCC to get them to provide the gates in pairs and not singletons as originally proposed by KCC. We have been advised that delivery of the gates is imminent but are still awaiting a date for installation.

4.6.3 Nothing has been heard from KCC regarding the possible mini roundabout scheme at the bottom of Badgers Road.

4.6.4 The footpath proposal along the A224 leading to the hall has got to be resubmitted this year as it did not attract a sufficiently high enough priority to be included in this year's programme of work.

4.6.5 The trees/bushes along the A224, near the Highland Road junction were cut back to improve the sight lines. The footpath which runs parallel to Wheatsheaf Hill has been trimmed. The laurel bushes in Milton Avenue have been cut back. This work was undertaken by volunteers so thank you to all those who pitched in to lend a hand.

4.6.6 We have been talking to the manager of Elite Motors to ensure that the car washing people do not litter the footpath/verge with debris removed from the vehicles and furthermore at our request, they have provided a dedicated bin for cigarette butts. This seems to have had the desired effect.

4.6.7 Several of the committee got together and examined the issue of the unadopted roads on the Mount itself and they found that the situation remains unchanged from previous investigations. In essence nothing can be done until 'SALTS' prove their ownership and register it with the Land Registry. We did not look at the situation regarding Sanderson's, Woodlands view and the other more obscure road access points.

4.7 SOCIAL EVENTS

4.7.1 Gordon went ahead with the Christmas carols evening as usual and with the arrival of Zena on the committee this has strengthened these activities considerably and a programme of events has been devised.

4.7.2 The primary objective of the social events is to engender a community spirit and so we recommend that the finances on these activities should be broadly neutral over the term of a full year and not seek individual profitability.

4.7.3 Zena will expand on this topic later on.

4.8 FUTURE PLANS

4.8.1 To provide active support and to consolidate the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

4.8.2 To generate and widen the attraction of the social events programme.

4.8.3 To continue to liaise with Messrs Conway regarding the daily site operations thus endeavouring to protect the life styles of the residents.

4.8.4 To liaise with Messrs Conway's regarding their housing development proposal.

4.8.5 To build a constructive relationship with the Parish Council and continue to monitor their activities to ensure it continues to meet the aspirations of the residents. In support of this you may be aware that the new Energy Minister has publically stated that legislation is due to be put before Parliament in the Queens Speech to the effect that local authorities will be **duty-bound** to consult the residents particularly regarding 'On-shore' wind farms. It's not a great leap in ones imagination to see that the obligation to expand consultations to other local issues may follow in due course. Devolvement certainly seems a live issue and the BMRA will have an important role in framing those debates and representing the residents' views alongside those who lobby the Parish Council directly.

Finally a few 'thank you's' and if I have missed anyone I apologise to them for the oversight. Tracey for the time and effort she has put in. I would like to thank Gary our webmaster for his efforts and idea's. The Rev John Benson for permitting the loan of the presentation kit and Alistair for driving it. Of course Gordon for what he does for the community – he does what he does and it defies a job description. I wish to offer my personal thanks to all members of the Committee for their honesty of input and support. The credit for the achievements I have outlined is totally due to them.

So that's the end of my review of the year's activities and this Statement will appear on the website in due course.

Following the presentation of the Chairman's report the following was raised:

Neighbourhood Watch – Trevor Simmons spoke on this matter, confirming that Roy Blamey has now resigned as the Chair of the NHW. Trevor has now become the interim Chair, Noel Wills the interim Vice-Chair. NHW being resurrected with the aim of providing a reliable network of information sharing amongst neighbours. Volunteers will be required if the NHW is to succeed and a call for these will be asked for later in the meeting.

FM Conway Ltd – it was muted with cautious optimism that a housing development on the ex-ammunition site would be more suitable for the community than its current working. A straw poll of those present were in favour of housing rather than storage and distribution. One resident voted against this, indicating that they would like the current situation to continue.

The following reports were given by members of the outgoing committee:

FM Conway Ltd (Trevor Simmons) – A decision was taken at the last AGM to open local dialogue with FM Conway Ltd. The objective was and remains to liaise with the local depot to advise them of issues and concerns of local residents that

the depot may not be aware of but may be avoidable. The ultimate goal is to minimise the impact that a business of this nature could impose legitimately on the local community. If we do not have a neighbourly working relationship with FMC this would not be achievable. I am aware that a number of residents are very suspicious and sceptical about this kind of relationship but please be under no illusion. We will not be side stepping any of the more serious issues ie. Planning etc should they arise.

To date we have had 7 meetings including 5 site visits. These meetings have usually taken place on neutral ground not at their offices or the local depot (the depot does not have facilities for this). The meetings have included the following personnel from FMC – a legal director, head of Health & Safety, head of Human Resources, the local depot manager and Estates manager together with one BMRA member and one local resident. The issues discussed so far include night time noise from the Depot, tailgate banging (day or night), dangerous parking in Shacklands Road, debris left on the Bypass, forestry work and an alleged bad driving incident at the Hewitts roundabout.

Night time noise from the Depot- working with them and the residents affected, they were able to identify the cause of the problem and with considerable change to their working practice have managed to all but eliminate the problem. A night time telephone number was issued to those residents affected but to date has not been used.

Tailgate banging (day or night) – this is not acceptable to them and will not be tolerated as it violates their Health & Safety code and offenders are retrained or worse.

Parking in Shacklands Road – this usually occurred when vehicles were waiting for the Depot to open. Once informed of this dangerous nuisance they set procedures in place to avoid this reoccurring and advised not only their staff but also contractors.

Debris left on Bypass – 3 incidents reported (1) we presented them with the offending item and they could illustrate it was not from their vehicle. (2) we could not find the offending item but it was more likely to have come from local driveway work nearby. (3) however, there was one incident that could not be denied because it was indeed one of their plastic signs that had become detached from the side of a container. When approached with this they immediately apologised and entered it into their official log as a near miss. They arranged for their fitters to check all such signage fittings.

Bad driving incident on Hewitts Roundabout – An incident was reported of poor driving involving one of their vans. This was reported 6 days after the event so although each FMC vehicle has CCTV cameras in the cab the recording is only kept for 24 hours. Nevertheless they interviewed the alleged offender and reminded him of his responsibilities not only to the community but also to their company.

Forestry work – concerns were expressed to them regarding a 2 year work plan to maintain the surrounding woodland. Events have somewhat put all of this on hold not least cost and maintenance will be restricted to damaged, diseased or dangerous trees as identified by Treecraft and the FMC Estates Manager.

Having liaised with FMC for the past 12 months it is evident that they are an extremely professional company and are both eager and proud to maintain that image in a difficult and unpopular but necessary industry. They are eager to live in harmony with the community. It is unfortunate that we have two similar businesses nearby that do not share the same values or disciplines as FMC but nevertheless do have a negative impact on the community and appear to do so with impunity from the District Council or local authority.

Moving forward, we as a community have to accept FMC operate from the Chelsfield site. There are many alternative scenarios and operators that would both be more damaging to our area and far less desirable or considerate to the community. I would therefore, maintain that it is essential that we continue with the regular meetings to foster a working neighbourly relationship albeit at times, a difficult and awkward one. If they feel part of the community, the more they will respect and consider it.

Planning matters (Gordon Plumb) -

We keep a watchful eye on planning applications in Badgers Mount and also those in Halstead which are close to us and may have an effect on our residents. There were 36 applications recorded by SDC in Badgers Mount in the last year, but

half were for approval of details to clear conditions in previously granted applications and a few for revisions to previous approvals and work to trees for which there is no consultation process, so the total for actual building work was only 13 which included two for modifications to telecom masts. Most of actual building applications were for extensions which generally we do not object to, but we have objected to one which would have an impact on a neighbour. Unfortunately the planning officer did not agree and this has just been approved. We have also objected to the proposals submitted for a replacement 5 bedroom house in Milton Avenue because of the impact on neighbours.

Crematoria - Across the road in Halstead, there were three applications for crematoria, some of which were actually started the previous year, all of which SDC refused. The Planning Inspectorate allowed the appeal for the Oak Tree Farm application, but following that decision, the applicants for the proposed Watercrofts Woods Crematorium opposite Badgers Rise, where they already have permission for a chapel and cemetery, have taken out a High Court challenge asking for the appeal decision to be quashed because they were not notified of the appeal which as an objector they should have been and because of their similar application. That hearing is still outstanding. They have recently submitted lawful development certificate applications relating to the approved cemetery.

Fort Halstead - You will also have seen that there has been an outline application for the redevelopment of Fort Halstead with 450 homes, a hotel and commercial units creating nearly 1500 jobs. This is probably the most important application affecting the whole north Sevenoaks area for a long time. We sent in objections to a number of points, including traffic, particularly the proposed junction at the top of Polhill and effect on surrounding roads; lack of good public transport services; lack of a school; and lack of a healthcare facility. How anyone could be expected to digest the whole application, which ran to some 126 documents on the SDC website, and comment in the standard 3 week period is questionable. For example, the Environmental Statement ran to 9 volumes, the first of which was 362 pages. It appears that there are about 250 responses to the application, and more are still being added. 7 documents have been added today including some revised drawings and a 148 page document of computer modelling calculations for various junctions in the area. Last week KCC asked for more time for their responses. I think that this type of application would be more satisfactorily dealt with by means of a Public Inquiry which would probably take a few weeks of hearings, and the Inspector then taking many weeks or more likely months to come to a decision. Those of you who have read today's Sevenoaks Chronicle will have seen that there is a drought of primary school places in the Sevenoaks area with some children not getting in to any of their chosen schools and being allocated a place a long way from their home, yet the Fort Halstead application says that there is capacity available in existing schools.

We also keep a watch on the travellers site beside Knockholt Station, which is actually in Halstead. They recently applied to have conditions relating to temporary permission and use only by the original applicant removed. SDC refused this application and they have now appealed this decision.

The future - Some people have suggested that now that we have our own Parish Council, BMRA will not need to consider planning applications. However, the Parish Council are somewhat constrained on how they can respond to planning applications, whereas BMRA, like residents, can be more emotive in their comments so we will continue to have a role.

A question was asked in relation to planning matters – Is there a committee view of what Fort Halstead should be? It was considered not, the application is for mixed use of retail, leisure, housing etc but it is only an outline application at present.

Entertainment/Events (Zena Belton) – Summary of entertainment and other events held so far. Limited attendance at these to date but hopefully this will improve with word of mouth from those who do attend and advertising. Zena talked of her 3 year plan with something happening every month. Still to come – safari suppers, cheese & wine evening plus lots more. Harold Gouvier was congratulated on being the only resident to attend ALL events!

Zena also indicated that the BMRA will be resurrecting the welcome pack for new residents. Residents were asked to consider joining a small working group for this, new residents were particularly welcomed.

5. PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS, TREASURER'S REPORT & APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR – Gordon Plumb reported as follows:

I hope you have had a look at the account sheet. You will see that the amount of subscriptions received was almost the same as last year, although from a few more houses. Unfortunately some people are not in when we call, so we have to go back a number of times. After 3 or 4 attempts, we usually give up!! You will also see that we had some donations this year. They were from a few residents who had notes when committee members called for subscriptions, and they didn't want to take the change.

Last year we received a grant from KCC which was not fully spent but they agreed that we could put the balance towards the celebratory refreshments for last years 50th AGM, otherwise we would have had to return the surplus. We received a grant of £150 from Shoreham Parish Council towards the costs incurred, principally for meetings, associated with preparing for the new Parish Council.

Admin costs were slightly higher and copying costs were considerably lower, but this depends mainly on timing of obtaining new cartridges for the printer. Last year only one set had to be purchased but the previous year two. At £60 to £70 a set you can see why there are considerable variations. The three social events each made a small profit – they are not intended as fundraisers. The committee decided that it was not necessary to purchase the insurance cover this year, but the question of whether we should have Public Liability insurance cover for the social events will be kept under review. Overall, another successful year.

No questions were raised but mention was made of whether public liability insurance should be taken out in relation to the entertainment/other events that take place now.

There being no further comments Adrienne Dunlop proposed, Harold Gouvier seconded and all those present unanimously agreed that the accounts be agreed as prepared.

Auditor – John Grint has been our auditor for the last 11 years and said last year that he wanted to stand down after doing this years accounts. I would like to thank John for doing this for us. John has got nowhere near our previous auditor, Mick Cash, who did it for 28 years. I tried twisting John's arm to continue, but fortunately, in his place, Sue Wyatt has agreed to take on the role of auditor, unless anyone else has a desperate urge to do so in which case we will have to have a vote. There being no other volunteers, Noel Wills proposed, Nicola Walker seconded and all those present unanimously agreed that Sue Wyatt be appointed.

6. Two Proposals received from the outgoing committee as follows:

“FIGHTING FUND - In the light of FM Conway Limited's intentions to further develop their site it is proposed that the existing ring fenced Fighting Fund be retained and furthermore continues to be administered solely for its intended purpose of resisting the unacceptable development of the old ammunition depot. Furthermore the necessity for the ongoing retention of the said Fund should be reconfirmed or otherwise, at each subsequent AGM.”

No objection to the proposal but the following comments made:

- (a) Mary Bliss asked if the fund could become a general one to guard against unwelcome development across the whole of the community not just FMC.
- (b) Tracey McCartney said the BMRA would need to consult with all those who paid into the fund as this was created specifically for FM Conway matters.
- (c) Dave Woledge said this would need to be taken forward as the proposal stands and then refer back to the committee for further consideration.
- (d) Trevor Simmons said that it would be appropriate for a decision to be made on Mary Bliss's suggestion at the AGM as this was against the remit for which the money was originally donated.

- (e) Sue Wyatt indicated that when/if FMC matters are concluded we should take a vote with those who paid in to see if they would be prepared to accept Mary Bliss's suggestion.
- (f) Noel Wills indicated that it is not inconceivable that someone like Polhill could decide to sell out to another company in the future and a fund would be needed to fight that so how would that be funded? Dave Woledge responded that there would have to be an EGM to establish that if it ever happened.
- (g) John Grint asked if any of the existing contributors have asked for the return of their donation. Dave Woledge replied yes, Halstead PC but their contribution was solely towards the legal expenses and was used for that purpose.

The Committee was the Proposer and seconder to this proposal and all those present agreed unanimously that it should be carried.

AMENDMENT TO THE BMRA CONSTITUTION – Currently, under the Management section, the Constitution reads “The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of four ordinary members, all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for 12 months.

“The Committee shall elect from within their number a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. No committee member shall fill more than one position. The committee shall make and carry out decisions in accordance with the objectives of the Association”

It is proposed that this be amended by removal of paragraph 2 above to remove the conflicting information contained in this section.

No comments received, the committee was proposer and seconder to this proposal. All those present unanimously agreed that it should be carried.

7. APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE:

- (1) Chairperson (2) Vice-Chair (3) Secretary (4) Treasurer and minimum of 4 members.

Dave Woledge announced Tracey McCartney, Nicola Walker and John Ralston would not be re-standing for the BMRA Committee. Thanks were given to them for their involvement.

The following were voted in en-bloc:

Dave Woledge –Chairman
Alistair Dunlop- Vice-Chairman.
Gordon Plumb – Treasurer.

All proposed by Maureen Simmons, seconded by Roger King and those present agreed unanimously that they should be elected.

Christine Donovan volunteered to stand as the Secretary for the BMRA. Adrienne Dunlop proposed, Trevor Simmons seconded and all those present unanimously agreed that she should be elected.

The following committee members were voted on en-bloc:

Brian Marston, Trevor Simmons, Zena Belton, Eric Raven and Adrienne Dunlop. Eileen Woledge proposed, Dianne Wills seconded and all those present unanimously agreed that they should be elected.

Will Withecombe volunteered to join the committee. Zena Belton proposed, Diana King seconded and all those present unanimously agreed that he should be elected.

Mary Bliss mentioned that Christiane Ohland is interested in joining the committee. It was suggested that she should be invited to a committee meeting and thereafter be co-opted if she still wishes to do this.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Neighbourhood Watch – Trevor Simmons spoke on the intended resurrection of the NHW. The following agreed to be a part of the NHW committee – Richard King, Adrienne Dunlop, Tina Bennett, Naomi Marston, Val Lucas, Avril King, Trevor Simmons, Peter Ioannou & Noel Wills.

Richard King said the role of an NHW representative is a role that should be undertaken by everyone in the community for example, looking after neighbours and the general community.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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