

# **Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet**

## **Residents Association**

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### **COMMITTEE TO FIGHT THE PLANS TO**

### **BUILD ON BOWERS GIFFORD & NORTH BENFLEET GREEN BELT**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE**

#### **at the BENBOW CLUB on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19.05.

#### **Attendees**

Rose Griffin (RG) Chair; Gary Lee (GL); George Smith (GS); Carole Turkson (CT); Derek Twidell (DT); Laura Watts (LW) ; Tina Whitham (TW).

Apologies received from Tracy Calver (TC);

DT acted as minutes secretary.

Approximately 70 members of the public attended the meeting.

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were read and accepted.

#### **2. Matters arising from the last minutes – any matter arising was included on the agenda**

- 3. Update on Little Chalvedon Hall Farm – over 5169 signatures on the petition but the council would not accept 700 of these as they were collected prior to the application being accepted. 618 on the e-petition. Over 300 letters but some of these were from the same home and Basildon Council would only count one letter per address. The letters sent to the MP were not accepted as objections as they had been submitted prior to the application. However, they still had value because Stephen Metcalfe the MP had said that he would use them to continue to fight the application in the event that Basildon Council approved the application or Basildon Council refused the application and there was an appeal.**

#### **4. Strategy regarding the Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Meeting**

The Basildon Council Development Control and Traffic Management Committee Meeting has now been fixed for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013. We would like as many members as possible to come along to that meeting to support committee members and members of the parish council who would speak against the application. Some residents had offered to speak. Mrs. Daphne Payne and Mr. Paul Picton stood up and outlined what they intended to say at the DC&TM meeting. DT asked for other potential speakers to come forward at the end of the meeting.

#### **5. Treasurers Report**

As TC was absent, there was no Treasurers report for this meeting. RG said that the last bank statement showed that there was approximately £650 in the bank and a further £35 had been spent on a land registry search.

## **6. Any Other Business**

The Residents Association had been contacted by Family Choices Support group with regard to locating a site suitable for a Community Farm in the area. The organisation would be invited as guest speakers at the next meeting.

The land registry search revealed that Nottingham Council were recorded as being the owners of Little Chalvedon Hall Farm and there was no record of the pension fund.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

A potential date of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 has been set, which will be the Annual General Meeting and election of officers for the coming term. A proposed guest speaker from Choices Family Support will be approached. This is an organisation interested in setting up a community farm in this area.

**The meeting closed at 20.15.**

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