

In Attendance

Mark Hood, Angela Clark, Lucy Athey, Fran Long, Jo Murphy, Diane Morgan, Sarah Brown, Joff Brown, Megan LeGoubin, Claire O'Shea, Claire Johnson, Emma Cole, Julie Hadaway, Averil Langridge, Matt Stabeler, Matthew Rudd, Maureen Coulstock and Martin Coulstock.

Approval of Minutes & Apologies

Mark Hood (Outgoing Chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from 16th July were agreed. Apologies from Lesley Headdon, Gill Sargent, Matt Sargent, Alison Cackett and Jo Young.

Election of Officers and Committee

Mark Hood stood down as Chair of the association after four years, and explained the role of chair to those present. Angela Clark kindly offered to move roles from Vice-Chair to Chair; she was proposed by Claire O'Shea and seconded by Jo Murphy. Matt Stabeler volunteered his services as Vice-Chair, and he was proposed by Martin Coulstock and seconded by Mark Hood. Sarah Brown agreed to job-share some of the secretarial duties with Lucy Athey; this was proposed by Diane Morgan and seconded by Joff Brown. Alison Cackett (who was not able to be present) had previously offered to be our new Treasurer; she was proposed by Fran Long, seconded by Claire O'Shea.

Committee members; Megan LeGoubin, Sarah Brown, Greg Fox, Fran Long, Matt Sargent, Gill Sargent, Julie Hadaway

Annual Roundup

Outgoing chair Mark Hood updated all those present on the last year;

We have had a thankfully quiet year and things have really settled down. We have enjoyed two social events; the Christmas Social at The Nelson Arms on 16th December (and of course we held a Christmas Window Competition just before the big day) and the Summer Picnic which was held in the Racecourse on 18th August narrowly avoiding the rain. Our Jumble Trail on 29th June was an amazing success thanks to the hard work of Lucy Athey. We had visitors from across the town and managed to declutter and get to know our neighbours better. We have held Litter Blitz's on 14th October and 7th April and another date is now due before the fallen leaves makes the task harder. The Boatyard has continued to welcome new and visiting boats and there are now a few spare berths available.

Neighbourhood Watch

Following recent worrying events of anti-social behaviour in Barden, Sarah Brown offered to look into the possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, and has spoken to a local police officer for more advice. Neighbourhood Watch claim to offer cheaper CCTV, security aids, lowering house insurance – however she has found that this isn't always the case. In fact what we have as an association (with our busy Facebook group and strong sense of community) is actually more effective in terms of keeping our area safe. The police officer also advised that if something similar happens again that times are logged on the group to help them build up evidence. He also advised that anyone witnessing a crime should contact the police but not approach anyone themselves. Mark (as our local Councillor) has been in touch with the police about the possibility of CCTV on Barden Road.

20mph & Parking Update

This has taken four years of pressure and petitions and is finally paying off. After being delayed from the original July installation date, Mark Hood (who attended the Joint Transportation Board meeting last week) was able to give us the good news that the signs have now been made and the scheme should be in place in three weeks time.




Mark spoke briefly about the partial road closure on Avebury Avenue which is causing some pedestrians to risk walking into the traffic rather than around the diversion. He and fellow Judd Ward Councillor April Clark have asked for one section to be taken out on the corner to allow for people to cross safely.

Parking Update: There is another phase of amendments due in Spring 2020. Andy Bracey from TMBC has provided Mark Hood with data which proves that their recent changes have created parking spaces in certain streets. We will publish this data and the information from the Joint Transportation Board on the facebook group and our website. We are due to have a meeting with officers for an update as over a year has elapsed since our last meeting. Martin Coulstock offered to attend again (once a date is set) along with Lucy Athey and Mark Hood, who would be attending in his role as local Councillor. It is unlikely that any other changes will be made until the medical centre is opened in Spring 2020, and the impact this has on local parking is seen.

River Lawn Update

The campaign group KRLG will meet any legal costs for the Village Green application (which was made by Barden Residents' Association) and they have engaged representation from the Environmental Law Foundation who have provided advice pro bono. They are waiting to see if TMBC's engagement of a QC to undermine the case will prevent progress to the stage when Councillors decide the fate of River Lawn. If the Village Green application does not progress, then this will be the end of the association's involvement with this. A sub-committee was formed to oversee the outstanding Village Green Application and Asset of Community Value issues in order to ensure continuity. There is a Conkers Competition on Sunday 13th October from 12pm onwards which all the local community are invited to attend.

AOB

- South Eastern water inspected the drains in Holford Street which have been producing an unpleasant smell since the new flats have been built. They say it needs to be investigated with cameras to see whether sewage is going into the surface water runaway, this will have to be done by KCC as they own the building. They also advised that the water tanks on the roof could be contributing to the smell when the water becomes stagnant in the summer.
- A resident was concerned with the state of the pavement along Barden Park Road and Barden Road along the river side. MH to investigate.
- The next Litter Blitz will be on Sunday 20th October.
- Christmas social in The Nelson Arms, Sunday 22nd December from 3:30 to 5:30. 

Next Meetings

Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8pm to enable as many people as possible to attend and are held at the Scout Hut in Lambert's Yard (unless advertised being elsewhere).

The next meeting is; **Tuesday 26th November**