

BRAMCOTE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2017

At 7.30pm at Grangewood Methodist Church

1 Present: 28 attended the meeting: see separate list at end of minutes.

Apologies: Ann Hart, Elaine Morris, Mick Bellamy, Margaret Jones, Tom Hartman

2 Minutes of the AGM Wed 17th Feb 2016 were circulated at the meeting.

Ron Jones queried the inclusion of email addresses on the minutes. It was agreed that these would be removed before being circulated.

Sheena Powell proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Ian Radmore. There were no objections.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 Chairman's Report: Steve Austin, Chair, welcomed those attending to the meeting. His prepared report was circulated at the meeting. He commented on the following points:

- a) The Association was founded to oppose the building of the former RoseGrower pub. Its origins are therefore based in political activity with regards to planning. Also, that he does not express personal opinions as chair, but focusses on following the issues.
- b) The Hemlock Happening 2017: the Association will offer the same amount of financial support as last year.
- c) Events: participation in events is reducing. A priority for the committee will be to look at what we can do about this, and try to encourage younger members onto the committee in order to influence what is planned.
- d) The Committee met on the prescribed four occasions with an extra meeting to formally constitute a Planning Sub-committee shortly after the AGM.

Thanks to:

The Committee, for their support and advice: Richard Willan, Treasurer, Alison Wilson, Secretary. Sheena (and Kevin) Powell, thanked for maintaining the subscription and newsletter distributors network, the play scheme, and the Annual Dinner. In this they are helped by Doris Bannister. Di Nicholas and Dink Archer, thanked for producing the newsletter. Elaine Morris thanked for running and developing the Care Group: Paul Nathanail for chairing the Planning Sub-committee, and Ann Hart and Ian Radmore for their time and wise counsel. Thanks also to the Editors of Bramcote Today for publishing our activities.

Sheena was singled out for special thanks this year, in recognition of her 30 years of running the playscheme, and she was presented with a plant pot planted with spring bulbs. She has said this summer will be her last one running it.

4 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts:

Compiled by Richard Willan and examined by Simon Browning, who has kindly agreed to examine the accounts for next year. The accounts were circulated and RW outlined the key points. This year, overall, there has been no reduction in membership, and the Association still represents over 60% of the households in the area. There was some discussion about the balance of funds held, and both the historical and current factors were outlined.

Alan Willis proposed that the accounts be accepted, and this was seconded by Ian Radmore. There were no objections.

5 Elections of Officers and the Committee:

- Chair: Steve Austin.
- Secretary: Alison Wilson
- Treasurer: Richard Willan
- Committee: Current members are: - Dink Archer, Doris Bannister, Ann Hart, Elaine Morris, Paul Nathanail, Di Nicholas, Sheena Powell, Ian Radmore, John Spencer, Alan Willis and Geoff Ward.

All were willing to continue and it was put proposed they were accepted on block. Proposed by Ron Jones. Seconded by Mike Johnson. There were no objections. The Committee was duly re-elected.

A general invitation for new members to join the committee was made to the meeting.

6 Reports from Affiliated Sections 2016 -17

The following reports were available at the meeting. Time was given in the meeting for the reports to be read, and for questions to be asked about the reports. A copy of the reports is attached at the end of the minutes.

One resident commented that it would be helpful if the reports could have been circulated in advance. The chair responded that looking at a digital strategy would be one of the focuses of the work of the committee this coming year.

One resident commended the work done by Mike Johnson and Ian Radmore of BHOSPG, in terms of keeping people aware of issues. The chair pointed out that the views of the group were not necessarily shared by everyone.

Neighbourhood Watch.
Friends of Bramcote Ridge.
Summer Playscheme:
Orchard Theatre Company
NWR
Wine Tasting Groups 1 & 2
Bramcote Care Group
Bramcote Hills Open Space Protection Group (BHOSPG)
Bramcote Badminton Club
Bramcote Cricket Club
Bramcote Netball Club.
Bramcote Archery Club

7 Questions

There were no questions raised on the reports.

8 Proposal to revise the Constitution

Reasons for the proposal outlined by the chair: need to update it to reflect the work of the committee, as certain parts were out of date.

There was much discussion of very detailed points.

There was concern expressed that there should have been more notice of the item on the agenda (some residents had not had their newsletter delivered in the required timescale), and the view also expressed that residents needed time to consider the proposed changes before they are brought to the AGM for approval. The chair and secretary agreed that a mechanism for ensuring this happens will be worked out by the committee, ready for next year.

The proposal: that notice of proposed constitutional changes should be given in every newsletter, and that is the responsibility of residents to contact the chair for their own copy of these proposed changes. This was proposed by Jan Jones, and seconded by Ian Radmore.

9 White Hills Park Federation School Rebuilding Plans (SA)

SA outlined the background to this additional agenda item, referring to proposals to take land out of the Green Belt that will affect the school, playing fields, Bramcote Hills Park and the Coventry Lane park. The need for a new school has been widely publicised, and is generally accepted, and the fact that the funding would need to be met from sale of land for housing. SA raised the question: 'is the community getting a good deal out of the proposals that have been made known, and what could it get out of them?' Comments from the floor included: the open space is valued by everyone; need to allocate land to rebuild the Leisure Centre: will need a buffer between the 2 estates (Bramcote Moor and the new one); role of consultants working with/for the school on the proposals for the schools. SA proposed that the meeting vote on the following statement: "Bramcote Hills Community Association expects to see social benefits from the White Hills Park Federation school development plans and the development of publicly owned land. In particular this would include use by the community of the school facilities outside school hours, and the rebuilding of the leisure centre."

This was proposed by Steve Austin, and seconded by Mike Johnson. The vote was carried, with no opposition and no abstentions.

10 Guest speaker: Paul Nathanail 'Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum Update'

Paul reviewed the steps taken since last year, and summarised the situation as it is today. The Forum was set up in May and formally recognised in July 2016. It has held community engagement workshops and had stands at the Hemlock Happening and various school fayres last summer.

He talked about the impact the government's Housing White Paper would have on future planning actions. This was followed by a summary of the challenges facing the area, and the role of the Forum in meeting some of these challenges. Notably the emerging Borough Council local plan part 2 looks like it will seek to allocate land in Bramcote for several hundred dwellings on land that is currently green belt and the protection from further development on land currently within the green belt are not as strong as they could be.

The Chair then thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

The next committee meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 11 Sandringham Drive, at 7.30pm.

Minutes taken by Alison Wilson

Secretary BHCA

Attendance at BHCA Annual General Meeting

Wednesday February 17th 2017

	Name	Address
	Sheena Powell	12 Rivergreen Crescent
	Doris Bannister	78 Burnside Drive
	Michael Bannister	78 Burnside Drive
	Ian Radmore	104 Balmoral Drive
	Pam Grayley	5 Eastcote Ave
	Jan Jones	27 Wembley Gardens
	Diana Nicholas	25 Eastcote Ave
	Richard Willan	50 Burnside Drive
	M Johnson	19 Gateford Close
10	Richard Phipps	28 Arundel Drive
	Laurie Mason	78 Moor Lane
	Jenny ? Galton	16 Chesham Drive
	Alan Willis	34 Rivergreen Crescent
	Peter Lyons	7 Thoresby Road
	Ron Jones	70 Arundel Drive
	Pat Clarke	115 Arundel Drive
	Brian Clarke	115 Arundel Drive
	Andy Holbrook	14 Denewood Ave
	Martin Plackett	3 Gateford Close
20	Geoff Ward	26 Pimlico Ave
	Pat Ratcliffe	?? Moor Lane
	Paul Nathanail	86 Moor Lane
	Judith Hale	42 Moor Lane
	Ken Richardson	71 Moor Lane
	Anne Richardson	71 Moor Lane
	Steve Austin	18 Wembley Gardens
27	Alison Wilson	11 Sandringham Drive