

# Purbrook and Widley Area Residents' Association.

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**The next PAWARA Meeting on 22nd November 2007 at 7.15pm in Deverell Hall is our Annual General Meeting** and the agenda will be:

(1) Welcome by the Chairman and the Chairman's report.

(2) Treasurer's report.

(3) Election of officers. (a) Chairman (currently Pam Cooper)

(b) Vice Chairman (currently John Briggs )

(c) Secretary (currently Sue Bancroft)

(d) Treasurer (currently Bill Blackett)

(e) Membership Sec. (currently Sheila McIntosh)

(f) Deliveries Sec. (currently Anne Willoughby)

(4) Election of 8 committee members: currently John Harvey (Environment), David Heck, Stephen Long,

Gina Doggett, Muriel Smith and Brian Woolley. There are 2 vacancies. If any member wishes to join the committee please contact the Chairman by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

(5) Election of Auditors: currently Carol Crascall of Horndean and Jack Carruthers of Denmead.

(6) A talk at 7.30pm by Ian Limb from Portsmouth Water Company.

(7) A.O.B.

(8) At about 8.15pm: membership enrolment. Please note that the members' annual subscription of £3.00 will be collected at this point and membership cards will be issued. Please try to have the correct money.

(9) The committee (at their expense) ask all members who are present to join them in an end-of-year drink.

**The Speaker at our last meeting was Glen Hewlett** who is the Director of Development at Queen Alexandra Hospital, A great deal of information was shown and Glen answered many questions. We are very grateful to him for his time and expertise. We were please to see **David Willetts ,our local MP,** who was able to attend the last part of the same meeting. He responded to a very varied range of questions from 'Human Rights' to the MDA. The following MDA motion was passed when it was put to the meeting:

*" The present MDA plans include substantial areas of open space and landscaping within the Development,*

*as well as retaining existing and established important tree belts in the existing landscape. It would be a tragedy if, at some time in the future, these areas were built on when pressure for more housing becomes greater. Therefore the above Residents' Association wishes the Forum to consider at its next meeting the possibility of PAWARA having a 'stake' in the Management of these vulnerable areas and an input into the appearance of the architecture of the housing".*

This motion was sent to the Chairman of the Forum, Cllr G.Hollingbery. Nigel Green, MDA Officer at Winchester City Council, replied fully and in a positive vein:

*"The Grainger Trust intend to establish a management company, to undertake the management of the development as a whole. I (Nigel Green) will of course bear in mind your request to be considered as a member of the management company, and raise the possibility with the developers at the appropriate time."*

*And " I (Nigel Green )will of course endeavour to ensure that you(PAWARA )are consulted in respect of the architectural treatment of the new dwellings irrespective of where they are located."*

The plans for the housing along the London Road nearest to Purbrook are unlikely to be submitted for a number of years. The full response from Nigel Green will be available at our 22<sup>nd</sup> November meeting.

**Latest MDA concern** is that with each presentation /meeting there appears greater use being made of Milk Lane as an access to the MDA. This will result in more traffic through Purbrook , with a specific concern at the pinch point outside the church where wide vehicles will find difficulty in passing one another.

Please note that our **meeting dates for 2008** are: February 28<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**The Environment Group.** A big thank you goes to Stephen Long for producing hundreds of coloured leaflets advertising the seed-planting event. Unfortunately only one new resident helper turned up but John Harvey reports that the seeding in the Privett Road green area has gone very well. Another resident brought along 4 carrier bags of primroses from her garden and they have been planted in Sandy Dell. The group is going to leave Privett Road/Sandy Dell for a while and move to Ladybridge Roundabout area where the intention is to plant 2,000 daffodil bulbs. Len Lowe is going to keep an eye on Sandy Dell etc., so if anyone can give Len a hand please phone 92799896. Please come and help with the bulb planting by meeting on the corner of Purbrook Heath Road on **4<sup>th</sup> Nov. and 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at 9.30am until 11am.** The group will not meet during January and February.

**Spruce up Purbrook village centre.** There is a loyal team of 6 who litter pick along the A3 and we can supply the gear to anyone else who wants to help, just phone a committee member. A big thank you to all at Topline Windows, Waterlooville. After being contacted by PAWARA, they came straight away and removed all their old signs from the exterior of this building which used to be their offices. We understand the new occupants will be carrying out further refurbishment works in January. Progress at last, the old garage has been cleared but there is still no news as to what will replace the garage.

**Sites of Special Scientific Interest = SSSI.** Sheila has been in contact with Val Pollard who deals with protected species for the Hants branch of Natural England. Sheila is pursuing SSSI status for the woodlands on the West of Waterlooville site. Val's response is: "as Natural England is a new organisation there is no programme at present for notification of new SSSIs . Perhaps this may change in the future, but at present there is no capability for this". Sheila also asked if it would be possible to stock the dew-ponds with frogs and toads etc but was advised against this. She is pursuing these issues and has requested a site visit with Val to discuss matters further.

**Trades Corner.** We are keen to publicise new businesses and trades people in the Newsletter and on the Website, so please contact us if you or anyone you know has just started a business. Martin Puddock is an upholsterer and furniture restorer. He has a workshop at Widley, tel 07914331908. Martin also teaches and hopes to start a workshop helping young people learn a new skill and recycle unwanted furniture at the same time.

**Bus routes into Queen Alexandra Hospital** were raised at our last meeting. PAWARA wrote to Cllr Nigel Tarrant for advice as he works for a bus company. He replied, " The 45A stops at the hospital entrance. It comes from Denmead to Waterlooville every hour and then goes via Stakes Hill Road, Elizabeth Road, Westbrook Grove, Stakes Road and Park Avenue, but **not** Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Anyone living on or near the A3 through Purbrook needs to take the 41 to The Brow and pick up the 45A there".

**Hants and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust** is holding a 'Robins and Reindeer, Sparkles and Snow' activities day on 20<sup>th</sup> December at Swanwick Lakes Centre. The cost is £2.50, tel 01489570240 to book places.

**Purbrook Park Playing Field Development.** The next stage of the plans submitted to Havant have been deferred until the end of the year.

We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Christmas, and a particular thank you to our deliverers.  
**Remember, remember the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November at 7.15pm.** Come and listen to Portsmouth Water Company's Ian Limb, pay your subs and join us in a glass of wine.

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