

Banstead Village Residents Association

59th Annual General Meeting on Friday 26th May 2006

1. Welcome by Vice Chairman:

Mike Sawyer introduced himself and welcomed all those present. He explained the position in regard to Sam Walsh, who had resigned as our Chairman, following his election as councillor for Banstead Village, and also introduced Roger Collins, the associations other vice-chairman.

2. Tribute to the late Peter McLaren, MBE:

Mike Sawyer paid tribute to the late Peter McLaren who died recently. Peter accepted the role of honorary President at the last AGM, a role that had been specifically created to acknowledge the great debt owed to him by the Association for his work over the last 25 years, for 20 of which he was Chairman. The meeting recorded our thanks, and our best wishes to Edna and her family.

3. Minutes of the 58th Annual General Meeting:

Mike Sawyer proposed that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting in May 2005 be taken as read. This was, seconded and passed with no objections.

4. Presentation of Chairman's Report:

The Chairman's report for the year was included in the May NewsSheet and in the absence of a Chairman, Mike Sawyer summarised the main points from it, and expanded on the BVRA's achievements and other significant matters during the year:

- Progress on Five Year Plan
- TCMG – resignation of Cllr. Brain Cowle
- Survey of members' opinions
- Main Planning issues: SEERA, St Anne's, Preston Master Plan, L&G sale of land
- allotments in Holly Lane and Lambert Road
- Youth Centre reprieve
- Sports Centre – yet to be resolved

5. Presentation by Mr Richard Rapp of Sutton & East Surrey Water plc:

Roger Collins introduced Mr Richard Rapp representing SESW plc, in the absence of their Managing Director, Mr Philip Holder, who was unfortunately away on business. Mr Rapp is Supply Manager in the Operations Division.

The presentation covered mainly the reasons behind the need to implement a drought order and the outlook for water supplies in future years. The talk was

well received and generated many questions from the audience, which unfortunately had to be halted after half an hour by the Vice Chairman, who thanked Mr Rapp for his enlightening presentation.

6. *Presentation of audited Accounts:*

David Gradidge as Hon. Treasurer presented the year's audited Accounts, which are included in the May NewsSheet. He identified the main heads of expenditure (NewsSheet, premises and occasional projects), and called attention to the surplus of revenue over expenditure. Since this has been occurring in recent years, we are building up a Reserve which now stands at over £6,000. The Hon. Treasurer recommended that the Executive Committee should consider ways in which we might usefully spend part of this reserve, since it is not the BVRA's function to accumulate reserves.

There were no questions on the Accounts. Their acceptance was proposed, seconded and agreed by the meeting without objection.

7. *Election of Officers:*

Roger Collins identified the requirement for the meeting to appoint an Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and the Executive Committee 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.

Roger Collins proposed that the appointment of the Hon. Secretary be delegated to the Executive Committee which would meet on Tuesday 30th May. After a year of operating without a Secretary we now have one volunteer for this post, who was not present but would be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting. Any other member present who might be interested in taking this post was invited also to attend the meeting on Tuesday 30th May. The meeting agreed that the decision should be deferred to the Executive Committee.

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 for the coming year. The Committee members were proposed and seconded and elected unanimously, being as follows:

Mesdames: Shirley Conacher, Jenny Williams, Sally Hull, Marjorie Reeves, Lindsay Iowerth, Drina van den Berg.

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

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

8. *Welcome to Local Councillors & Open Forum*

The meeting was delighted to welcome Cllr. Angela Fraser from Surrey County Council and our Reigate and Banstead Borough councillors, Lynn Hack, Brian Cowle and Sam Walsh. 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:

- A217/Burgh Wood junction and A217 white line markings;
- St Anne's school;
- Protecting green belt;
- Centenary of the Institute building;
- Council consultations;
- Road sweeping and leaf clearance;
- Car parking in the village
- Cabinet management of council;
- Litter clearance in roads;
- Police activity outside the Woolpack PH.

(Mike – do we have to summarise these? -yes, we normally do!).

9. Any Other Business:

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10.10 pm.