



## ***Banstead Village Residents Association***

### ***60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 23rd May 2007***

1. *Welcome by Chairman:*

Roger Collins introduced himself and welcomed all those present. He thanked those who were in attendance and outlined the evening's agenda.

2. *Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting:*

Roger Collins proposed that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting in May 2006 be taken as read. This was seconded and passed with no objections.

3. *Presentation by Neighbourhood Inspector Clive Davies, Surrey Police:*

Roger Collins introduced Inspector Davies who is in charge of Neighbourhood Policing for Reigate and Banstead. Inspector Davies outlined the work of the various Surrey Police departments, how they worked in relation to each other and the work of the Neighbourhood Police, Community Safety team, Youth Intervention, and Crime Reduction. He emphasised that Surrey is a leading force for Neighbourhood Policing and that the work done had received outstanding grades from an independent inspection into the work of Neighbourhood Policing in Surrey. He welcomed PCSO Jackie Philips and confirmed that she had received an award for her work in Banstead Village.

Inspector Davies also pointed out that Reigate and Banstead has had the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest drop in crime in the whole area and that it is considered the safest area in Surrey. He is very aware of the local youth problems and has responded by increasing the number of police on duty on the weekend late shift, by working with Tesco to discourage young people from congregating outside the store, by working with Youth Development and the local council in order to find ways of occupying young people. He is also using Dispersal Orders as a means of minimising problems and using police resources in working with schools to try and identify taggers. The policy is to warn identified taggers rather than to arrest them on a first offence.

Inspector Davies then answered questions from the floor. He also reminded his audience that all incidents should be reported so that the Police can make an ICAD report which helps to show trouble 'hotspots'. At the end of the question session Roger Collins thanked Inspector Davies for his presentation.

4. *Presentation of the Chairman's Report*

The Chairman started his report for the year by saying that certain issues, such as health and SEERA, had been dealt with in the May Newsheet. He went on to look at Planning concerns relating to Bus shelters and at possible future concerns with regards to Courtlands Farm and the ex-Legal and General Farm.

He also raised the issue of the Christmas Lights and the need for a successor to Pam Goldsack. He thanked the two retiring members, Jennie Williams and Sally Hull, for their work on the Executive Committee and reminded those members present that the Executive Committee is four members short. Anyone interested in joining the committee was invited to attend the next Executive meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Questions from the floor included the recent planning application from St Anne's school for 4 permanent classrooms and the effect this would have on local parking.

5. *Presentation of audited Accounts:*

David Gradidge as Hon. Treasurer presented the year's audited Accounts, which are included in the May NewsSheet. He called attention to the deficit of £251 which signified that money was being put to good use. The Hon. Treasurer explained that the small increase in income came from increased membership and higher interest rates. He also identified the donations made by BVRA comprised £200 to the Royal Marsden Hospital in memory of the late Peter McLaren, £350 to the Let there be Light campaign and £350 to the public address system for the Church Institute. He also explained that the survey expenses related to the Survey carried out by BVRA in 2006 and the relevant postage.

There was only one question on the Accounts related to the increase cost in Room Hire which was satisfactorily explained. The Accounts' acceptance was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting without objection.

6. *Election of Officers:*

Roger Collins identified the requirement of the meeting to appoint an Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and the Executive for the coming year, which would appoint a new Chairman at its next meeting. Mr Gradidge is standing again; he was proposed, seconded and appointed with no objection from the meeting. Catalina Vassallo-Bonner was also proposed and seconded as Hon. Secretary.

Finally members of the current Executive Committee who were present introduced themselves and Mr Collins identified those absent, all of whom have agreed to stand again in the coming year. The Committee members were proposed and seconded and elected unanimously, being as follows:

Drina van den Berg, Shirley Conacher, Lindsay Iorwerth, Marjorie Reeves.

Mike Sawyer, Roger Collins, Tony Ford, Richard Heath, Alan Lansdown, Graham Ward and Ron Phillips as our Business Representative.

We remain four short of our designated number, but no further nominations were received.

7. *Welcome to Local Councillors and Open Forum:*

The meeting was delighted to welcome Cllr. Angela Fraser, Chairman of Surrey County Council, and our Reigate and Banstead Borough councillors, Lynne Hack, now Leader of R&B Council, and Brian Cowle. Cllr Sam Walsh was unable to attend as he is Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee which also met on the evening of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each in turn introduced themselves and their new functions, which have in many cases changed. The meeting was then thrown open to questions from members, which included:

- Flooding:
- Advertisements outside Pegasus and Sunrise:
- Refuse collection:
- Bus shelters:
- Libraries:
- Banstead Clinic:
- Construction between Croydon Lane and Fairdown Lane:
- Christmas Lights:
- Government funding to Local Government:

8. *Any Other Business:*

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.45 pm.