

BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Heslington Church on Friday 10th February 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present: Harry Telfer (Chairman), Brian Blanchard (Treasurer), Alan Richards (Secretary), Malcolm Dewhirst (BH West), Catherine Odell (BH South), Jon Edison (BH East) Cllr. Neil Barnes, Cllr. David Levene, Hilary Shepherd and 36 Residents.

Apologies: none

- 1. The Chairman welcomed** everyone and thanked them for turning out on yet another wet night
- 2. The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2016** were displayed, taken as read and adopted.
- 3. Election of Committee for 2017-2018: Malcolm Dewhirst** stepped down. Harry Telfer thanked him for his hard work. We had no volunteers for a BH West representative. Everyone else expressed their willingness to remain in office for a further year. Therefore, following a proposal by the Secretary, it was agreed by a show of hands that the other committee members should be re-elected.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Brian Blanchard reported on the financial position of the Group. An Annual Receipts and Payments Account had been produced that had been examined independently and a copy was available for inspection by residents. The Opening balance was £1193.63. The current balance is £1063.62.

The Treasurer re-iterated what he said at last year's AGM that whilst the group had a healthy bank balance, it may be necessary in the future to incur costs for professional advice. He, therefore, requested residents to continue to show their generosity by making further donations on leaving the meeting.

- 5. Review:** Harry Telfer gave a summary of the main events and issues which the committee had been involved with during the year:-
 - a) HMO applications**

we opposed 3 applications which were all rejected. Some Council Officers are still confused about the '10% limit', thinking it applies to the street, not the surrounding area
 - b) parking**

there are several cars parked on the West side of the Estate most working days ([Zone 8?](#)). There is damage to grass verges. A resident could organise a petition requesting review and a parking scheme for this area, but there would be knock on effects for their friends.
 - c) Local Plan**
 - work has started on retail outlets and a Medical Centre on a 65 hectares site that was originally deemed part of the buffer area. The CYC Plan Ref is 15/00049/FULM.
 - still no news re. the Persimmon development of the land at Hull Road
 - the JS/B&Q development is cancelled, as JS can not get 24 hr delivery permits
- 6. Links with Langwith College:** we have not found a project to get the College more involved in local life; they still work with Tang Hall Centre on kids' activities each Sunday afternoon

7. **2017 onwards:** Harry promised we would monitor the Local Plan issues and a recent proposal to change car access to the new campus.

We believe the Group is now ready to move on to the “next phase” of activity, maybe looking at ways to improve the Estate. Ideas were:

- Litter Picking
- improvements to the field. eg a pathway and some wild flowers.
- dog park as part of the field
- better children’s play park, money possibly available
- repairs / for seats on the field

Other concerns: parking by schools; state of grass verges; bushes growing over footpaths

8. Questions for Ward Councillors:

the following were discussed:-

Finances - budgets are reduced but Councillors have their own small local budgets

Problem Reporting - the council are considering moving to one problem reporting phone number

HMOs - our Councillors are behind moves twds a compulsory Licensing Scheme

Bins - some residents were keen on larger, stronger recycling and grey bins

state of ground near the Post Box

overgrown - footpaths

9. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at around 8.55pm. Several people stayed for tea/coffee