

Minutes of Nevill Residents Association Annual General Meeting, 18th May 2025

Chaired by Suzy Nelson, minutes recorded by Lesley Healey

A list of those attending the meeting and apologies received is at the bottom of these minutes.

1. Welcome: Suzy welcomed everyone to the AGM, asked everyone to sign in and checked whether any more apologies had been made.

2. Chair's report of activities since the last AGM Suzy Nelson

Bench: the bench outside the shop was repaired - twice - by the Men's Shed, who only charged us for parts. We are very grateful to them.

September Open Meeting: the Police Community Support Officer gave us a talk about community safety and Carolyn Blayney told us about her experience of setting up Neighbourhood Watch for Hawkenbury Way.

Festive Fair (November): Thanks to Jane Jackson for all her efforts setting up this now-annual event. It was a great success and was able to donate £375 to NRA (some of which will pay for this evening's social)

February 2025 Open Meeting: mainly focused on an update on NRA activities around snow and ice, and discussions about road safety with the consultants. The cost of ESCC refills of our two *salt bins* is unaffordable (£532), so Mike Fisk is looking into buying our own supplies of grit so we can form a working party to do it ourselves. Please tell Mike if you can help come autumn!

Nevill Garden Trail July 13th afternoon: thanks to Lynn Donoghue and Vicki Trenhaile for organising this year's event - bi-annual, always very popular and raises money for good causes. Vicki confirmed that any surplus this year would be split between NRA and the Homelink project.

Estate notice boards: Thanks to Tina Quinn and Ann Holmes for their help with these. Ann is now taking over both boards.

Defibrillator: Many thanks to Jane Jackson for all her contributions to this. She has been the Defibrillator's 'guardian' since it was installed. She is now handing this over to Kevin Simmons.

Alison Barnes asked about the potential for training on how to use the defibrillator. This had been offered but interest (and agreed availability!) was low. Instead we will explore receiving a one-day course on emergency first aid that would include use of the defibrillator. Attendees reminded the meeting that the defibrillator actually gives clear instructions on its use, and you cannot give an inappropriate shock. Jane Jackson offered to contact the person from SHC who said she might offer first aid training to see if that is still on offer.

Speedwatch: continues twice a month in most months. Derek Blayney has joined the current team of 4 people - Suzy, Lesley, Penny Ollosson, and Jacky Chester. Thanks for their efforts and to Tessa Russell for her previous input to the team. Robert Birch has expressed an interest in joining the team. Fiona Griffin asked whether we could use Speedwatch findings to get outcomes to benefit road safety, like better signage or cameras. A pedestrian crossing would also help to slow traffic. Suzy reminded the meeting that we had commissioned a consultants' report on pedestrian and cyclist safety along Nevill Road that covers things like that. Speedwatch is good evidence of the need to slow traffic down.

Pedestrian and cyclist safety report: We obtained a grant (£2,160) from Lewes TC to pay consultants for a study. The consultants worked with Carole, Suzy and Kia from NRA committee, with Tessa Russell and Kelly Gunnell. The draft report was reviewed by Cllrs Makepeace and Maples and has now been sent to Cabinet Member for Highways, Scrutiny Lead for Place, and Head of Highways (Andrew Turner). The report is published on the NRA website (<https://www.nevillresidentsassociation.org/news/nevill-road-safety-report/>). We hope some work could be funded by the SDNP Community Infrastructure Levy.

Website: all committee members are very grateful to Malcolm Young for taking over management of the NRA website.

Newsletters: Thank you to Carole Kirby for writing our twice yearly newsletter and working with LDC for printing. Thanks also to the street reps who make sure it gets delivered, and are also prepared to deliver additional things when needed.

Street weeding: Thanks to Nick Tigg for organising street weeding by residents, which means our estate isn't sprayed with glyphosate any longer. Great news for all of us, and our animals!

3. Treasurer's report Kia Makepeace

The final report is included here. Jane Jackson asked that the Treasurer's report should always show a set aside for the defibrillator to ensure the money is always available [actioned]

Statement of accounts 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Opening balance £927.65

Closing balance £3138.65

Monies ring fenced for specific projects:

£2160 for the road safety feasibility study

£140 for continued running costs of Defibrillator

Festive fair 2024	Income	Expenses	
Stall holders	315		
Hall Hire		220	
Advertising		78	
Sundries			
Donations	358		
Total	673	298	
Profit	375		

Running costs		Expenses	
Hall hire		88	
Insurance		96	
Total		184	

Grants	Income		
Lewes town council (feasibility study)	2160		
Total	2160		

Projects		Expenses	
Repairing bench		40	
Total		40	

Defibrillator	Income	Expenses	
H.F	20		
Electricity		20	
Total	20	20	

Other			
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Donation to Sussex Heart Charity		100	
Total		100	

4. Election of committee

Kia and Suzy are stepping down. Mike Fisk, Lesley Healey, Carole Kirby, Robert Massey, and Vicki Trenhaile are all continuing. The meeting thanked all for their work.

John Somerville has offered to join the committee.

Election of all people named was unanimously agreed. John has offered to be Treasurer. The committee will determine the Chair at a future committee meeting.

Co-opted members: Fiona Griffin has helped the committee with a number of actions, though cannot make the currently-agreed meetings. We thank her for her contribution and she is happy to

continue to be co-opted. Others can be co-opted onto the committee at a later date if someone else steps forward.

5. Other business:

Pavement obstruction: Maria Birch asked about the overgrowth of bushes etc. along Nevill Road on the opposite side of road to the Crescent. Obstruction of the pavement is a Highways matter and can be reported online on ESCC's website (<https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/report-problem>). The shrubs are probably in the public realm.

Public transport into Lewes: Silvia Clausin asked whether public transport and bike access to town had previously been on the agenda. Attendees mentioned the bus timetable circulated across the estate [<https://www.nevillresidentsassociation.org/news/local-buses/>], and the transport report for cycling safety. Silvia feels very isolated because the estate isn't well connected to town. Others mentioned that there are more buses than the 128 that you can catch into town and the full timetable circulated last year includes these.

Dinah Morgan said that CTLA bus times aren't included on the bus stops. She said it's also very difficult to get a bus at school times, to the school gates, or to get to work in the mornings. She thinks the Compass contract is being reviewed soon. Wendy Maples said she is having a meeting with Chris Martin [of Compass] soon and will highlight this.

Road safety: Dinah Morgan asked whether there could be a mirror on the Spital Road junction as it's such a dangerous junction. The transport study is already pressing for a review of that whole junction to improve it for both road and pavement users.

Children's sports day on Nevill Green: Wendy Maples asked about the children's sports day. Tina Quinn's daughter organises it. Wendy suggested that Foundry Healthcare could be asked to bring along the CPR doll, as happens at Landport's annual picnic. Perhaps NRA could ask Foundry Healthcare to come to an open meeting as a speaker, eg the social prescribers.

The meeting closed to become a social. Carole's '25th anniversary' cake was particularly appreciated (and didn't last long).

Present:

Carole Kirby	Brian Kirby	Fiona Griffin	Robert Massey
Kia Makepeace	Suzy Nelson (chair)	Lesley Healey (minutes)	Tina Quinn
Jane Jackson	Alison Barnes	Karen Betts	Trevor Wells
Sean O'Kane	Sarah O'Kane	John Somerville	Maria Birch
Penny Ollosson	Sue Stone	Mike Fisk	Jacky Chester
Vicki Trenhaile	Andrew P Brown	Cllr. Wendy Maples	Silvia Clausin
Simmy Viinikka	Stewart Graham-Hyde	Sophie Graham-Hyde	Dinah Morgan

Apologies:

Cllr. Nick Tigg	Judy Yeomans	Catherine Smith	Suzy Dixon
Imogen Makepeace	Natasha Witts	Aimsey B	Angie Salter
Paul Grivell	Doris Moorhead	Cllr Kevin West	Cllr Paul Keene
Carolyn Blayney	Derek Blayney	Sally Attwood	Frances Lord
Ann Holmes			