

Bowerhill Residents Action Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 March 2017

At Bowerhill Village Hall from 7.30pm

Present

Mike Mills	Pauline Helps	Jenny Butcher
Dale Robinson	Graham Butcher	Marilyn Mills
John Simmons	Roy While	

1. Apologies

John Glover	Liz Harrison	Rolf Brindle
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<p>2. Minutes last meeting 10 January 2017 Minutes of last meeting were accepted as a true record</p>	
<p>3. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Planting laurel trees on Hornchurch green LH has the trees and it was arranged that we would meet at Hornchurch green on Saturday 18 March, weather permitting, to plant them. If wet, it will be postponed until 25th.</p> <p>b) Replacement wheelchair sign at the picnic area JB has done this.</p> <p>c) Tesco / Waitrose sponsorship Tesco – We have received £1000 from their bags fund that will go towards the picnic area notice board. Waitrose – Nothing has been heard about our application so we assume we were not successful.</p> <p>d) Noticeboard at picnic area The balance of £390.80 has been received from the Area Board. As all funding has been received the notice board has been ordered and MM said that it is nearly ready for delivery. Once fitted, MM will write to Tesco and Area Board with confirmation as to what the money was used for.</p> <p>e) Clearing brambles, tree suckers next to Halifax Road PH clarified that this concerns the brambles next to the path towards Superior. MM will chase this up, as well as chasing up about the overgrown area near the bus stop by The Pilot.</p> <p>f) Picnic area to be entered into SW in Bloom competition MM has done this.</p> <p>g) Have objectives for “f” been compiled This has been done.</p> <p>h) Great British Spring Clean Twelve residents turned up and collected 8 bags of litter that Wilts CC removed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LH/All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MM</p>

<p>i) Has Bowerhill been entered in Best Kept Village competition MM is completing the long application form and will submit it in a couple of weeks.</p>	MM
<p>j) Trees planted on Brabazon behind Duxford Close need attention This is still to be done.</p>	All
<p>k) Cars from Industrial estate parking on Halifax Road Only a few cars now appear to be parking here.</p>	
<p>l) Funding for circular path on Hornchurch green Nothing yet has been heard about this. MM said that a formal agreement from Wilts CC who owns the land is needed before anything can be done. MM said his daughter who works for Wilts CC will find out who to chase. RW said if he is told who it is he will chase it. It was suggested a running club may want to help sponsor the work.</p>	MM/RW
<p>4. Correspondence Nothing has been received</p>	
<p>5. Working party plans for the next 2 months MM has received 8/9 packs of wild flower seeds from the Canal Trust. These will be scattered / planted at the picnic area. JS has a buddleia for the picnic area and his wife will take it to JB. PH said she may have some montbretia.</p> <p>The CCTV camera has to be installed and a notice displayed.</p> <p>The lecterns need renovating. It was discussed how to obtain a sander, MM will look into it.</p> <p>After clearing the ditch side of the cycle path there are a lot of brambles, etc. We will meet next Tuesday 21st at 10.00am, weather permitting, to have a bonfire. Bring protective glasses, gloves, rakes, secateurs, etc.</p> <p>The area around the bin is very muddy. MM & DR have spare paving slabs that can be put down.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>All</p> <p>MM/DR</p>
<p>6. Treasurer's report The £1000 from Tesco and £390.80 from the Area Board has been deposited and the balance is £1692.93. When the £1390.80 for the notice board is paid then the balance will be £302.13. The application for a Parish Council (PC) grant will be heard after the local elections in May instead of March as normal. JB thinks the insurance gets paid in July so there should not be a problem. If funds get short JB is to contact MM who will liaise with the PC for a loan.</p>	
<p>7. Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Without South report Roy While said that the Council budget was the main topic at Wiltshire CC. The figures include £200m in savings and money from government grants. (These grants are being phased out so the councils are self-sufficient by 2020.) Extra money is being put into Care of the Elderly, and there will be no drastic cuts to services.</p>	

<p>Locally there had been an application to have a beauty parlour in an annex at Brampton Court. RW said this would have been allowed if the hours were less than 25 per week. The application has been withdrawn.</p>	
<p>8. MWOPC Report</p> <p>MM said that a planning application for a Private members club has been received for the property where Bedland was. It would be open from 12.30 on Fridays to 4.40am on Sunday. The car park would be at the back. MM is concerned about noise for the houses that are planned for that area. RW has spoken to the Planning Officer about this, and will “call it in”.</p> <p>The Kestrel Court play area is nearly finished. There is a bin missing that was lost when the railings were renewed. Teresa Strange is chasing this up.</p> <p>There is no decision yet about the Hornchurch play area. The PC is going to take a proactive approach and write to Persimmon to ask if the PC can take over the play area. If granted, then money from the solar farm fund can be used to upgrade the site and deal with the waterlogging in the area.</p> <p>There are PC elections in May and the ward boundaries have changed. There will be 6 councillors representing Bowerhill.</p> <p>Currently there is only outline permission for houses either side of Pathfinder Way. Now that a drainage survey taken place then a full application can be submitted. As well as the primary school an Early Years nursery is planned.</p>	
<p>9. Preparation for AGM on Wednesday 10 May 2017</p> <p>MM & JB will compile reports; MM will advertise the AGM in the Villager; JB & PH will provide refreshments.</p>	
<p>10. Other issues</p> <p>DR asked if we could find out if the “Young Offenders” could again clear the edges of the cycle path.</p> <p>GB asked about bowling facilities at the campus. RW said the campus was only going to reserve land for the bowling club. GB said he had been told that the bowling club has to raise £800k to build the facilities which was unobtainable.</p>	
<p>11. Dates for 2017 meetings</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> 10 May 2017 at 7.30 in Main Hall at Bowerhill Village Hall. (AGM)</p> <p>Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall.</p> <p>Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Other dates for your diary</p> <p>Saturday 18 March – Planting trees on Hornchurch Green. Meet there at 10.00am.</p> <p>Tuesday 21 March – Clearing undergrowth and bonfire at picnic area. Meet there from 10.00am.</p>	

