



Dorridge & District Residents Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEEING

7.30pm Thursday 5th March 2009 at Bentley Heath Community Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies and Minutes of AGM 2008 (see below) and Matters Arising
- 2 Report of DDRA Chair - David Glanfield
- 3 Report of Treasurer - Paul Day (see below for DDRA Accounts) including appointment of DDRA Auditor
- 4 Election of Officers and Committee - Malcolm Shepherd

Interval for Coffee, Tea and Biscuits (approx 8.10 to 8.30)

- 5 Question Time

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2008 at Bentley Heath Community Hall

Present and Apologies

The Meeting was attended by approximately 75 people with David Glanfield as Chair.

Apologies were received from Jane Holt, David Buggin, Caroline Spelman MP, R S Rigden, Margaret Jowett, Cllr Ian Courts, Kerry Mountjoy and Cllr Ken Meeson.

Minutes of 2007 AGM and Matters Arising

The Minutes were approved.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's Report

David Glanfield welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He explained that this year's AGM did not include a Speaker as it was felt that Residents would welcome a longer session for questions and discussion.

David said that thanks were once again due to all the people who had assisted the DDRA during the past year including our three Ward Councilors, our local Police Team, Kerry Mountjoy at SMBC, our Newsletter deliverers, our Gardeners, our Auditor Colin Bennett and John Bragg for looking after our membership data base.

David said that in response to public request our local Police Team had made changes to the timing of the Police Surgeries in Forest Court. The Team now had a PCSO, Roger Downing who with PC Simon Harrison had been responding to a range of local issues. The Speed Watch Scheme was being further implemented within the Sector.

DDRA continued to value contact with the Police through the Rural Assembly but the so called Police Consultation Forum and the Priority Setting Meetings had not proved successful.

The past year had been a record for membership and this had brought in higher income with more money available for improvements. David said that illustrations of the projects undertaken by DDRA during the year were displayed around the Hall. The Committee would be pleased to hear ideas for expenditure during the coming year and there would be time for this later in the Meeting.

David said that the most challenging problem in Dorridge Village Centre was Forest Court. DDRA had been trying to get improvements for about eight years. We were now finalizing our ideas for the Village Centre which would enable us to influence the outcome of any proposals for its re-development. David gave examples of projects that had been considered for Bentley Heath Village Centre but for reasons explained by David these had not proved practicable.

DDRA had prepared and presented to SMBC the Petition for Protection. The response from SMBC had so far been disappointing.

It was pleasing to report that we now had a team of volunteer Tree Wardens and more information on them would be given later in the Meeting.

David referred to the Motorway Service Area Inquiry which he and Ian Spencer were attending. Further information was displayed in the Hall and updates would continue to be included on our website.

The Committee was losing four Members who were not standing for re-election. Peter Radnell was leaving after 19 years and Pam Nunn was leaving after even longer service. Both had done a broad range of work for DDRA for which they were warmly thanked. Nest Overend had led on our Police Consultation arrangements. Bridget Trangmar had joined the Committee relatively recently but her husband, Jim, had given many years service prior to his death.

During the year the Committee had been joined by Dianne Waldron and Chris Haswell who were already playing active roles including our Newsletter Delivery. Phil Smith had also joined and was leading on Community Development and illustrations of this were displayed in the Hall.

We were pleased to hear from Jane Holt that she would like to stand for election to the Committee today particularly as she was a resident of Bentley Heath.

David thanked Alan Holder for his work as Treasurer over the last for nine years. A successor to Alan had not yet been found.

Treasurer's Report

Alan referred the Meeting to the Annual Accounts included in today's Agenda. The Accounts showed that the main income sources were Subscriptions and Donations plus the surplus from the Newsletter. The Accounts showed the items on which DDRA had spent its funds during the past year. In this period expenditure had exceeded income but nevertheless there remained a healthy balance.

The Accounts still showed a Youth Fund of over £5,800 but a few weeks ago a donation of £5,800 had been made to SMBC to assist in the funding of Children's Play equipment in the Hanbury Road play area. The Accounts were approved.

Election of Officers and Committee

Malcolm said he had received Nomination for the Officer posts as follows;

Chair David Glanfield, Vice Chairs Glennis Portsmouth and Phil Smith, Secretary Malcolm Shepherd but with no Nomination for Treasurer.

Nominations for Committee Members had been received as follows; Helen Bragg, Dianne Waldron, Chris Haswell, David Bell, Alan Holder, Margaret Johnson, Martin Lambert, Ian Spencer and Jane Holt.

Malcolm said that there were no contested Officer posts and the number of Committee Members was within that specified in the Constitution. He therefore requested the Meeting to agree to the Election of all the above. This was agreed.

Malcolm said he would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to David for his work as Chair during the past year and for agreeing to be our Chair for the coming year. This was warmly endorsed by the Meeting.

Question and Discussion

Sgt Ann Strachan introduced her local team of Officers to the Meeting. She was pleased to report that Recorded Crime for the Dorridge and Hockley Heath area was down by 18%. Ann referred to the ongoing efforts of the Police to consult with the community and she urged people to attend these events. Reference was made to Police action in attempting to reduce speeding and comments were made by residents on areas of concern. Ann and her Team were thanked for their work.

Brian Chapman gave a summary of the work being carried out by the new team of volunteer Tree Wardens.

Andrew Wolfe expressed disappointment at the response from SMBC to the Petition for Protection which had been signed by 800 residents. Ian Spencer gave a summary of DDRA negotiations with SMBC and said that he shared Andrew's disappointment. Councillor Mackiewicz said that SMBC had to meet Government targets for development and that Councillor Ian Courts had achieved significant successes in shifting the targets from bald figures to that of meeting needs. Jane Moss urged that a Village Design Statement be prepared and invited Residents to contribute their ideas.

John Bragg said that the Committee should consider changing the name of the Association to Dorridge and Bentley Heath instead of Dorridge and District.

In response to questions about parking David referred to enforcement action by our new Traffic Wardens. Councillor Mackiewicz gave a summary of SMBC achievements in reducing the amount of refuse going to landfill. He discussed with Residents the pros and cons of plastic recycling as compared with its use in fuelling electricity generation by incineration. He also updated the Meeting on the provision of Green Wheelie bins.

David Glanfield thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting (at about 9.30)

DDRA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAVE AGREED TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

David Glandfield, Chair
Paul Day, Treasurer

Glennis Portsmouth, Vice Chair
Malcolm Shepherd, Secretary

Phil Smith, Vice Chair

Committee Members:

David Bell
Ian Spencer

Helen Bragg
Dianne Waldron

Chris Haswell

Alan Holder

Jane Holt

Martin Lambert

DDRA ACCOUNTS for period 1st January 2008 to 31st December 2008**General Account**

		<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Income	Subscriptions and Donations	2810	2038
	Newsletter adverts	2350	2212
	Notice board adverts		25
	Bank interest	193.32	234.54
		5353.32	4509.54
Expenditure	Newsletter printing	1390	1390
	Plants & landscaping	730.5	1699.73
	Admin expenses	484.1	315.65
	Insurance	225	225
	SALRUA subs	5	5
	Membership cards	146.29	159.3
	Hall hire		30
	Christmas lights	506	30
	Noticeboard repair	186.99	
	Drugs awareness week		100
	West Midlands planning aid		10
	Bench seats		1225.29
		3673.88	5189.97
surplus / (deficit)		1679.44	-680.43

Youth Account

Income	Interest	9.25	140.72
		9.25	140.72
Expenditure	Play equipment	5800	0
		5800	0
surplus / (deficit)		-5790.75	140.72
overall surplus / (deficit)		-4111.31	-539.71

Bank balances at 31st December

Current general	2120.71	634.59
Deposit general	8084.88	7891.56
Current youth	14.92	1114.92
Deposit youth	34.33	4725.08
		14366.1
	10254.84	5

Change in balances**-4111.31****Paul Day, Hon Treasurer Colin Bennett, Hon Auditor**