

**Banstead Village Residents' Association**  
**Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**Held at The Church Institute, High Street, Banstead**

**Welcome by the Chairman**

David Talbot, Chairman, welcomed all members to the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Banstead Village Residents' Association

**Committee Members and Councillors present**

David Talbot, Catalina Vassallo-Bonner, Sheila Cox, Cliff Glanfield, Richard Heath, Sally Hull, Aman Kirmani, Razya Kirmani, Melanie Ramsay, Brian Ransom and Cllr Luke Bennett SCC

**Apologies for Absence**

Ben Martin, Cllrs Eddy Humphries, Nadean Moses and Sam Walsh

**Presentation by Dr Subo Emanuel, partner at the Longcroft Clinic**

Dr Emanuel gave an excellent slide presentation which covered matters of health and well being, the various services available at the Longcroft, changes to evening and Saturday morning clinics and the work being done to find new premises.

Following her presentation she was asked what clinics are currently available at the Horseshoe Clinic; the role of the local pharmacists; further explanation on self referral on line, phone or through the website to certain clinics; further explanation on the changes to evening and Saturday morning clinics and the 119 acute services.

David Talbot thanked Dr Subo for her most interesting presentation and for giving her time to the AGM which was followed by general applause.

**Introduction of Committee Members and duties**

Chairman and Treasurer: David Talbot

Planning: Catalina Vassallo-Bonner, Ben Martin and Melanie Ramsay

Committee members: Sheila Cox, Cliff Glanfield, Richard Heath, Sally Hull, Anan Kirmani, Razya Kirmani and Brian Ransom

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The minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were proposed by Richard Heath and seconded by Cliff Glanfield and passed unanimously by all those present.

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report**

"Firstly huge thanks to Sally Hull and Richard Heath for standing in for me at last year's AGM. I had been struck down by the virus. A busy year for all of us as we try to re-organise ourselves following the sad loss of our previous Treasurer and Membership Secretary, David Gradidge, who did so much for our village. We are arranging a bench on the Wildlife Field in his memory.

We've seen some changes to our committee, with some new recruits as I have already mentioned. We would appreciate additional members, especially those with an interest or expertise in planning,

infrastructure, or website. – please talk to one of the committee members or email us - our only requirement is that you would like to help and that, when the time comes for you to step down you hand over to someone else.

We've introduced some changes to our processes as we try to introduce a report for all our road stewards showing the members in their road with those paying by bank transfer noted in red.

We would also like to increase the annual subscription to £5 per year. Like all organisations our costs have increased over the years but we also donate some of our subscription money to other groups as detailed in our accounts. We would ask you to pay your subscription by bank standing order, it makes it much easier for our road stewards. Some people are so busy today it's difficult to catch them.

*The increase in the subscriptions was approved by Cliff Glanfield and seconded by James Crouch and passed unanimously by those present.*

We are involved with the May Queen, BHS Open Day and Village Day stalls. It is good to see so many of you at these events.

We continue to work with other volunteer groups such as the Business Guild, BViB and the Rotary to support and enhance our Village and of course we have just had our May Fayre, which went well in glorious weather.

There is not much to say on the Accounts, subscriptions are slightly down, expenditure up due to funding some more tree stump removal and work on the village signs (although this was partly funded by SCC in last year's accounts). You can see the effect of this in the reduction of our overall balance."

### **Treasurer's Report**

Richard Heath talked the meeting through the accounts and explained that balance was down was due in part to the fact that not all the monies had been banked. He confirmed that new members are encouraged to pay on line.

The approval of the accounts was proposed by Kathleen Autrey and seconded by Brian Ransom and passed unopposed.

### **Election of Officers**

Cliff Houghton Independent Examiner, David Talbot, Chair and Treasurer; Catalina Vassallo-Bonner Secretary

Proposed by Sally Hull, Seconded by Richard Heath, carried unopposed.

### **Questions to Councillors:**

IN the absence of Reigate and Banstead local councillors all questions were directed to Surrey County Councillor Luke Bennett

- In response to questions regarding the highways network Cllr Bennett informed the meeting that poor workmanship can be reported on line. It was suggested by an attendee that dustcarts should be provided with a camera at the front to record potholes etcetera so that SCC could be kept up to date for repairs. Currently there is a time lag of about 2 months for repairs. It was suggested by Cllr Bennett that a log of incidents be kept for SCC. He went on to say that current pothole policy is to fill all holes. He agreed to follow up a comment that

the white lines around the A217/M25 roundabout at the top of Reigate Hill are virtually obliterated.

- Cllr Bennett informed the meeting that all maintenance of footpaths and verges including clearing leaves is now carried out by SCC. There has been a change of contractors following shoddy work by the previous company.
- The change of speed limit signs on the Winkworth Road's service roads have still not been erected.
- Enforcement of illegal parking on yellow lines is now dealt with by SCC.
- It was mentioned that the noise of lorries on roads is louder

**AOB:**

- James Crouch as Chair of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Banstead Scouts informed the meeting that the troupe has been in existence for 88 years and currently has 100 members aged 6 to 14. Currently the troupe pays £50 per annum to rent their head quarters site to Banstead Golf Club. However, the lease expires later this year. Negotiations are beginning but the golf club wishes to raise the rent and there are fears that it will be impossible to meet the new lease.
- The matter of the Wildlife field was raised stating that it is overgrown and hasn't been mowed for 2 years. Brian Ransom explained that as a Wildlife field it should only be mowed once a year.
- The committee was asked about the erection of mobile phone masts. Catalina Vassallo-Bonner explained that as part of the expansion of masts across the country Reigate and Banstead Council was expected to erect an extra 300 masts. The proposed colour had to be stated on the application form or it would be returned. RBBC only had 65 days to refuse the application or it would be automatically approved. We also understand that, according to BT, there is work being done to make new masts able to carry data for more than one mobile phone company. Up to now any proposed masts in the immediate vicinity of the High Street have been refused.
- It was mentioned that the banners on the railings near the library were very tatty.
- David ... raised the matter of the cricket pavilion was raised with regard to continuation the late-night alcohol licence (01.30) when the new Club house is built and, according to the Cricket Club, the application for demolition of the existing club house and rebuilding was to come before the planning committee in September. Catalina Vassallo-Bonner explained that BVRA had commented on the licence and had been told by an officer in the Planning Department that some extra information was still awaited. She agreed to monitor the Planning Committee agendas to see when the matter would be dealt with and a decision would be taken at the time as to whether or not one of the team would be able to attend and possibly speak.
- Marion Hayns confirmed that BVIB has funding for replacement benches outside Victoria Chemist, Marks & Spencer and Drews. She also added:
  - o The Garden Open Day would be on the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday June 10/11<sup>th</sup>
  - o The official opening of the Lady Neville children's playground would be on the afternoon of Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - o The Bowls Club was also having an Open Afternoon on Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman David Talbot thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 21.20