

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BARFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BRA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Scout Hut, Barford on Wednesday 10th May 2017

Chairman, welcomed everyone and advised on Fire exits etc. Attendees Appendix 1.

Apologies . Ian Richardson, Jane Scott, Agathe Barwinskyj, Wendy Barlow.

Minutes of the BRA AGM held on 6th July 2016 were agreed.

Summary of BRA activity 2016-2017 - made by Rod Scott Appendix 2.

Presentation of accounts was given by Mike Hooper, Treasurer. Appendix 3.

It was noted that although the Account dedicated to BRASAG had £2879 at year end (March 31st) this had increased to just over £10,000 at the date of the AGM

It was requested that the bank account details be publicised so that donations to the BRASAG fund could be made. It was agreed that these would be placed on the web-site. It was noted that the BRA Account had £27 which meant that BRA could only operate through the web-site and e-mails. As donations to BRASAG were made specifically for expenses incurred in fighting the Sand and Gravel transfer of money between the accounts was not available. BRA had made several applications for funds to BCC but these had not been successful.

Amendment to Constitution . A proposal was made to amend clause 3 to remove the requirement that members had to be Residents of Barford. This was proposed as a non-resident had offered to be Treasurer in the next year and it was possible that this was not allowed by the Constitution. It was argued that, as the Constitution allowed additional committee members to be co-opted, this was not necessary.

After some discussion a proposal to leave the Constitution unchanged was made by Mark Griffin, seconded by Bill Worrall and carried almost unanimously.

During the discussion it was noted that all Residents are not automatically members of BRA and it is necessary to elect to join . either via a meeting or through the web-site.

Election of Committee for 2017-18. Ingrid Oliver and Mike Hooper are not standing again although Mike will continue to administer the web-site. Rod thanked them for the several years of service to keep BRA active. Sue Machado has left the village.

Ed Kirkby, Ian Richardson and Rod Scott are prepared to stand for next year and were duly elected. No further residents were put forward although Stephanie Steel (non Resident) was prepared to be co-opted after the meeting.

Sand and Gravel Update, Stephanie Steel and Allan Murdoch outlined the work already completed and proposals for the next few months. It was expected that both sites 4 and 5 would be included in the Plan when presented to the new County Council later this year. This would then be opposed and would entail significant expense in Reports, Expert witnesses and Barristers. If that was unsuccessful and the sites are included in the final plan then further expense will be incurred when the individual Planning Applications for each site are made. Budget figure for Fund raising is £35,000 - £40,000.

Bremridge Update, Chris Morrow advised the meeting that Highways had made a very detailed criticism of the planning application and required several changes and practical demonstrations to confirm that emergency access was possible as proposed. There were also areas where the carriageway was not wide enough for HGVs to pass and at the entrance from Wellesbourne Road sight lines were poor and this might entail cars being required to reverse back on to the main road to let HGVs exit..

Note

After the meeting Clair Kime and Ellie Lees offered to serve on the committee