



Registered Charity Number 1070462

**Annual General Meeting of Better Braybrooke on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Present:** Caroline Kempster, Godfrey Daniel, Trevor Goodwin, Nigel & Helen Gossling, Lauretta Okagbue, Jocelyn Tilbrook, Robin & Lin Holmes, Sonya Shah, Peter & Marion Messett, Terry Elkington, Peter Driver and Graham Crane

**Apologies:** Dominic Sabetian, Kevin & Paula Quickfall, and Judy Cubison

**1. Welcome**

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**

Godfrey reported that since last year the Mount Pleasant traffic calming scheme, road crossings, etc was nearly complete with just the work on the surface treatment to be finished.

**4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2009-2010**

Caroline went through the annual report which is included in Annex 1.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Trevor handed out details of the accounts and took us through them. He said they had been independently audited.

**6. Election of Officers**

All those nominated were elected unanimously:

Chair:	Caroline Kempster:
Vice Chair:	Peter Messett
Treasurer:	Trevor Goodwin
Secretary:	Graham Crane

**7. Election of Committee Members:**

Lauretta Okagbue  
Lin Holmes  
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) St Helen's Woods is holding its 50 years celebration on 19<sup>th</sup> June. It will be from 14:00 to 20:00 at the barbeque site. All are welcome.
- ii) Parking was a problem in the Quarry Road area as all the surrounding areas did not have enough parking or had restricted parking.
- iii) There was a police street meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June at Source in Braybrooke Terrace
- iv) The planning application for the old Hollingsworth site in Braybrooke Road had been turned down on appeal.
- v) Japanese knotweed was a problem that had to be notified to the council environment department
- vi) The twitten between Baldslow Road and Elphinstone Road was becoming increasingly overgrown and plagued by dog mess

After the official business of the meeting Peter Driver gave a very interesting talk on allotments, for which everyone thanked him, and we held the raffle.

## **11. Future General Meetings:**

Tuesdays @ 19:30 in Sherwood House: 14<sup>th</sup> September & 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 would follow the Police Panel at 19:00.

## Annex 1

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2009-2010

Dear Friends

Moving into a second decade of chairing Better Braybrooke, this is my 11th Annual Report!

During the last year our General Meetings have featured the following guest speakers: Nick Hennessey (Park Ranger, Hastings Borough Council) on Events in Alexandra Park, PC Vicky Sykes on Local Crime Statistics and policing intentions for Braybrooke. Isla Dowds & Melanie Kirkham (PCT) on the new Station Plaza Health Centre, Sarah Palmer & Pauline Hamilton on Station Plaza Art Projects. 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 Sonya Shah, in particular. We have agreed that our General Meetings will commence with the Police Neighbourhood Panel discussing local crime and disorder issues. The first such meeting was very successful, and we are sure that this helps to bring a wider representation to these community police meetings. The police 'street meetings' have certainly been welcomed by local residents.

Turning to The Pocket: thanks to Godfrey and Trevor, we recovered the sign and replaced it on the flank entrance wall. Thanks are due to Shelley and Angie for helping to open and close the gates. We obtained a small grant from Hastings Borough Council/HVA for repair and maintenance of the Pocket. We worked with the Probation 'Payback' Team and with support from a neighbouring resident, restored the damaged walls, improved safety measures by painting white lines on steps, cleared rubbish, weeded, laid geotextile and mulched the flower beds. This has created a tidy and more welcoming and I am now an expert on port-a-loos! We gained very positive publicity with Jocelyn Tilbrook's help; in the Council's 'About' magazine, the Hastings Observer and in a Probation Service Newsletter. All this effort has enabled us to apply for "Awards for All" funding to enhance activities in the Pocket. Our fruitful relationship with the Probation Service will help to maintain the Pocket in the future. It's been really great to again welcome the use of the Pocket for Parent and Toddler play sessions and we are hoping that we can build on this initiative.



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It was good to support the anti-dog fouling campaign in Hughenden, Beaconsfield, Mount Pleasant Roads, led by our Councillors Godfrey Daniel & Dominic Sabetian,

with support from Environmental Community Enforcement Officers and local residents. Other improvements that have happened in Braybrooke, thanks to our

Councillors working closely with residents, include the road calming improvements in Elphinstone/Mount Pleasant Roads which make the area much safer and should help to reduce accidents.



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On behalf of Better Braybrooke, Trevor Goodwin and I are members of the Central Area Management Board (AMB) which was chaired by Councillor Godfrey Daniel. 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. Trevor has been succeeded by Graham Crane (congratulations!) who has been elected as the AMB's Vice-Chair. We are hopeful that the AMB will help us to develop an idea for naming some twittens in Braybrooke, following a suggestion from one of our members, Colin Ansty, at a recent General Meeting. I also attended the HVA AGM. Graham has been assiduous in improving the website [www.betterbraybrooke.org.uk](http://www.betterbraybrooke.org.uk) and has again contributed to the Hastings Borough Council Corporate Plan as well as completing lots of funding applications. He has now been 'engaged' as a BT Community Champion! Trevor has produced the most magnificent accounts and always makes a positive contribution to dealing with the thorny issues. We wish Claire Mercer all the best now that she has left the Committee and thank her for her hard work. All the Committee deserve the utmost praise and certainly our discussions are usually punctuated with much hilarity!

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, and Cathie Murphy for their continuing hospitality, but above all to Molly Hills – without whom none of us would get in to the meetings!

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 for the rest of the year!  
All our General meetings start at 7.00pm, with the first half hour dedicated to the  
Police Neighbourhood Panel:

**General Meetings**

Tuesday, 14 September 2010

Tuesday, 14 December 2010

Caroline Kempster  
Chair - Better Braybrooke

16 May 2010