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PLEASE SIGN, DATE & RETURN YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Secretary to BVRA, Mr. Simon Moisy, 59 Cattswood Lane, Bolnore Village, RH16 4GF

* If you prefer, a cheque can be attached and made payable to "BVRA", however please **do not** pay with cash.



BOLNORE NEWS

Bolnore Village Residents' Association

www.bolnore.org.uk

Issue 6: Spring / Summer 2008

Welcome

Welcome to the Spring / Summer edition of the newsletter. I hope that you enjoy getting an update on what has been going on in Bolnore Village.

BVRA continues to represent your interests in shaping the recreation ground and the community centre, as well as working on issues such as parking, adoption of the roads and generally trying to make Bolnore a pleasant place to live.

The summer will be an exciting time with the Bolnore Arts Our Space Festival as well as our Summer Fête. September will see our AGM, so please make sure you come along to this.

And remember, the more people signed up to BVRA, the better we can represent the needs of the village. Please fill in the form on page 12. It only costs £5 a year! We also need new committee members. We have a particular vacancy for an Upper Village representative and a webmaster.

You get out of a place what you put into it, and by showing an active interest in the issues that affect Bolnore you can help make Bolnore a great place to live.

Elspeth McPherson, BVRA Chair

BVRA Committee

The entire committee can always be reached by email on bvra@bolnore.org.uk or you can contact the committee member in your area:

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Community Centre Update:

BVRA representatives had a meeting on 3rd June with Crest Nicholson and Foxley Tagg to discuss the community centre site. This meeting followed on from the public meeting in March at which the latest proposals for that site were displayed and discussed.

The general consensus from the previous consultations and the public meeting in March is that there is a real requirement and desire for a community centre in Bolnore Village, however there is mixed feeling about the proposed plans and concerns about various aspects of the development and impact on parking in the area.

Under the section 106 agreement for phases 1-3 Crest Nicholson are required to provide a site for a community centre. They have done so and there are NO alternative sites on offer. Under s106 for phases 4-5 they are required to

provide a contribution towards the build, however they are NOT required to build a community centre. As there is no obligation to build a community centre they are only prepared to go ahead if they can mitigate the excess costs with residential build.

Crest Nicholson have digested all of the feedback that was provided by attendees of the March meeting and have responded with the suggestion they will look at the feasibility of implementing possible amendments to the existing plans. These would include:

- the provision of 3 extra public parking spaces³,
 - re-positioning the entrance to the community centre and bin store⁴,
 - scaling down the southern corner elevation to minimise impact at the rear of Wickens Court,
 - implementing a number of noise control measures to minimise the general impact on Central Square⁵, and
 - increasing some of the planting around the site to give a softer feel⁶.
- If Crest Nicholson consider amendments to be feasible and re-draft the plans accordingly there are two possible outcomes.

The first option is that the plans become more acceptable to the majority of residents. If this is the case then they will implement the changes and proceed to a planning application.

The alternative is that the amendments are not acceptable to the majority of residents and BVRA. As they feel that costs associated with another complete redesign of plans are prohibitive they would choose instead to transfer the Community Centre Site to MSDC together with a compensation payment. The compensation payment would in theory be able to be used as partial funding towards the build of a community centre on the proportion of

Bolnore Village Summer Fête – Sunday 20 July, 2pm

Please put Sunday 20 July in your diaries now for the return of our fabulous annual Bolnore Village Fête. We hope to get the use of the recreation ground (subject to MSDC's and Crest's authorisation) and it starts at 2pm.

This year we are having a FANCY DRESS competition for the children (pay £2 which will go to charity) with a special prize for any adults who choose to dress up! There will be cakes and ice creams on sale, beer and wine tasting, fire engine rides, a bouncy castle, games for the children, as well as an array of tempting stalls selling everything from books to soft furnishings.

It promises to be lots of fun and we hope to see you there!

the site allocated for that usage under the s.106 – this is roughly 50-60% of the site. Whilst this would be a significant sum of money it is somewhat short of that which would be required to build a properly equipped community centre on this site. They would then seek to develop the remainder of the vacant site as residential use.

MSDC have made it very clear that they do not have funds available to make up the shortfall. They have indicated that they would be prepared to allow (subject to planning process) the development of a stand alone community centre on the transferred site but funds would have to be raised by residents. The build would also have to be managed by residents as Crest Nicholson would have no further interest in this particular site.

In summary if Crest Nicholson amend the plans and residents by consensus accept the amendments Crest Nicholson will press ahead with a planning application. At that point the statutory notices will be served and individual residents will be invited to submit their own thoughts to planning committee and any objections will be considered as per normal process.

However if residents by consensus object to the plans Crest Nicholson will hand over a proportion of the vacant plot and compensation and it would be down to the residents and MSDC to develop the site.

We would therefore urge interested residents to carefully consider the current plans and highlight any amendments that they would like to see implemented. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you send your suggested amendments to BVRA who will ensure that they are given proper consideration by Crest Nicholson. Crest Nicholson have assured BVRA that as far as reasonably possible they will consider all sensible points raised by individuals and attempt to implement them into the amended plans.

BVRA will support the views of the majority of residents as to the stance that is eventually taken. If we don't hear anything we will assume that the current plans are acceptable to residents and will therefore not oppose Crest Nicholson in a planning application.

Please email bvra@bolnore.org.uk and enter FAO Community Centre Committee into the subject box for a copy of the plans. Alternatively call Victoria Milton (440965), Andy Perry (440767) or Elspeth McPherson on (415844) for further information.

Victoria Milton

¹ Crest Nicholson have stated that they meet legal requirements around parking provision both in build to date and in this proposed build. Spaces were designated in Central Square for the Community Centre and as such they have met their obligations. They do not have the authority to impose parking controls in Central Square or on the surrounding roads. Surveys have been conducted by Crest and BVRA. BVRA still feel that

there is a significant shortfall at peak times.

² As a rough estimate the total cost of build is thought to be in excess of £750,000 including professional fees (architects, structural engineers, mechanical engineers). This does not take into account the value of the land.

³ This is an attempt on Crest's part to reduce the impact on the surrounding area increasing parking provision to 19 spaces for 14 flats. These 3 spaces will be for public use and should alleviate some of the pressure on Central Square.

⁴ Potential to position the main entrance on Updown Hill rather than abutting Wickens Court.

⁵ They are proposing a Double Cavity skin between this building and Wickens Court and a cushioned floor arrangement for new flats and are looking at noise baffles for entrance points. They are also maximising architectural planting to absorb noise. Whilst they have no control over opening hours it is very likely that strict conditions will be imposed to minimise impact on neighbouring properties.

⁶ Whilst we know there is a real desire to have some green space in this area this was never proposed on the master-plan. There is no requirement or budget to include green space.

⁷ This is not the whole of the vacant plot and does not include the land that was originally set aside for the medical centre. Subject to planning consents Crest would seek to develop the remainder of the land as residential units (a block of flats).

⁸ Formula is $A \times 2.5 \times 192$ where A = plots on phases 4&5.

⁹ This could be a lengthy and expensive process in itself as a previous application for a stand alone centre on this site was refused on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the surrounding area.

PARKING PROBLEMS!

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at the very least. Children copy their parents so setting a good example with eating is essential.

Keep children hydrated

Ensure children have plenty to drink. Both adults and children can become irritable when dehydrated. The feeling is often confused with hunger. Drinks should be filtered or bottled water or fruit juice (diluted with half water).

Stay safe in the sun

As our weather gets more unpredictable it is easy to become complacent about taking protection against the sun. The sun doesn't actually have to be out and shining for UV risk to be high.

The sun in moderation is very important for our nutrient levels as it helps us to convert Vitamin D in the body. Vitamin D is found in few foods and is essential for calcium absorption therefore a small amount of daily exposure to the sun is recommended.

Here are some useful tips taken from the British Skin Foundation:

- In sunny weather, seek shade between 11am and 3pm
- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 that also provides UVA protection, and re-apply frequently
- Cover up with clothing and don't forget to wear a hat that protects your face, neck and ears

- Never let your skin burn
 - Kids need extra care – use sunscreen, clothing and shade
 - Keep babies out of the sun.
- Jo Bareham is a Nutritional Therapist and Reflexologist. If you would like to receive her newsletter then email jo@healthyyou.co.uk Tel: 01444 410079 / 07979 511235 www.healthyyou.co.uk*

Recreation Leisure Site

The Recreational Leisure Site is still undergoing soil survey checks. The survey is checking ground suitability from drainage to building suitability before any construction and/or construction machinery can enter the recreational leisure site. The Recreational Leisure Site is currently owned by Crest Nicholson. Once the ground survey results have been confirmed, and accepted by MSDC, then Crest can officially hand over ownership to MSDC. MSDC will then be able to start formal planning of the grounds and leisure facilities.

At present the plan for the recreational leisure site includes a full sized running / athletics track, football pitch, cricket pitch, and general recreational area. A pavilion building is also planned. However this is as far as it has got. Parking access and general facility of the pavilion still have to be negotiated and agreed (along with

position and layout of external facilities of track and pitches).

BVRA is waiting to be invited to the next Recreational Leisure Site Committee meeting hosted by MSDC for an update on progress.

Simon Moisy

DIARY DATES

Sunday 29 June – FoABW Summer Picnic

Saturday 12 July – Bolnore Arts progressive dinner (contact Nicola Williams, ncw42@hotmail.com).

Sunday 20 July – Completion and opening of Arts party at Village Fête.

Sunday 27 July – FoABW Bug Hunt

Sunday 17 August – FoABW Bat talk

Sunday 31 August – FoABW Ranger led walk

early September – AGM

October Half term – Autumn festival

Saturday 15 November – Barn Dance

Sunday 15 December – Christmas Carols





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footpath users when you are parking on the street.

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We will collate a list of people who have a space that they genuinely don't need and a list of people who would like to rent a space and put you in touch with each other. You can then sort out a mutually acceptable arrangement that means less vehicles parking where they shouldn't be! Please email your name and contact details to bvra@bolnore.org and we will do the rest!

Our Space Festival

What is Bolnore Arts?

Bolnore Arts is a voluntary organisation that aims to bring the community together through art, working alongside professional artists. If you would like to get involved in helping out or running projects (no arts experience necessary) please contact our secretary Ingvor Hicks on 415513 or ingvorjhicks@btinternet.com

The Our Space project

Bolnore Arts has commissioned



Touchwood Trees workshops and consultation sessions

professional artists Touchwood Trees to create four stunning pieces of Art for the village. These will be completed and launched in the village on 20 July at the annual Village Fête. We'll be running workshops throughout the summer for families and adults. Workshops will both help inspire the artists to design the pieces and build the pieces.

Where will the Art be positioned?

In the village square, on the recreation

ground, near the big play area in phase 1 and by the new play areas at the top of the village near Rocky Lane.

What will it look like?

The brief is to have beautiful sculptural pieces that do more than just look pretty. For example you can sit on them, they move, you can climb in them. Sustainable and reclaimed materials will be used wherever possible

Where will the workshops be held?

Bolnore Arts has purchased a yurt (a sustainable handcrafted wood and canvas Mongolian nomadic tent) to hold the workshops in. All the arts workshops will run in the yurt until the launch of the Art at the Village Fête on 20 July.

What is happening, when and where?

Sunday 15 June, 10am–5pm

Monday 16 June, 1–5pm, 6.30–9pm

(11–18 years)

Friday 4 July 1–5pm, 6.30–9pm (adults)

Saturday 5 July, 10am–5pm

Sunday 6 July, 10am–5pm

Wednesday 9 July 7–8.30pm. Come and

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Saturday 12 July – Progressive dinner fundraiser.

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Update from Bolnore School Group (BSG)

A great big THANK YOU to everyone in Bolnore Village (and beyond) for their continued support over the last few months. Things are fairly quiet at the moment while we await the outcome of the competition process. However, the committee are still meeting and beginning to think through the next steps particularly around the issues of school governance and how we would move forward in implementing our proposal if we are successful.

Competition process

Our proposal was submitted to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) on 18 February – it was the only one! You should have all received a copy of the summary page through your door in early March which also gave notification of the public meeting which was held on 18 March (also sent by e-mail to those who have given us their e-mail addresses). The public meeting went well with the majority of comments from people showing support for our proposal. The public consultation formally ended on 18 April and WSCC have told us that no comments were received. WSCC see these as good signs and a compliment to the thorough job that we did in consulting widely with everyone and to the overall quality of

the final written proposal. So THANKS AGAIN to everyone who got involved in whatever way. The decision as to whether we will be asked to implement our proposal will be made by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services by mid June.

BSG becomes a group in its own right

Since we began in October 2006 we have been a sub-group of the Bolnore Village Residents' Association (BVRA). As of May 2008, we have become a group in our own right. We will continue to provide articles for the BVRA newsletter to keep all Bolnore residents up to date on activities and we will also continue to keep in contact through our usual means including through the e-mail account (see below).

School Governance

In the event that the BSG proposal is accepted and so that implementation can begin as soon as the decision is made, the Central Mid Sussex County Local Committee (CLC) met on Wednesday 7 May to decide on the appointment of Local Authority (LA) and Community Governors to the temporary governing body (TGB). The CLC have approved the following appointments – three Community Governors: Julia Bunting Thring, Cllr Jane Keel (our Town and District Councillor); and Tim Farmer, and three LA Governors: Cllr Pete Bradbury,

Cassandra Golbourn, and Mr Pat Bailey (former Chair of Mid Sussex District Council and Chair of Governors at St. Paul's College, Burgess Hill).

In mid-May, notices were delivered to all homes in Bolnore asking people who were interested in being potential temporary parent governors at the school to submit the relevant information by 4 June. If our proposal is successful and WSCC invite us to implement it, then we will be looking to appoint temporary parent governors as soon as we can after the formal announcement.

As set out in our proposal the TGB will be supported in their duties by a clerk. If we are successful we will need to recruit someone to fulfil this role (which is a paid post). If anyone would be interested in receiving further information about this post in due course please let us know.

Further information and getting involved

If you would like to be kept updated on, or get involved with, the work of the Bolnore School Group please send an e-mail with your name and address to bolnoreschool@googlemail.com. If you do not have internet access then please call the BSG voicemail on 07866 527445 and leave your contact details and we will keep you updated directly.

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for 2008. This is in response to feedback from our residents and community groups about some of the issues faced by residents in the village – lack of community spaces and activities for young people, issues with parking and public transport, as well as barriers to participation in village life. We are looking forward to finding ways of tackling these challenges in partnership with BVRA and our residents in the village.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in our recent resident survey in Bolnore Village. We will be presenting the result of the survey together with the result from the Mid Sussex District Council survey at an event later this summer. The responses will form the basis of the work we will be doing in Bolnore over the next year and beyond.

HydeMartlet is supporting the Bolnore School Group in its bid to get a parent-led community school in the village and we are looking forward to continuing this partnership in the years to come. We have also supported Bolnore Arts with a contribution from our Holiday Play Fund, and we are really looking forward to seeing the new pieces of art revealed this summer! If you are a HydeMartlet resident and you are not sure about how to get involved with the activities of either group please contact me, and I will put you in touch with the right person.

HydeMartlet is also keen to get

a 'HydeMartlet resident group' up and running, open to all HydeMartlet residents in the Village. We know from the recent survey that there is a lot of interest in such a group, and if you would like to take part please contact me – invitations to the first meeting will be sent out shortly. A HydeMartlet resident group would be working closely with BVRA to make Bolnore a great place to live, at the same time as focusing on the interests of HydeMartlet residents. No specific skills are required, just a wish to do something good for your community!

Finally, we are trying to get some activities off the ground for the young people this summer to complement Bolnore Arts' fantastic programme of activities. These will be advertised as soon as they are confirmed. If you have any ideas for activities for Bolnore residents of all ages but don't know how to plan it, or where to start looking for funding, please contact me and I will be happy to support you.

hyde martlet

Maggie Houghton, Hyde Plus Regeneration
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Bolnore Health Matters

Welcome to the new Bolnore village health column written by Jo Bareham.

Helping to balance your child's mood

With today's hectic lifestyle and the pressures of food advertising, feeding children food that is healthy and that they will enjoy can be difficult. When choosing foods it's important to pick foods that have a low Glycemic Load (GL). This means they will release sugar more slowly and keep energy levels stable for longer. Low GL foods include porridge, wholemeal bread, oatcakes, natural yoghurt, vegetables, apples, pears and berries. Many supermarkets are beginning to label the GL on their products. Ensuring children eat protein regularly in meals is also important as protein is slower to digest than carbohydrates and will keep them feeling full and satisfied for longer. High GL foods include most foods made with refined sugar and white flour e.g. sweets, chocolate, ice cream, squash drinks, white bread, cakes and corn flakes.

Here are some other suggestions to make life easier:

Regular meals & snacks:

Ensure children have three meals a day and healthy snacks such as fruit, seed bars in between. With fussy children there may be more to it than just being picky. Often children are fussy because they lack nutrients which encourage a healthy appetite. Zinc-containing foods such as lamb, ginger, whole grains, eggs and nuts can improve appetite.

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Contact Details

Any contact regarding repairs, maintenance, insurance and service charge account queries should be made to our Customer Services Department:

08453 370272 (Lo-Call Rate)

Customerservices@peverel.co.uk

For development specific information and online payment options, residents can register on Peverel's Avenue website: www.peverel.co.uk

I am the Estate Manager responsible for the day to day management of the development and can be contacted through the above contact details. I make regular visits to ensure that maintenance is being carried out.

Areas of Responsibility

The main areas of communal landscaping, including the meadow area and lake at the northern entrance to the development, form part of the privately owned communal areas which Peverel OM is responsible for maintaining.

The ponds throughout the development and the wildlife habitat corridors running alongside them and the streams that link the ponds also fall under Peverel's management. The pond

area near the Bovis Homes development will shortly be tidied up at Crest's expense and will then be handed over to Peverel for future management. The Central Square in front of the shops is also part of the communal land.

The costs for maintaining and managing all the above areas are shared equally between all properties.

The main estate roadways, verges, footpaths and street lights will be adopted for maintenance by the local authority. Until then, these areas are maintained by Crest Homes. All the play areas in Bolnore Village will also be managed and maintained by the local authority. These parts are not maintained through your service charge payments.

The recreation area in the middle of Bolnore Village will also be handed over to the local authority for management.

There are various private access roadways that lead off the main estate road and are mainly access roads for the parking areas. These also fall under Peverel's management.

In addition, the apartment buildings and their immediate surroundings (with the exception of the Bellway Homes constructed area) are managed and maintained through Peverel OM.

All of these more local areas have the costs of maintenance charged to those properties that actually use them.

Service Charge

The service charge year at Bolnore Village runs from 1 March to the end of February each year.

Peverel OM provides a cost estimate for the year which forms the basis for each property being invoiced six months in advance. The annual cost estimate will be discussed with the BVRA committee before being implemented.

An annual set of audited accounts is also produced which show the actual costs incurred compared to the original cost estimate budget and these accounts are distributed to each property. Any adjustment to individual service charge accounts that may be required for the difference between actual expenditure and the amount initially invoiced is then made automatically.

Should you have any queries regarding the estate management or require any further clarification on the above areas of management then please do not hesitate to contact me through the contact details above.

Brian Spedding, May 2008

Bolnore Village – A Top Priority

HydeMartlet, the registered social landlord with 110 tenancies throughout the Village, has chosen Bolnore Village as one of their 'priority neighbourhoods'

the school. We will be having a stall at the Bolnore Village Summer Fete on Sunday 20 July (subject of course to the outcome of the competition) and look forward to the opportunity of discussing how we continue on this exciting adventure with you all!

Bolnore School Group Committee

Julia Bunting Thring (Chair), Tim Farmer, Tania Gabbe, Cassandra Golbourn (vice Chair), David Humphry, Alastair McPherson, Rob Milton, Steve Moulton, Tim Power, Louise Williams (Treasurer).
Julia Bunting Thring
Chair, Bolnore School Group
Julia Thring, BSG Chair

Ashenground Archive

Ashenground Archive is a new local book covering Bolnore and Ashenground. It contains many colour photos taken over the years and through the seasons including snow scenes of Ashenground Meadows, bluebells in the woods, photos of Bolnore with views stretching to the South Downs taken before the Village was built and even a deer in the snow in Catts Wood.

I have studied old census records and listed peoples' occupations in 1841. In the memories section I have recollections of local families going for long walks in Bolnore Woods



£7.99 and will be sold at Lacey's and local bookshops.



Friends Of Ashenground And Bolnore Woods

Friends of Ashenground and Bolnore Woods are very pleased that the anticipated local Nature Reserve Status (LNR) for the woods has been formally confirmed.

Access to the area is being improved with all weather stone paths being created. We do hope residents will welcome these improvements and will take the opportunity to enjoy these ancient woodlands.

FoAB help care for the woods to ensure they are managed in a way that benefits and improves the ecology of the area. We hold a number of Conservation

and gathering chestnuts which they would roast on the fire. I wanted to provide a photographic record of the area for both present residents and also future residents of the area. The book will retail at

Jane Good (author)

Events throughout the year. These are usually held on the first Sunday and third Saturday each month, starting at 10am. For full details of these events refer to our Programmes, which are on the notice boards at the entrances to Pierce's, Catts, Bolnore and Ashenground Woods, and also on the board near the thatched cottage in Bolnore Village. Do join us on one of these events. No expertise is needed and they are a good way to meet other residents who are interested in the woods.

We also hold a number of Special Events and again we do hope residents and their families will join us on these. The next few events are:

Summer Picnic, Bring and Share, all residents very welcome: Sunday 29 June, 4pm in the new glade in Ashenground Wood – follow the signs from Pierce's Wood and Ashenground Wood entrances

Bug Hunt led by Dr. Martin Hall of the Natural History Museum: Sunday 27 July, meet at 10am on Ashenground Bridge. for a popular annual event enjoyed by all ages

Bats, an Indoor Event led by Jenny Clarke (Sussex Bat Hospital): Sunday 17 August, Ashenground Community Centre, Southdown Close

Ranger led walk led by Vanessa Head:







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Sunday 31 August, meet at 2pm on Ashenground Bridge. Vanessa will also explain how the woods are linked to global environmental issues

Janice Tipping, Friends of Ashenground and Bolnore Woods (FoABW), 01444 414053

Neighbourhood Watch Update

The Neighbourhood Watch for Bolnore continues to grow, covering all of the Village (now including newly occupied areas in Kingfisher Drive and the Bovis Homes section of Middle Village). However, this coverage has been achieved with significant efforts from a small number of committed volunteers.

Membership of the Neighbourhood Watch has now been integrated with BVRA membership, given key expenditure for the Neighbourhood Watch is met from BVRA subscriptions. Any household in Bolnore can become registered for the Neighbourhood Watch if that household is also a BVRA member.

One of the most important aspects of Neighbourhood Watch is ensuring a visible presence of the organisation in the Village through the displaying of Neighbourhood Watch stickers in windows (all Neighbourhood Watch members will receive a sticker in their

joining packs). There is also a formal Neighbourhood Watch sign at the entrance to the Village in Parkfield Way and further signs are being organised (road adoptions permitting!).

The Village has a new Police Community Support Officer, Anika Arnold, who regularly patrols the Village and keeps the Neighbourhood Watch (and the BVRA) apprised of Village wide criminal / anti-social issues. Matters raised include speeding and parking, which remain acute problems in parts of the Village, which Anika is pursuing with West Sussex Highways.

If you have any "non-emergency" matters (i.e. those not appropriate for a 999 call) needing police attention, please go direct to Anika either on 0845 6070999 x 22316 or anika.arnold@sussex.pnn.police.uk Anika also runs regular surgeries in the Village for residents to raise issues and concerns with her. Surgery dates are announced on her police web space – see http://www.sussexpolice.uk/neighbourhood_policing/npt/aspx

More help is needed to keep the Neighbourhood Watch running effectively, so please do contact me if you can give some time as we have succession planning opportunities in the organisation this year. If you have a particular area of concern – e.g. speeding issues – the best way to improve things

is to volunteer to lead a Neighbourhood Watch project to work to rectify it!
Katie Delo, Neighbourhood Watch Chairman
katedelo@btinternet.com

Phases 4&5: the decision

What happened?

The Planning Inspector has made his recommendations to the Secretary of State (in this case, Hazel Blears MP). A civil servant then wrote to Crest saying that the Secretary of State would allow all the appeals subject to conditions and subject to Crest making certain alterations to their plans – most of them the ones we requested. Crest did make the necessary alterations, and the appeal was subsequently allowed.

Did we win or did we lose?

We argued ten main points, we won five outright, we partially won three, we lost one, and one has still to be decided (the density of phases 4 & 5). A further point upon which we had no 'official' position concerning the funding of affordable housing was won by MSDC.

In summary:

- * Win: Four Acre Wood will NOT be built on
- * Win: All ancient woodland will be protected by special 15m ecological

buffers (three times Crest's offering at the close of the inquiry)

* Win: The 'Pinchpoint' Wildlife corridor will have special protection.

* Win: The Ashenground Bridleway will be upgraded BEFORE more houses are occupied.

* Win: Buffers and Meadows will be transferred (with funding) to MSDC for incorporation in the Nature Reserve

* Partial win: An improved Construction Management Plan will be adhered to (removing HGVs from village roads at weekends and keeping them to school hours and constraining Parkfield Way to one way use). We were unsuccessful in forcing a route change.

* Partial win: The maximum number of units in the development will be reduced by 100 (not as much as we argued for). There is scope for it to be reduced further later in detailed planning applications.

* Partial win: Relief Road to be completed early (but not as early as we would like)

* Loss: Allotments will not be provided.

What about costs?

The Local Community Organisations (LCOs) and MSDC applied against Crest for costs. Crest applied against the LCOs and MSDC for costs. All costs applications were unsuccessful.

What happens next?

Crest can, in principle, start construction of phases four and five at any time subject to detailed planning permission. The timing of when detailed plans are likely to come forward is not known (but it seems likely to be soon).

So was it all worthwhile?

It cost around £25,000 of which £7,000 was obtained from grants and the rest was private contribution. For that, we probably got something like 80% of what we asked for, and 90% of what we reasonably hoped we'd get. Phases 4 & 5 will be very different from the plans set out in 2004, and for the better. We'd like to offer thanks for people's support, and also note the extraordinary dedication of our barrister, Charles Banner, and the support and professionalism of instructing solicitors Waugh and Co. in Haywards Heath.

Richard Carter

BVRA and Peverel

As a result of the many and frequent reports from BVRA members highlighting problems with Peverel, BVRA has been corresponding with the Managing Director and other



YOU CAN HELP DECIDE WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR VILLAGE!!

THE BOLNORE VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (BVRA) HAS A NUMBER OF ON-GOING PROJECTS AND WORKING GROUPS AND ARE KEEN TO TALK TO RESIDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED.

PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- BOLNORE ARTS
- BOLNORE YOUTH
- SUMMER FETE AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- BOLNORE RECREATION GROUND (BRAT)
- BOLNORE SCHOOL GROUP

BOLNORE VILLAGE WEBSITE (urgent need for a website guru!)

WORKING GROUPS ARE LOOKING AT A RANGE OF ISSUES ACROSS THE VILLAGE THAT IMPACT ALL OF US AND INCLUDE:

- COMMUNITY CENTRE
- ESTATE MANAGEMENT ISSUES
- WORKING WITH COUNCILLORS AND POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

WE MEET ONCE A MONTH OVER A GLASS OF WINE TO DISCUSS ISSUES. COMMITMENT LEVELS VARY FROM PERSON TO PERSON DEPENDING ON WHAT TIME THEY CAN OFFER, SO IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT WITHIN BOLNORE VILLAGE WHO IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING A ROLE (NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL) IN ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS, OR IF YOU HAVE PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INITIATED THEN WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.!

PLEASE EMAIL bvra@bolnore.org.uk or call our chairperson Elspeth McPherson 01444 415844 to find out how you can get involved.

senior members of the Peverel management. These meetings have been used to highlight the problems with communication, customer services, perception and exactly what is Peverel, Crest and the Council's responsibility.

BVRA has asked Peverel to provide a detailed description of their responsibilities (see the following article) along with a monthly work-sheet listing work in progress and its current status. We hope to put this in place as soon as possible. The report will be published on the BVRA website and placed in the notice board in Central Square.

Peverel is keen to ensure it provides a quality service to the residents of Bolnore village and on an ongoing basis BVRA will be monitoring the service levels. In order to keep track of these quality issues, please forward any major concerns to BVRA including detailed description and Peverel correspondence dates. Unfortunately BVRA representatives are not able to take these issues up individually (we all have jobs and families), but can identify

issues and work with Peverel to make sure they do not happen in the future.

We are also aware that the other estate managers within the village are sometimes not delivering, please send relevant detailed descriptions and correspondence dates for them and we will take action.

Andy Perry

Peverel OM

Peverel OM is the Managing Agent responsible for managing and maintaining all the privately owned communal areas at Bolnore Village, and the costs of this are paid for through your Service Charge. On the whole, this means all the areas that are not under private ownership as part of your own homes, and that will not be adopted by the local authority for maintenance, the costs of which will be covered through your Council Tax payments.

On page 8 is a plan marking in pink the areas that Peverel OM is responsible for maintaining, and showing the areas

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