

**Bowers Gifford & North Benfleet**  
**Residents Association**  
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**COMMITTEE TO FIGHT THE PLANS TO**  
**BUILD ON BOWERS GIFFORD & NORTH BENFLEET GREEN BELT**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE**  
**at the BENBOW CLUB on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19.38.

**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.

DT acted as minutes secretary.

Approximately 35 members of the public attended the meeting.

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 were read and accepted.

**2. Matters arising from the last minutes**

Mo Larkin had asked Rob Smillie(RS) if he could ask whether technical help could be found, via the Association of Parish Councillors, with regard to technical help in reviewing the planning application to build on Little Chalvedon Hall Farm. RS was not in attendance and RG said she would email him.

**3. Outline Development Plan Submission Update**

Outline plans were submitted by Meridian to Basildon Council on 15<sup>th</sup> February, and were starting to be loaded onto the Council website on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 23 attachments, and some documents were too large to scan. Meridian had been asked to re-submit these, so the final count could be a lot more.

RG read out an e-mail from David Lewis, from the Basildon Planning Department.

**4. Westlake Avenue Consortium Update**

David Newberry, from Meridian, has replied to an e-mail from Donna Picton regarding the purchase of land behind Westlake Avenue. Meridian had declined to sell the land as it has potential 'hope' value. RG updated those present with the latest situation.

**5. Petitions, Letters to MP and Twitter**

There are over 2,200 signatures on the written petition and just over 200 on the on-line one. RG reiterated the need for more. A map of the area that Meridian claimed they had consulted by post was shown to the floor (2 mile radius). However, it was doubtful that a

large part of this was covered by them because as petitioners were knocking on doors in Pitsea people were telling them that they have not been consulted. There was no update on the number of letters received by our MP. The number of twitter followers was growing.

**6. Consultation With Landscape Partnership**

RG, CT and Brian Wall, one of our Parish Councillors, went to a meeting with the Landscape Partnership. Unfortunately, Doreen Glibbery has not been very well, and was unable to attend. The meeting, which was about a character assessment of the Basildon district proved very informative and useful. Feedback would feed the core strategy.

**7. Guest Speaker – Steve Prewer, Wat Tyler Country Park**

One of the attendees at the above meeting was Steve Prewer, the manager of Countryside Operations and Development for Basildon Council. He agreed to attend this evening, and gave an insight into the operations at Wat Tyler and the marshes around there. He also spoke of the potential 'wildlife corridor' which Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet forms a part of.

**8. Fundraising**

8a) Flash Fiction Competition – RG gave a brief resume of the competition which was hoped would generate some funds for the campaign.

8b) Table Top Sale – Daphne Payne spoke about the table top sale that she is organising on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Benbow Club. It was suggested that the Evening Echo and Essex Radio be used to advertise. She also asked about leasing a table to third parties, to help fill up the hall.

**9. Treasurers Report**

As TC was absent, there was no Treasurers report this meeting.

**10. Any Other Business**

There was no Other Business this month.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is due to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Benbow Club. Residents were advised to keep a look out on our web site, just in case this needed to be changed.

**The meeting closed at 20.53.**

**Volunteers to help with the petition and leafleting are urgently required –please contact any member of the committee if you would like to help in this or any other way.**

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