BRADWAY ACTION GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING 6th January 2015

1. Present: Chris Morgan, John Child, Peter Smithson, Anne Sharpe, Andrew Tabor, Philip Righton, Nancy Maitland, Mike Bloy, Frank Richardson, Fiona Vallely
2. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
3. Matters arising: dates of future meetings were confirmed as: Old Mother Redcap 7.15 on 03/03, 05/05, 07/07, 01/09 and 03/11. Bradway Primary School 7.30 on 25/03, 23/06 and 06/10. The list of voluntary groups operating in Bradway is on-going.
4. Reports:

A. Deputy Chair reported that the Christmas event at the Twentywell shops went well and next year, preparing earlier, will go better. The posters need to go up earlier and Father Christmas have more room. Spar didn’t have any lights up. The businesses on Bradway Road will hopefully be more involved next year. Anne has resolved to start arrangements in August this year.

B. Chairman reported that whilst Spar is up for sale nothing has yet happened. The loss of Spar could mean the loss of Post Office and newspaper deliveries. He has been co-opted onto the steering committee of the Friends of Dore and Totley station. The proposed Christmas celebration at the Community Hall did not take place. Comments on the Ward Boundaries have to be submitted this week. There are lots of areas with much larger proposed changes than Bradway. The Streetlife website is being used and provides a useful forum for debate. Frank Richardson will link it to the BAG website.

C. Treasurer reported for the period between the November report (at the end of October) and the present. At the time we had £3658.46 according to the November bank statement.  Since then the school have cashed the AGM hire cheque for £17 and the council have cleared the Annex hire for the Fun Day (£37.50).  We have also made a contribution of £100 towards the cost of the Christmas lights outside the Twentywell Lane shops, so expenditure has been £154.50.  We have received £153 from the Bugle delivery, £4 from a donation (Bugle delivery done by a volunteer instead of a paid individual) and £200 donation via Jill Colley through HSBC and the Scouts for her charitable work, so we've had £357.00 income. Our January bank statement is due about January 9th but we currently have £3869.95 in our account. **Points for the future**: Tom still has about £46 of our Small Pot money for expenditure on flowers for the Twentywell planters (he's promised to put some primulas in once the old flowers are removed). What is going to happen to the Christmas Lights on the shops - storage? and taking down plus re-erection next year?  Does this incur any further costs? Our Public Liability Insurance is due for renewal about February 17th.  Last year this was £217.30. Part of the Fun Day proceeds were for the Community Hall so John Child was given a cheque for £120.

D. John Child thanked BAG for the £120 donation towards the Community Hall and said that the new parking restrictions at the shops on Bradway Road are causing concern for hall users. They are taking legal advice in an effort to clarify matters particularly in the evenings.

E. Two domestic extension planning applications were reported.

F. The website front page is being kept up to date. Chair will look at adding some up to date photographs.

G. Membership secretary reported that membership renewal forms will be going out immediately and Chair will remind members about renewal in his newsletter. Letters have been delivered to all the addresses on Kenwell Drive to see if it generates any new members. Chair is looking into internet banking transfers for next year.

5. Some residents are reported to have a negative attitude to BAG and we need to advertise positive achievements. People should be thanked for helping to clear snow and litter over Christmas. Chair asked for suggestions for future projects and an Easter Treasure Hunt was suggested. The pitch on the recreation ground has not been marked out, Chair will contact Parks and Recreation.

6. AOB: Chair asked that any ideas for gaining new members be e-mailed to him. Deputy Chair volunteered to send for some wild flower seeds which will be spread on the railway triangle.