

Biggin Hill Residents Association

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| **Date** | Monday 12th May 2025 |  |
| Location | Blundell’s Biggin Hill |  |
| Those present: Rosemary Charleton, , Kim Cross, Michael Saxon,Peter Martin, David Haslam, Annie Webb, Ian Ramage, Melanie Stevens,, Luan Hannaford |  | |

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| Agenda Item | | Action | Person responsible |
| 1 | **To Open the Meeting** | Peter opened the meeting by welcoming those present | Peter |
| 2 | **Apologies** | Apologies were received from Sophie Dunbar and Tony Scullion  Simon Turner was absent |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2025** | The minutes of the meeting held in April were agreed as follows:  Proposed: David  Seconded: Annie  Passed: all |  |
| **4** | **Financial Report** | Tony was absent but had provided his usual spreadsheet for April, which showed receipts of £2,001.50, the majority of which (£1,877.50) was for the St George’s Day event. Payments were £1,350.49, again most of these (£1,060) were for the St George’s Day event. The event made a profit (amount not stated), which will be split 50/50 between BHRA and the church. | Tony |
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| **6** | **Spitfire Community Project** | There is not much to say about this, there have been regular meetings and business plans discussed. It was suggested that we should raise awareness of this at the Carnival. Annie pointed out there is a questionnaire for the public on Social Media. | Peter, Annie |
| **7** | **Publicity/I.T.** | Luan has publicised the Teddy Bears picnic and the St George’s Day event.  Ian then gave an update on the I.T. issue, where he is having a problem with the security certificate which is not applying correctly – it can flag the site as insecure, even though it has the SSL certificate configured. The website is part of WordPress, but hosted by GoDaddy, and Ian has spent a considerable amount of time trying to sort this out.. If Ian can’t resolve this we might have to start again with a new website. In the meantime he has asked 123Reg to help. | Luan, Ian |
| **8** | **Biggin Hill Carnival** | This is the 28th June.  The pitch is booked, and Kim has a giant Connect4 game. There will also be a giant litter pick as this has been very popular in the past.  Peter suggested a free raffle for BHRA members, with a wheelie bin as a prize.  Melanie requested the BHRA insurance details, which Peter agreed to provide.  With regard to the sale of merchandise, a photo board was suggested for the fridge magnets and we might give away bags to new members.  We have a gazebo which needs a new top and Luan and Annie agreed to investigate purchasing a complete new gazebo together with 2 tablecloths.  Luan is doing the publicity leaflets and Fred will help to put up the gazebo.  We should also publicise the Bob Shekyl’s award at the carnival. | Peter, Luan, Annie, Fred |
| **9** | **Social Events** | Thanks were given to Luan and Annie for recent events. The Teddy Bears Picnic was a resounding success, although Eventbrite proved to be not suitable for small events.  Upcoming events are the Choi Pin meal on the 11th July, which will be adults only – 50 people max. The poster has been done.  13th September is the Disco Bingo at Blundell’s, and the 30th November is the Xmas Wine tasting which will cost £25.  We then moved on to the AGM, which will be on the 6th October. Peter suggested David Winstanley as one of the speakers, as it’s 3 years since he was last there, and Peter Greenyer (shipping and airlines) was also suggested. Kim then gave the Bob Shekyls shield to Peter to pass on to the 2nd winner for the 6 months. | Peter, Kim, Annie |
| **10** | **Recruitment** | We are in need of more committee members, so Peter advertised in the Chronicle, but had no response; other suggestions would be welcome. | Peter |
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| **11** | **A.O.B.** | A litter pick was agreed for the weekend of the 21st June, on the Saturday to involve the New Life Church 10.30am to 1pm, Luan will advertise this.  Melanie will not be here for the June meeting |  |

**Date of next Meeting: (all at Blundell’s starting at 7.30pm): Monday 9th June 2025.**