



Registered Charity Number 1070462

General meeting of Better Braybrooke on Tuesday, 8th September 2009

Present: Caroline Kempster, Godfrey Daniel, Trevor Goodwin, Nigel & Helen Gossling, Lauretta Okagbue, Susan Brown, PC Vicky Sykes and Graham Crane

Apologies:. Dominic Sabetian, Claire Mercer, Peter and Marion Messett, Joy Collins and John Lucas

1. Welcome

Caroline welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

2. Chairs Report

Confirmation of minutes for last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- i. The post box at the bottom of Elphinstone Road had been replaced, repainted and was much appreciated by the community.
- ii. The mini roundabout further up at the junction with Mount Pleasant Road seemed to be working very well for cars and pedestrians.
- iii. Godfrey reported he was still pursuing the idea of getting a basketball hoop for the pocket park.

3. Chair's Report

- i. The probation team had now left the Pocket Park. There are a few snagging items, which they will come back to resolve, but overall they have done a wonderful job. The walls had been repaired with new rendering, the steps had been painted, the flower beds had been tidied up and the sign at the entrance had been put up again.

The work was slightly over budget and we would have to find extra funds. The following were suggested:

- To write a letter to the Beer Festival committee as they were looking to support local causes. Caroline would provide details of the previous application she had submitted the HVA and Graham would draft the letter. **(Action 1)**

- Graham would also look into following up on the suggestion Angela made to get funds before she left and he was now eligible to apply to the BT community fund where he worked. **(Action 2)**
- Any spare money would be needed for costs like printing new membership forms, insurance and the web site.

Graham agreed to take some “after” photos to go with the “before” ones he had taken for the record **(Action 3)** and Caroline agreed to talk to the Probation Service about some publicity and photos that could go into the Hastings Observer **(Action 3)**.

Godfrey proposed thanks go to Caroline Trevor and Graham for their efforts.

- ii. Caroline mentioned a talk on “A Healthy Harvest – The Future of Food and Farming”. At the time we thought it had been held the day before but the leaflet shows it is at 18:30 to 21:00 on Wednesday 23rd September. Details will be circulated with the notes.
- iii. Caroline and Graham had attended the Area Management Board held on the 9th July. If anyone would like details please contact them

4. Treasurer’s Report

- i) Trevor handed out a statement of Better Braybrooke’s finances and explained them.

5. PC Vicky Sykes – local crime stats, experiences & plans

PC Vicky Sykes went through the few crime statistics available for Braybrook. In summary the level of crime was low in comparison with others in the area and there was very little trouble. The police however were running various initiatives and had further plans to reduce poor behaviour such as speeding drivers, cycling on pavements and street drinking..

Vicky mentioned she was new to the job and was keen to make contacts in the community through street meetings, neighbourhood panels and working closely with other organisations. She emphasised that she and the team were always available and should be contacted however small and seemingly insignificant any concerns were.

She said we could always contact her or leave a message on 0845 60 70 999 Extension: 25959 or email her using the link on the police web site or @ Victoria.Sykes@sussex.pnn.police.uk. However, to report any new crimes or incidents and to contact the police for all non-emergency calls dial 0845 60 70 999 - Only in the event of an emergency dial 999.

Further details of the local police team and crime statistics can be found on the police website @ <http://www.sussex.police.uk> . Click on the Hastings link and use the various options to find out more. The <http://crimemapper.sussex.police.uk/map/hastings-district/> link was particularly interesting if you like statistics

6. Any other business

None

6. Raffle

We then held the raffle and closed the meeting.

7. Future Meetings

Tuesdays @ 19:30 in Sherwood House

15 December 2009