

112th Meeting of BHNW 23rd June 2011 in St. Augustine's Parish Church Hall

Bill Crocker	Chair
Maria Gawler/Julie Windsor	Secretary
Rose Cane	Oakdale
Leslie Ashley	Fouracre
Barry Shore	Quakers
Chris & Lynda Stone	Upper Heath
Mark Garland	Newsletter Editor

Apologies: Ron, Malcolm, Graeme, Mark Venables

Not in attendance: Richard Old (Who had just returned from USA), Martyn Thomas, Tim Davis, Mike Baker

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Action 1.....Beat to Beat Bill has done this

Action 2 Heathfest – Katrina – outstanding

Action 3 Mezze, Green Dragon Lesley reported that the Landlord has appealed against the action to reduce the licensing hours and he has won and the closing time is now 1.30 a.m.

A meeting Action Bill/Maria have done

Page 2 Beat to Beat on website is outstanding, Mark will do when he has time.

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All photos for members have been taken. Barry arranged this.

Action Annual Meeting to go back to

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Bill spoke to Mark about website development and common interest items

Bill Action – link to Neighbourhood Watch by Police is outstanding.

Graffiti – PACT agenda item

Festival

Item3

Community Plan -Launched in Downend Village on 11/6/11 – The purpose of the launch was partly to invite people to the meeting on the 20/7/11 at Lincombe Barn. A group will form facilitated by the Community Plan . This group will go to Councils, Parish's etc for funding. The questionnaire circulated has already helped with ideas, 'More for Less', see what we can achieve. Things will change over time. Communications is a huge problem – haven't got any idea of what is happening in the area. Bill posed the question, would people access the Bromley Heath Website, and the general feeling was that they would. Barry asked if the document would be updated annually. Bill said this would be too expensive it was possible that it would be completely re-done in about 3 to 5 years, however some changes could be added. Linda suggested a sheet with changes could be included.

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Rose reported on the Cold Caller Leaflet and a sticker to put in the window, which she has distributed in her area. She has seen one sticker displayed.

There was some discussion about how many houses were in Badminton Walk and Sandringham Avenue, – Peter's.

Up to the Leap pub from the Methodist Church – Bill asked is that Richard's. Rose said she would count the houses.

Item 5 Neighbourhood police – not here to report on what happened at the PACT meeting.

Rose Cane mentioned that a new neighbour of hers, a Mrs Scudamore, had contacted her to say she was interested in helping in some way.

There was some discussion about burglaries locally including Wedgewood Road and the fact that people were still leaving tools in the garden which could be used to break in. Maria told us that 4 men had been caught after a burglary in Badminton Road. 20th & 7th Barry said that a common thing is that there is an untidy search and they get in through the window and out the door.

Lesley said her number plates were stolen from her 4 x 4 and used to put on a F. Focus and subsequently used to steal petrol.

Discussion about teenagers using Bromley Heath Playing fields and leaving rubbish, also mentioned was the smell of 'weed' around the skate park.

Bill then spoke about Baroness Newlove who has been consulting regarding persistent anti-social behaviour, following the death of her husband who was killed by yobs attempting to steal his car.

Crime Prevention Minister James Brokenshire

Louise Casey is well thought of across all the political parties she is the Commissioner for Victim Support. The Government are to make this simpler and more effective!

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People reclaiming the streets....

Community Reward – money back to community

Bling Back.....etc Police.co.uk

Bill said stuff in landscape pages is backed up by detailed work in different areas from Baroness Newlove.

M.P.Pickles – Communities – Local Government.....A Plain English guide to the Localism Bill.

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Safer Stronger report at the end of the Treasurer's Report

Bill had a call from someone in Cleeve Garden's asking him if he could recommend a Burglar Alarm, so he spoke to Katrina Sheldrake who said that the police don't actually recommend particular alarm systems, but she gave him detailed information which he was able to pass on to her.

Graham said in an e-mail that the car-parking in Quaker's Road is a nightmare, but there have been some enforcement people outside – Councillor John Hunt who is a school governor is talking about the possibility of a Zebra Crossing.

Strong smell of weed by Skate park.

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AGM food cost £300 – a very good spread everyone agreed. Raj was going to bring sweet stuff, but brought more savoury. Lesley said a lot of people must have had good lunch boxes the next day!

The chap from PPI Insurance we all agreed was not really relevant to what the organisation is about.

Sound was a problem at the AGM, because there were a number of people who had trouble hearing one of the CSI ladies doing a talk. Bill suggested that the school has a PA system which we could probably use next time although he thought we would have to pay extra for that.

58 people signed in to the AGM, Maria said she thought there were, more than that there. Maybe some people came in before the doors were manned.

Ron Coleman was very pleased with his certificate – Bill said he had two made up the first one went to Bill Bacon.

All agreed the Chief Constable was a good guest speaker, very relaxed speaking without notes.

Also Billy Burns very interesting

Mark Pullen from Trading Standards was at the AGM. It was suggested that it would be interesting to have him as a speaker at the next AGM.

Also there were Tulleys (Landscape gardeners) and the Gardiners (Mel's Kitchen)

Committee, to remain the same. There was some discussion about whether Mike Baker with the Parish Council, has now declared himself to be representing a particular party.

Mark.....reported on the Spring Newsletter. It was well received Discussion about the people who had placed advertisements, Mr Beauchamp – quite a few advertisers more than Mace...Brikers run by Jon Seager (bike maintenance and also organised mountain biking etc).....Manor Cottage only £35 as they have always advertisedW D Smith, Financial advisor £65 each.

Bill reported T shirt people who advertise with us wanted us to price for a flyer advertised all shops in Cleeve Wood. Asked if Bill could produce a flyer for less than the £49 per thousand she has been quoted. After discussion it was decided that we could get enough done for £60 to be delivered with the newsletter to all 2250 houses in BHNW.

Bill had been to see Bill Bacon's wife Enid who had found a file with copies of all Newsletters right from the beginning. Very useful as Mark does not have copies of all of them and there could even be doubles.

It was suggested that we give Enid a mention in the Newsletter, as she has always been very supportive.

A correction was mentioned by Chris Stone regarding the date on the Newsletter. Mark is looking at costs he also updated the website about a month ago. AGM photos are on there. There was some discussion about whether all the old ones should remain on the site or be removed and saved elsewhere. Bill suggested that Mark may be able to make current ones into a slide show (when he had a minute) to make them easier and quicker to view. Mark reported that the price of the website has gone up from £25 to £28, but we now have double the space. The rise was agreed by the committee.

Bill thanked Mark for his hard work. There was some discussion about opening up a Contact us button .links with Twitter which Bill is to look into or Facebook which Julie was volunteered to look at.

PRO no one came forward at the AGM Bill asked if I know anyone.

Ron Coleman's Treasurer's report was looked at and it was decided it was great work and we should 'go for it'.

Barry suggested that we should ask Ron to pitch for money from the Parish Council for annual running coasts. Barry suggested that we can pitch for money from South Glos for Safer Stronger using something from the Community Plan.

Bill asked Julie to look at data from Speedvisors with a view to bring the data from the camera on Bromley Heath Road to the next meeting.

Lynda and Chris Stone said they needed 6 welcome packs for new people in their area. Bill to drop these off.

2 July Festival – Plot 5 ...have to go on to the field at about 11 as can't go on after 11.30 or move until 5.00. Bill said Barry had been asked to be Traffic Warden again and Barry agreed, said he had been on the gate most if the time last year.

A.O.B. Next meeting week beginning 12th September Thurs most convenient for Lesley although can do Weds sometimes.