

# **BRADWAY ACTION GROUP Minutes**

Committee Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 7.15 pm. at the Old Mother Redcap.

Present: Peter Stubbs (Ch.), John Child, Stephen George, Phillip Righton, Peter Smithson, Andrew Tabor, Fiona Vallely.

**1. Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Kevan Holloway, John Kirkman, and John Pritchett.

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

The Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 meeting were approved as a correct record.

## **3. Matters arising on the Minutes not covered elsewhere.**

(i) 3. Minute 3: The Chairman had as yet been unable to follow up on the question of Christmas lights but hoped to be able to do so in the next few weeks.

(ii) 3. Minute 4a: The Old School Field application for village green status is currently third of a number that are being processed. It was agreed that an application in respect of the Recreation Ground should now be submitted and, given the considerable time being taken to process applications, that consideration might be given to a complaint to the Ombudsman.

(iii) 3. Minute 7: The Stagecoach 293 service was now in operation.

(iv) 4(iii) It was noted that the new footpath sign had been erected at the side of The Bradway PH

(v) 4(iv) The South West Community Assembly has agreed the request for a grant to support the Fun Day.

## **4. Reports**

### **a. Chairman**

(i) Notwithstanding a number of meetings attended by Councillors, the Chairman and Secretary with officials from the NatWest Bank, the Bank has confirmed that it will close the Bradway sub Branch. The Bank was prepared to make arrangements for one to one clinics for appropriate customers to explain the use of electronic and telephone banking; for a week or two these could be arranged at the Bradway building.

(ii) Following the unfortunate loss of the Picnic Bench on the Old School Field due to arson the young persons concerned attended the July Litter Pick to help clear up the mess. A replacement was needed and a possibility might be to build one, with the possible assistance of the young persons.

(iii) Complaints had been received that (a) more heavy lorries appeared to be using Queen Victoria Road since the introduction of the weight restriction on Bocking Lane and that (b) congestion on Prospect Road at school times appeared to be getting worse. Both situations will be monitored (the former to include Twentywell Lane) and raised with the SCC Traffic Department if necessary.

(iv) There appears to be a restructuring of local community policing in the offing with responsibility for Bradway to move away from Woodseats. The Secretary is awaiting minutes of the last NAG meeting to confirm this. Stephen George will raise through Neighbourhood Watch which had not as yet been informed of changes.

**b. Secretary:** Nothing to report other than Village Green issues dealt with at item 3 (ii) above.

### **c. Membership Secretary**

The latest count shows some 34 individual and 106 households in membership giving a total membership of some 250.

### **d. Treasurer**

The current balance stands at some £5900, before receipt of the SWCA grant to meet Fun Day costs.

**e. Sustainable Bradway.** There having been no response to our request for someone with interest in this to take the project forward, the issue will now be mothballed.

**f. Community Hall:** Being well used.

**g. Other Reports:** Stephen George reported having received a response to his letter to Nick Clegg regarding the need for voluntary groups to have public liability insurance when effectively working on behalf of the local authority (Big Society). To be pursued further (SG).

## **5. Planning Issues**

An objection had been lodged to a proposal to amend the access arrangements to Nos 25 / 25A Prospect Road on the grounds of increased surface water run-off. It was noted that the application to build a block of flats on the site of 24 Twentywell Lane had been approved conditionally. There was nothing further to report on the future of The Bradway PH.

## **6. Fun day.**

The Chairman reported that all the bricks were in place. Assistance was needed in getting raffle prizes and in the provision of cakes etc.

## **7. Bradway Bugle**

Some potential support had been identified from people who will be able to work within a team structure. John Baker has indicated that he will continue a little longer as Editor, which will provide an opportunity for shadowing the production of the November issue. BAG members are asked to identify stories and information that will be of local interest e.g. sports groups etc.

## **8 Open Meeting 5 July 2011**

The presentation by Jenny Patient from South Yorkshire Energy Centre on "Energy Use at Home: Saving Energy, Affordable Warmth and Renewable Energy" was well received. General concern was expressed by many people over the decision of NatWest bank to close the Bradway sub office from 13 July.

## **9. Old School Field**

With the improvements to the access for the Annexe now in place, the Chairman proposed that shrubs or similar might be planted in front of the new railings so as to create a sustainable community garden. This would need to be discussed with the Bradway Pre-School and the City Council. It was also agreed that funds should be committed to improvements to the play area. The Treasurer would seek estimates for replacement of the existing surface material; an alternative might be to replace the fencing. Initial indications are that resurfacing will be beyond BAG's means without further grant support. We might ask NatWest to see if they would like to help now that Bradway has lost its Bank.

## **10. Localism Bill**

With its focus on greater local input to development plans, the Localism Bill, if enacted, could have major implications for BAG. The situation will be closely monitored and our options kept under review. The secretary to provide an analysis of the Bill/Act as it may be by the next meeting.

## **11. Ward Forum / South West Community Assembly**

No-one was available to represent BAG at the last meeting of the Community Assembly (23<sup>rd</sup> June). The two substantive items concerned "Thriving District and Local Centres", where BAG had not been invited to comment, and the 2011/12 Highways Programme, where the top priority for the Dore and Totley Ward was the development of 20mph zones. No reference could be found to minor schemes in Bradway raised earlier. The status of these is to be checked. The last meeting of the Ward Forum, chaired by TRA, agreed to establish Focus groups that would examine specific ward-wide issues in depth, reporting back to the Forum so that discussion could be better informed and more strategically focused. The first group will meet on 21 July to consider Traffic and Road Safety related issues. Others are intended to cover public transport, highways, planning, environment, thriving district centres, older people, and younger people. The committee recognised that they would be unable to take part in all these groups so it was agreed that the wider membership would be asked to get involved.

## **12. Future Activities and meeting dates**

19<sup>th</sup> August: Fun Day / 19<sup>th</sup> September: Committee Meeting / 11<sup>th</sup> October: Annual General Meeting

## **13 Any Other Business.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.