

NOTES OF RESIDENTS' MEETING HELD ON 30th March 2009

AT 7.30 pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, WOLLEY

The meeting was opened by Cllr Denson. It was agreed that the meeting would elect the relevant officials.

Nominees for the role of Chair were asked to introduce themselves and give brief details of their background.

Jim Bayley and Paul Bedford introduced themselves, detailing their work and social background and what they each considered to be the aims of the group.

A paper ballot took place, the outcome of which, Paul Bedford was elected as Chair. He formally accepted the role and took up his position to chair the forthcoming meeting.

It was decided by the meeting that all other positions would be elected by a show of hands.

The following were elected:

Secretary Gill Gallagher

Treasurer Martyn Davey

Vice-Chair Jamie Outram

Committee members Carol Robson, James Watson, Jim Bayley,

Gordon Spence, Janine England, Mike Legg

It was agreed that the period office should be twelve months and this would be detailed within the agreed constitution.

The meeting agreed that all future meetings should be held with the over-riding principle of mutual respect being able to talk freely whilst accepting others may have different points of view and beliefs. These principles will also apply to any invited guests.

The following points were agreed:

- Length of meeting would be two hours;
- The frequency of meetings would be bi-monthly, although it was accepted that more frequent meetings may be required initially. Committee meetings will be held immediately prior to the open general meeting;
- To explore the possibilities of alternative venues for general meetings;
- To establish and agree constitution for the group which will include the aims of the group;
- To use alternative media (internet) to ensure all residents would be aware of the group's existence;
- The design and distribution of flyers for future meetings and events.

Other items for discussion were:

Woolley Grange development

Cllr Drysdale gave a brief report on recent discussions with Bovis Homes. Consequently, a discussion took place regarding the issues of poor and inadequate gritting of the roads both in and out of the estate. Cllr Denson updated the meeting on the recent extension granted to Bovis for the completion of the development.

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators

The meeting discussed the issue of neighbourhood watch and it was agreed that in order for this scheme to be successful, a number of co-ordinators were required. The meeting also discussed the possibility of including neighbourhood watch information on all future Woolley Grange flyers/leaflets.

Guest speaker

Mr Luke Devine addressed the meeting, detailing the recent difficulties his land development company are encountering in their efforts to reclaim the land within the development. He advised the meeting, that in his opinion, it would take another four years to achieve successful reclamation.

Following his address, a question and answer session was held; issues raised were:

- Problems with heavy goods traffic at the entrance to his site
- Smells being emitted from the site
- Heavy mud on the road
- Various wild life concerns, eg shooting
- The use of unauthorised motor vehicles via the unrestricted access to his land at Woolley colliery end of the development

Mr Devine assured the meeting that he would install a trench around the Woolley colliery land and also post signs, indicating that this land is private.

The meeting thanked Mr Devine for attending and suggested that further discussions would be required in the near future.

The meeting was formally closed at 21.15.

Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at 19.30 in the Woolley Village Hall.