



Registered Charity Number 1070462

Annual General Meeting of Better Braybrooke on Tuesday, 7th June 2011

Present: Caroline Kempster, Godfrey Daniel, Dominic Sabetian, Trevor Goodwin, Jocelyn Tilbrook, Robin & Lin Holmes, Peter & Marion Messett, Terry Elkington, and Graham Crane

Apologies: Kevin & Paula Quickfall, Judy Cubison, Laretta Okagbue, Claire Mercer and Barry Lovell

1. Welcome

Following the Police Panel Caroline welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Everyone then introduced themselves

2. Confirmation of minutes for last AGM

The minutes from the last year's AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2011

Caroline went through the annual report which is included in Annex 1. Caroline announced she would be standing down as Chair after 12 years and there was a presentation to thank her for all her hard work.

A number of actions were agreed including:

Action 1: Caroline agreed to help with the following:

- Meet with Graham to resolve the locking of the park
- Meet with Graham and Peter to review the membership list.

Action 2: Graham would add the following items to committee meeting agendas

- Consider putting up a sign in the Pocket Park to discourage Anti-Social Behaviour
- Plan future events in the Pocket Park

5. Treasurer's Report

Trevor handed out details of the accounts and took us through them. He said they had been independently audited. Godfrey proposed vote of thanks for Trevor's excellent work on the accounts

6. Election of Officers

All those nominated were elected unanimously:

Chair:	Peter Messett:
Vice Chair:	Lin Holmes
Treasurer:	Trevor Goodwin
Secretary:	Graham Crane

7. Election of Committee Members:

Cllr Godfrey Daniel (ex-officio)
Cllr Dominic Sabetian (ex-officio)

8. Committee Co-options for Special Knowledge, etc

Jocelyn Tilbrook agreed to provide HBC support

9. Appointment of appropriate person to certify accounts

HVA were reappointed as auditors

10. Any other business

- i) Caroline mentioned the St Helens Woods Summer Fair would be held on 25th June at the barbeque site. All are welcome.
- ii) Progress on Area Management Board funded items
 - Naming the twittens between Baldslow Road and Elphinstone Road, and Lower Park Road and Amherst Road would be going through shortly.
 - The Grit Bins were agreed by ESCC, but would probably not be delivered until the winter
- iii) It was suggested we put up community notice boards so this would be added to the committee meeting agenda.
- iv) Hastings Borough Council was selling off various bits of land and anyone interested should look in the Observer

After the official business of the meeting Jocelyn Tilbrook gave a very interesting talk on her work at Hastings Borough Council and some statistics for Braybrooke, for which everyone thanked her. If you are interested in the stats please see <http://www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk/webview/welcome.html> . We then held the raffle.

11. Future General Meetings:

Tuesdays @ 19:30 in Sherwood House: 13th September & 13th December 2009 would follow the Police Panel at 19:00

Annex 1

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2010-2011

Dear Friends,

Moving into a second decade of chairing Better Braybrooke, this is my 12th Annual Report and for me, I regret the last one. I feel that, with all my other commitments, it is time to pass on the baton!

During the last year our General Meetings have featured the following guest speakers: Peter Driver on Allotments, Barry Lovell (Environmental Community Officer) on his role, Angela Davis of the Hastings Pier & White Rock Trust on the history and future of our pier and the Firefighters from Red Watch (East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service). I'd like to thank all those who have contributed and informed our discussions over the year.

We are pleased with the support given to us by the Police and would like to thank PC Vicky Sykes and PCSO Rob Spears, in particular. Our General Meetings now commence with the Police Neighbourhood Panel discussing local crime and disorder issues. This innovation has been very successful, and we are pleased that it has ensured better communication between Braybrooke residents and the police. The police 'street meetings' continue to be welcomed by local residents.

Turning to The Pocket:

We were successful in our application for an "Awards for grant, for nearly £8000, from Big Lottery Fund to improve raise the profile of the Pocket This enabled us to hold a of August events: "Play in the Pocket Park". The events included family play sessions, storytelling and face painting,



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vegetable growing workshop, tai chi, street dance and finished with a "Wellbeing Day" celebration which was opened by the Mayor. We have used the data from the feedback forms from these events to help to encourage new membership. Some of the money has been used to provide benches and games painted on the ground. The recent "Give and Take Day" was arranged to help local people reduce landfill waste, clear out their clutter and hopefully find a treasure! We also provided a couple of skips to help to tidy up the locality. Again this year the Probation 'Payback' has helped to tidy the Pocket with support from our friendly Environmental Enforcement Officer, Barry Lovell. Our fruitful relationship with the Probation Service will help to maintain the Pocket in the future.

A significant enhancement that has happened in Braybrooke, thanks to our Councillors working closely with residents, are the road calming improvements in Mount Pleasant Road, which make the area much safer and should help to reduce accidents.

On behalf of Better Braybrooke, Graham Crane and I are members of the Central Area Management Board (AMB). These meetings involve community representatives from Braybrooke, Castle, Silverhill & St Helens meeting with service providers eg Primary Care Trust, East Sussex County Council, Hastings Borough Council, and Sussex Police. Graham Crane (congratulations!) has been elected as the AMB's Vice-Chair. Thanks to the AMB, and in particular, Jocelyn Tilbrook (our Neighbourhood Co-ordinator) have been given finance to help us acquire two grit bins and to name two twittens.



Graham has been assiduous in improving our website: www.betterbraybrooke.org.uk has again contributed to the Hastings Borough Council Corporate Plan. He has, as a Community Champion, managed to get some funding for us from BT. Trevor has, as always, produced the most magnificent accounts and always helps us to focus on the thorny issues we have to deal with. All the Committee deserve my thanks and certainly our discussions are good humoured and fruitful!

A big thank you to all those who have brought raffle prizes to our meetings – they've really helped to keep us in funds. Thanks are due to "Trinity Wholefoods" for ensuring the hospitality at meetings is always of a superb quality! We are also grateful to the residents of Sherwood House, but above all to Molly Hills – without whom none of us would get in to the meetings – but sadly is retiring from that role!

We have retained our ENTRUST Environmental Body Status and have complied with the obligations of our charitable status.

Lastly, a reminder of our forthcoming General Meeting Dates rest of the year! All our General meetings start at 7.00pm, with the half hour dedicated to the Police Neighbourhood Panel:



General Meetings

Tuesday, 13 September 2011

Tuesday, 13 December 2011

A final word – or two! I have so enjoyed helping to improve our neighbourhood in my role as the Chair of Better Braybrooke. I may not be your Chair, but as a proud resident of Braybrooke, I will continue to take a keen interest in all that happens in our lovely area!

Caroline Kempster
Chair - Better Braybrooke

6 May 2011