

EAST BROYLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 13th JUNE, 1988 AT THE SUN-RAY CENTRE, LITTLE BREACH, CHICHESTER AT 7.30 p.m.

Attendance

The Chairman, Officers and Committee, and 122 Members.
Apologies for absence were received from 26 members

1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the first year's activities of the Association. Representations had been made against certain householders' planning applications where this affected the general lay-out and loss of amenity on the estate; where neighbours were affected, it was stressed it was up to the aggrieved individual to take action.

A letter had been sent supporting the Heads of the adjoining schools in their united voice against the increase in residential use of the Woodlands site, and the dangers to children at these schools by the increased traffic which would of course also increase the traffic in St Paul's Road.

Representation had been made to the Highways Authority on the poor condition of many of the footways on the estate.

The Chairman concluded by expressing his thanks to his Committee without whose help his job would have been very much more difficult.

2 Treasurer's Report & Accounts:

The Treasurer reported a very healthy "trading" balance of £404. 82 after the first year. Expenses had been kept to a bare minimum (£61. 12) due to the Committee's generosity in undertaking photocopying, delivery of Association Newsletters etc, free of charge, and for which he expressed his warmest thanks. As a result, £250 had been transferred to start a Legal Aid Fund, the balance being on deposit with the Nationwide Anglia Building Society and Petty Cash in hand of £10. 99. There being no questions, a vote of thanks to Mr Tickner, was proposed and seconded.

3 Matters arising from the Informal Meeting on 23.11.87:

a) After the exchange of various letters etc, the help of Lady Felicity Longmore had been enlisted and the Council appeared at long last to acknowledge the numerical justification for a pedestrian crossing by the "One-Stop" shop, but the situation would be reappraised after the opening of the new Havant/Chichester Bypass. The provision of a crossing would in turn alleviate the hazard of parking on both sides of the road near One-Stop and hopefully reduce speeds in St Paul's Road. At present the double yellow lines were being ignored in that particular area and speed limits in general.

b) Advice had been sought from the Fishbourne Bonfire Night organisers, the Fire Brigade and Police etc on the feasibility of holding one on the East Broyle Estate. An Insurance Premium of £32 had been quoted but the conditions on the issuing of any such Policy were felt to be too onerous. The Chairman had therefore written to the Colonel at the R.M.P. Barracks to see if, for a donation of £25.00, thirty children, say, from the Estate with parents, could view their display. This has been agreed and the Chairman is to meet the

Officer Commanding nearer the event to finalise details. It will be on a Membership basis of "first come, first served".

c) The Council have agreed to supply free of charge additional trees, stakes, ties and rabbit guards for the estate BUT the tree planting and future care of the trees would have to be undertaken by the Association itself. A list of 16 volunteers is held by the Secretary for this task to be undertaken hopefully in November of this year.

The Chairman also asked that praise be given where due and had accordingly written thanking the Council for the efficient way in which they had removed fallen and damaged trees from the Estate and finally the general debris after last October's storm.

d) The Chairman reported on his recent inspection that dog fouling appeared less in evidence around the Estate and it was requested from the floor that a further letter be circulated to members and NON-MEMBERS that dog fouling be confined (if at all) to the long grass areas on the perimeters and not to the cut grass areas.

4 Election of Officers:

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer very kindly being prepared to restand for election, were duly proposed, and seconded from the floor and so elected for a further term of one year. Likewise the Committee with the exception of Mrs Plowman, who for personal reasons wished to stand down.

Mr David Brumpton of 12 Wells Crescent was duly proposed, seconded and elected to serve for a term of one year on the Committee. This left only the thorny problem of a Secretary and Assistant Mrs Morris and Mrs Stanleigh Turner wishing to stand down, again for personal reasons. Nominations were invited from the floor and the meeting adjourned for a 10 minute coffee break. On the resumption of the meeting at 8.20p.m. only one name was put forward and Mrs Judy Poulter of 124 Worcester Road, was duly proposed, seconded and elected. Mrs Morris very kindly agreed to become Assistant Secretary and to "settle the new girl in". The new Committee for 1988/89 is as follows:

LIST OF OFFICERS

Chairman	Mr C Chislett
Vice-Chairman	Mr L Robinson
Treasurer	Mr G Tickner
Secretary	Mrs J Poulter
Ass. Secretary	Mrs E Morris
Committee	Mrs H Heaton - Mrs L Pritchard - Mrs H Carlton Mr P Conron - Mr S Beaumont - Mr D Brumpton - Lt Cdr W Hughes

5 Amendment to Rules:

The majority feeling was that Rule 11 should be amended to include Household Membership Subscription in respect of part of the year, viz: January to June shall be on payment of £1.00

6 Future of the Railway Line:

The Chairman reported that the Gravel Line is likely to remain in operation until 1991 after which there are two schools of thought:

a) To encourage the Chichester Midhurst Railway Preservation Society in the use of the line from Lavant to Fishbourne or if no trains after 1991 (although a renewal of the gravel agreement is not totally ruled out) THEN

b) The County Council to extend and make a Bypass/Dual carriageway linking through from the A27 to Lavant. This is clearly marked as a potential highway on the County plan (and indeed as many of your Searches will have revealed, has been so for the past 20 odd years)

Much vigorous discussion followed. For example would the Bypass be sunk into the cut or raised; the present railway line only functioned during the week, the "Bluebell Line" would also run at the weekend; would the Bypass be quieter and preferable and what action if any should be taken now? Would the alternative steam trains be noisier and heavier (and dirtier) thus causing more vibration and further damage to nearby properties? It was stated from the floor that there would be a delay in acquiring Lavant Station, the first route would be Lavant/Singleton, the right of way being owned by West Dean Estate. It would be more likely to be the turn-of-the-century before the steam train reached Fishbourne! It seems one monster might weigh as much as 110 tons! It was felt limited daily trains would be preferable to continual traffic noise day and night and that the Association should state now that a Bypass should be avoided at all costs. Other enlightened suggestions included a Nature Trail and a Dog Walk! It was proposed and approved from the floor that the Committee write now on behalf of the Association to British Rail requesting that trains should travel at a very much slower pace to avoid damage to nearby properties and further work should be put in hand as soon as possible to improve the track generally and to reduce the vibrations in particular and the Committee should continue to monitor the situation. The general feeling from the meeting being that trains would be preferable to a roadway but at the moment it was best not to take any official action.

Any Other Business:

The St Paul's Roundabout problem seemed to occupy most people's minds and "The unanimous decision to build a roundabout at the bottom of Norwich Road" as reported in the Observer and Portsmouth News following the informal meeting last November was objected to, although the Chairman had felt quite clearly that this meeting had supported the roundabout. There were residents not in favour who experienced no problems getting in and out of the Estate and who felt a roundabout at this junction might open up the possibilities of a through route to the Broyle Road, even though the County Council is at present opposed to this idea. Many wondered if it would be easier with a roundabout, wouldn't traffic go faster and what would we have for pedestrian safety at this point. Would traffic lights help? It was suggested another count be taken in September once the new Bypass is open, the schools are back and the holidays over.

After much discussion the Chairman felt a vote should be taken on whether or not the meeting was in favour of a Roundabout OR for Road Improvements/ Traffic Management with a view to increasing safety. On a show of hands the vast majority appeared in favour of the latter.

Again, the question of hazardous parking by parents outside the Jessie Young Husband School in Worcester Road was raised and after some discussion it was left for the Committee to write again in September to the new Head asking him to write to all 'old' parents-and the 'new intake' parents requesting them NOT to ignore the yellow line markings at this point.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed
Charles Chislett
(Hon Chairman)
Dated