

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Woodbury Salterton Residents Association

Meeting held at Woodbury Salterton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 2/06/2014

<b>Present</b>	There were 32 attendees including committee, members, and invited guests. Claire Wright as guest speaker and Roger Giles EDDC District Councillor and Patrick Bricknell Woodbury Parish Councillor	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Keith Philips	
<b>2. Welcome and Introductions</b>	The Chairman Norman Gordon welcomed everyone and explained the format of the meeting and introduced the invited guests and committee members.	
<b>3. Chairman's Report</b>	<p>The Chairman listed the achievements over the year.</p> <p>Website in operation and being used. WSRA set up originally as a way of communicating with members re planning issues. However, I think people are more aware of what's going on in the village, not just planning issues. There are links to Nature Blogs and HEAPS (worth a look). We have been involved in helping the Church and the Woodbury Salterton 2000 Committee.</p> <p>Minutes of Committee Meetings are still posted on the website and delivered by hand to those not on the internet.</p> <p>Book Exchange is still proving popular. Looked after by Priscilla, whose idea it was originally.</p> <p>Parkhayes Plantation – This is an ongoing project and as well as bird boxes, bat boxes, owl box, bug hotel, a number of shrubs have been planted and a log pile created (for wildlife and not for your wood burner!). Thanks due to a number of people for their hard work (mention Dave). Thanks to Sally Elliott for her help and advice.</p> <p>We have a good network of contacts at County Hall; EDDC; Parish Council, particularly with Geoff and Ben on the Parish Council, and Geoff now on the District Council.</p> <p>Attending County Hall and East Devon to represent residents on planning matters. Liaison with the Parish Council. Work on the Greendale Liaison Committee.</p> <p>East Devon Local Plan. Responded and gave feedback. This is ongoing. Devon Waste Plan. Responded and attended hearing at County Hall. Glebe Field has now been registered as a community asset. Numerous planning applications examined and responses sent. Involvement with HEAPS (Historical Environment Action Plan) studying the history of the village.</p> <p>Many Members took an active part in the Parish Plan Committees to help develop the Parish Plan. This has stalled a bit, however a new council has been formed and the new committee will reboot this.</p>	

<p><b>4. Treasurer`s Report and website report</b></p>	<p>The Treasurer Stuart Honour reported</p> <p>Report on the website. Stuart asked for any ideas or areas of interest that residents would like to be included.</p> <p>Accounts There had been subscriptions of £316 Most of the costs where associated with printing and paper.</p> <p>The details and arrangement for the pledges to fight the Sages Lea development went very well with over £8700 in contributions paid in just under 2 weeks. This covered the costs of hiring a planning consultant and some costs in sending out newsletters during the campaign. We had a further donation from the Woodbury Follies which have been used to fund for shrubs and bulbs for the Parkhayes plantation.</p> <p>The Accounts are attached to the minutes.</p>	
<p><b>5. Secretaries Report</b></p>	<p>It has been an eventful year, and the secretary went through the highlights and lowlights of the year!</p> <p>He reported that at the start the year with a threat of 60 extra houses being built by Greendale Investments next to Sages Lea, plus the proposal of siting Energy from Waste Plant at Greendale handling 80,000 tonnes in a proposal presented by Devon CC in their Waste Plan strategy.</p> <p>Both Devon County Council and Greendale claimed it would not be an incinerator but said it would be some kind of new technology!</p> <p>However with the financial contributions of over £8,000 from you, we were able to hire a planning consultant to advice us, regarding the housing, and with over 115 letters to the Planning Authority and responses from the Consultant, Committee, and Parish Council the Local Authority decided against the proposal.</p> <p>The Developer claims he will appeal, and has until August 5<sup>th</sup> to do this. The secretary thanked everyone for their support and especially the money which we plan to be returning to shortly! (The amount to be returned will be 90p to the pound if there is no appeal)</p> <p>There was also good news from the Planning Inspector for the Devon Waste Plan who supported many of Association recommendations which will mean no building can be built larger than the present units, plus restrictions on Tonnage and hours of work which rules out almost all Waste from Energy Plants at Greendale.</p> <p>The issue of FWS Carter and Sons, method of obtaining planning approval by building prior to any planning approval continues, with 29 retrospective applications since Jan 2013. We have lobbied our MP, Councillors, but as the law stands the planning Authority has very limited powers. We will continue with others interested parties to one day change these planning laws.</p> <p>At present we are going through a long list of breaches of planning which will hopefully be properly dealt with by the District Council.</p> <p>The most obvious breach of planning regulations is the Yellow DHL building, which has not been, nor will it be approved! It is plainly hideous and totally inappropriate in its location.</p> <p>Another Issue at Greendale going back to 2007 has been Wood Yew Waste plant. They were allowed to operate wood chipping machines on their site if used in a specially built building to suppress noise and dust. For 3 years they have</p>	

	<p>been ignoring Planning Conditions and been using Machinery outside. Thanks to a resident who has been very persistent and logging every call made to the Environment Agency they were recently fined £24,000 by the Environment Agency for continually breaching Noise Levels.</p> <p>At present due to the (yet again) ridiculous planning laws they are still working outside because although they have been refused planning, they are allowed to operate because they have appealed to the Planning Inspectorate, and have been very slow (9 months in fact) in presenting documentation to the Inspector.</p> <p>Only today FWS Carter and Sons have applied for a change to the conditions for the AD plant at Hogsbrook for a change in supply of feed which may result in more transport movements and a very large drying machine. This is because we understand they are selling the facility to another operator.</p> <p>This facility was granted just over a year ago for “farm diversification” not for development and then sells the operation, before it’s even fully operational.</p> <p>The Association is not however a NIMBY Association, Members have been involved in the N.hood Plan, which will eventually provide a Blue print for planning for the Parish for the next 15 years.</p> <p>We also work with other community groups on the <b>Mayday Event</b> and <b>The Scarecrow Events</b> helping raise money for local projects.</p> <p>Parkhayes Plantation, The Book Exchange, The Heaps Project, and the Woodbury Salterton Nature Blog, are all examples of other community projects the Association has helped in.</p> <p>Only Yesterday Otterton Village has decided to convert their redundant Phone Box to a Book Exchange. (after hearing our success!)</p> <p>We have a Village website, inform residents through the Web, emails and leaflet drops, of what and when things are happening, and costs have been held down to the minimum.</p> <p>I would like to thank the many residents and companies who have helped in providing printing and advertising matter. We are now placed in a relatively secure position financially to continue to provide the village with the support to inform and protect it.</p> <p>Many thanks for your continued support, and I look forward to the Association evolving and growing, in the years to come.</p>	
<p><b>6. Election of Committee</b></p>	<p>The Chairman reported that due to his other commitments Keith Philips was standing down from the Committee. The Chairman thanked him for his valuable contribution.</p> <p>Tony Arnold was proposed by Geoff Jung, and seconded by Aran Brown to the committee.</p> <p>There being only one nominee the remaining committee were proposed and seconded on block.</p> <p>Therefore the committee for 2014/15 will be:</p> <p>Ben Jones, Geoff Jung, Nigel Edwards, Frank Mulholland, David Rose, Priscilla Trenchard. Stuart Honour, Ian Hunt, Norman Gordon, Aran Brown, Diana Wackerbarth, Tony Arnold.</p>	

<p><b>7. Questions and Answers</b></p>	<p>Aran Brown asked about trucks with Satnav as the village was having problems with large HGV damaging lanes recently.</p> <p>The secretary reported that the Parish Council were in contact with DCC Highways for a replacement sign at the bottom of Toby Lane, and another at the top end advising of “not suitable for HGVs. The cost of other signs on other lanes was prohibitive according to DCC but further work is ongoing.</p> <p>Aran Brown asked why there were no signs to advice drivers at the bottom of Hogsbrook Lane.</p> <p>Ann Hunt reported that a number of trucks had been coming down Toby Lane in the last 4 to 6 weeks, and the movement of mobile homes moving onto Castle Brake had been blocking the Lane</p>	
<p><b>8. Guest Speaker Claire Wright</b></p>	<p>The Chairman introduced Claire Wright who is a Devon County Councillor and had recently stood as an Independent in the General Election.</p> <p>Claire explained she will be talking on her experience of standing for Parliament, but she started by congratulating the Association for their efforts against unwanted developments in the community.</p> <p>Why independent, why stand? Most people commented she was brave but she saw it as an adventure. Claire set up her team of campaigners, and through a website donations were requested resulting in contributions of over £14,000 Marketing was developed, Slogans and leaflets designed, and a survey was carried out in June 2014.</p> <p>Saturday morning events where organised to find out other issues from residents and small businesses where consulted.</p> <p>By Christmas 2014 most of the wording of the manifesto had been agreed with 500 people contributing to the survey. The website also was updated.</p> <p>In January the manifesto was launched. Key issues was the East Devon District Council acting like a bulldozer, was asked to champion independent local businesses. Nature and tree protection policies.</p> <p>Claire gathered more helpers to distribute leaflets totalling around 400 at the busiest point, plus others who helped with the general campaign.</p> <p>Claire challenged Hugo Swire in February to vote in Parliament against £50M massive cuts to Devon County funding, but he didn't.</p> <p>There were a series of public meetings, interviews and Saturday morning meetings, and paid her £500 deposit.</p> <p>Ladbrokes opened a book placing her 66 to 1 in October going down to 33 to 1 and steadily down to finally William Hill were placing her at 9 to 2!</p> <p>The Final 6 weeks went with a flurry of meetings, hustlings, and campaign groups sending hundreds of emails. Fact and answering questions on the Website were set up, along with short 90second videos were put up on Facebook, page 4 boosting post was found to be a great tool for campaigning</p> <p>On the Monday prior to the election the Daily Telegraph quoted that Claire Wright was the most likely Independent Candidate to win a seat, plus Brain May Twittered proposing Claire as a “Decency Candidate”</p>	

	<p>Thursday Election day, 10.30 pm the count started with the announcement being announced at 7am the following morning, after many hours of delay after delay.</p> <p>Question and Answers</p> <p>"If opportunities come my way I would you do it again".</p> <p>What is going to happen to the East Devon Alliance? Geoff Jung explained that discussions were ongoing to continue the work of the EDA and develop the platform for the next District Elections.</p> <p>Advice, as to what you would do differently? Basically the same as this time.</p> <p>Did you grow? Yes it's a life changing experience.</p> <p>I partly wanted to represent people rather than toeing the party line.</p> <p>How would you maintain your profile? I am no longer a district councillor, but still a County Councillor. It is too early to look forward.</p> <p>Was there any sense of prejudice against your gender? "Not openly"</p> <p>One of the highlights to encourage youngsters but the rewards are intrinsic which made the hard work worthwhile.</p> <p>The problem is the system is set up for parties which makes it more difficult to fight against party machines as an independent.</p> <p>What issues rallied most of your support? People were unhappy about planning issues and the NHS were the key items.</p> <p>Also people do not feel they are being unrepresented. This area except for a very short period has been Conservative for 160 years!</p>	
<b>9. Close</b>	<p>There being no other questions the Chairman thanked the invited guests and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.45PM</p>	
<b>10 Signature</b>		

# WOODBURY SALTERTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 24th April 2015

ACCOUNTS HELD AT NAT WEST- EXMOUTH

Brought Fwd from 2014		(Fighting Fund)	Parkhayes
	Membership	HOWS	
<b>Balance of Account:</b>	<b>£ 249.41</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 98.00</b>
<b>Monies Received:</b>			
Subscriptions	£ 256.00		
Woodbury Follies			£ 250.00
HOWS		£ 8,715.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 505.41</b>	<b>£ 8,715.00</b>	<b>£ 348.00</b>
<b>Invoices Paid:</b>			
7. Village hall hire	£ 25.00		
8. Stationery	£ 124.31		
9. Plannning Consutant		£ 750.00	
10. Stationery	£ 39.99		
11. Leaflet Printing		£ 80.95	
12. Plantation Bulbs			£ 90.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 189.30</b>	<b>£ 830.95</b>	<b>£ 90.64</b>
<b>Balance of accounts</b>	<b>£ 316.11</b>	<b>£ 7,884.05</b>	<b>£ 257.36</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 8,457.52</b>		

Signed:

Stuart Honour BSC Dip CII  
Treasurer