

## **Netherne on the Hill Residents Association**

### **Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Netherne on the Hill Village Hall on Monday 20 December 2010, commencing at 7:30pm**

**ATTENDEES:-** NOTHRA Committee : Michael Maddox (Acting Chairman), Sonja Angel (Secretary), Robert Murdoch, Tony Hewlett, Roger Ponsford and about 25 residents.

**APOLOGIES:-** Councillors Stephenson and Wagner, Lovells (Managing Agents), Annie Odhams, Simon Pearse, Ed Lawrie (NML), the Coopers

#### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – MATTERS ARISING:-**

- NOTHRA was asked to consider putting up signs stating that the village was a Private Estate. *The village is not 'private' therefore this is not possible. Also, as the roads are to be adopted, it is unlikely that it will ever become a "gated community"*
- It was requested that public meetings are held in the evening. *This is happening. The next public meeting -NML AGM -is on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7:30pm.*
- NOTHRA and Nominee Directors (NomD) were asked to consider taking legal action against MJGleeson. *The NomD will present the settlement at the forthcoming NML AGM.*
- It was suggested that the Leisure Centre not be accepted before the golden share be handed over. *The former church (S106 item) now the Leisure Centre was accepted by MD/NML in November 2009 - residents will have the option, after NML is transferred to resident's control, to decide the future of this facility.*

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-** The Chairman presented his written report for the period July 2009- June 2010 and provided the following update:

- In spring of 2010 the NomD were given a mandate to negotiate a settlement with MJG . NOTHRA has monitored this process and helped produce snagging lists. Preparations for the transfer of NML to elected resident directors have been protracted largely because of difficulties getting the land title plans revised. The election/settlement will be considered by members at the NML AGM on 10 January 2011.
- The estate snagging list has now been completed; some work was undertaken by NML staff in exchange for the provision of maintenance equipment from MJG.
- The Leisure Centre has been operational for 13 months- NOTHRA has received no comments from residents. After handover, NOTHRA will ask NML to consider allowing residents in former NHS houses use of the facility.
- The Village Hall is almost ready for public use (outstanding defects being rectified in slow time). Thanks were given to Facilities Manager (John Banks) for his efforts in getting issues dealt with. NML is finalising usage policies. Much equipment has been donated by the Bowls Club but more tables and chairs are required.
- Problems with the standard of the 'tipping fields' have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Council Environment department. MJG will fund it's upkeep 2 years.
- The Bowls Club has been demolished due to severe deterioration of the building. MJG will be handing over the freehold to NML.
- NOTHRA has examined options for transport for the village, and concluded that a Community Bus should be obtained. A proposal will be put to NML in January.
- Surrey CC advise that adoption of roads has been delayed due to problems getting land titles sorted with NHS etc. Street lighting has still to be completed, but it is hoped that existing public roads (Park Lane, Netherne Lane North) will soon be resurfaced (SCC has received funds from MJG). NOTHRA is attempting to ascertain who is responsible for completing street lighting in areas developed by David Wilson and Bellwinch.

NOTHRA will be urging NML to consider the following in 2011:

- lighting the path to Hooley
- a community bus
- parking for the Village Hall
- provision of a new social club on the site of the bowls club
- more litter bins and picnic tables
- the development of a village plan, with a view to supporting a sustainable community

**ACCOUNTS:-** The accounts for FY ending 30 June 2010 have been accepted by the NOTHRA Committee. There is £294.38 in the bank, and it has been decided to not charge subscriptions this year.

**ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS:-** All current members have agreed to continue to serve except Annie Hills who has stood down after 5 years loyal service- we thank her. No nominations have been received and the following continue in their posts – Michael Maddox (Acting Chairman), Sonja Angel (Secretary), Sharon Smart (Treasurer). Other Committee Members – Robert Murdoch, Annie Odams, Simon Pearse, Roger Ponsford, Tony Hewlett.

**CHANGE TO NOTHRA CONSTITUTION:** The role of NOTHRA has changed with the imminent transfer of NML to residents control, and it is proposed that following the following new Objects be adopted:

- a. To preserve and improve, where required, the amenities enjoyed by residents.
- b. To foster and encourage community social, educational and sporting activities.
- c. To consider the public services affecting residents such as education, health, security, transport etc, and take action as necessary.
- d. To make representation to local authorities, and other bodies (including Netherne Management Limited), on matters of concern as the Committee sees fit.
- e. To provide feedback to local authorities and other bodies with views of members in response to consultative documents and planning applications, and to represent residents on matters of common interest.

The resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Sonja Angel; it was carried unanimously.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Thanks were proffered to the committee for their endeavours over the last year.
- The need for better website communication was discussed. NOTHRA agreed to examine managing [www.netherne.co.uk](http://www.netherne.co.uk) John Banks is improving the NML [www.nman.co.uk](http://www.nman.co.uk) - setting up a blog facility and other links. Emailing residents who wish to be kept informed is to be considered.
- It was questioned why the Village Hall was accepted by MD/NML when it was not ready for public use. This issue is being dealt with by the Nominee Directors.
- John Banks agreed to renovate the Notice Board, and erect it opposite the shop. He will also attend to broken benches; and pursue the agreement that playground equipment be adapted to accommodate the needs of younger children.
- Tony Hewlett asked that the 'community bus' be given priority by NOTHRA and NML .