

Bowerhill Residents Action Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2016

At Bowerhill Village Hall from 8.00 to 8.30pm

(this was a short meeting as it coincided with the Neighbourhood Plan consultation)

Present

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| Mike Mills | Pauline Helps | Jenny Butcher |
| Dale Robinson | Rolf Brindle | Graham Butcher |
| Graham Howe | Marilyn Mills | John Simmons |

1. Apologies

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| Mike Sankey | Liz Harrison | |
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| <p>2. Minutes last meeting 20 September 2016 Minutes of last meeting were accepted as a true record</p> | |
| <p>3. Matters arising</p> <p>a) Planting trees to counteract water-logging on Hornchurch green This was done as planned. LH will shortly have some laurel trees to plant in the same area. This will be done when received.</p> <p>b) Result of our entry into Southwest in Bloom We received the top award of “Outstanding” that needed more than 80/100 points. MM read out the comments received. They also said that the area as it was required ongoing maintenance and suggested more sustainable and sympathetic planting for the future. The picnic area results were rolled over into the Melksham results and a Silver gilt award was given. The comments for this award included praise for the planted hedge by the cycle path and the Bowerhill picnic area. MM said he would enter us again next year and we should plan objectives to achieve before the judging next July.</p> <p>c) Litter picking at Tesco This was done, but by the following day there was yet more rubbish. This will have to be a regular job to plan to do.</p> <p>d) Wheelchair signs at picnic area These were put in but one was vandalised shortly after. JB will buy another to replace it.</p> <p>e) Any donation from Tesco's plastic bag fund? Our request is “in the system” and we are awaiting a result. The Village Hall has received sponsorship from Waitrose, so JB will put in an application for BRAG.</p> <p>f) Planning application for houses at Pathfinder Way Despite all objections this went through. 213 houses were approved plus land and money towards a school and an early years nursery. Also additional land will be reserved for possible school expansion. If the additional land for expansion is not needed then this will revert to houses which will take the total number of houses here to 235.</p> | <p>LH/MM/PH</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> |

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| <p>Melksham Oak school is planning to expand for the expected increase in demand from all the new houses being built around Melksham.</p> | |
| <p>4. Correspondence MM has written to Melksham Rotary Club as they are offering grants to local organisations. If we are successful the money will be used for a replacement Notice Board for the picnic area. MM has been looking into what would be suitable.</p> | <p>MM</p> |
| <p>5. Working party plans for the next 2 months Fly-tipping opposite Cheshire Close has been reported to Wilts CC. We are trying to get the brambles removed and trees trimmed alongside Halifax Road. MM has reported these issues to Teresa as these issues were reported 3 months ago but nothing has been done. Early next year the hedge alongside the cycle path will have to be cut back.</p> | <p>MM</p> |
| <p>6. Treasurer's report The balance is now £572.74. Since last time payments have been made for Village Hall rent, bird food, the wheelchair signs and money to Dave for petrol etc. for his strimmer. JB is awaiting the bill for £175 for fixing the new bench at the picnic area.</p> | |
| <p>7. Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Without South report Roy While was not present to give a report.</p> | |
| <p>8. MWOPC Report MM said that there are strong rumours that there may be housing from Melksham Oak to Redstocks, also there were rumours about future possible housing between Brabazon Way and the canal.</p> | |
| <p>9. Other issues</p> | |
| <p>10. Dates for next meetings Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall. Tuesday 14 March 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall. <u>Wednesday</u> 10 May 2017 at 7.30 in Main Hall at Bowerhill Village Hall. (AGM) Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall. Tuesday 12 September 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall. Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 7.30 in Meeting Room 2 at Bowerhill Village Hall.</p> | |