

**BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2018**

	Present	Roger Hall (RH), Jo Hall (JH), Bunty Waters (BW), Hilary Whipp (HW), Martin Avery (MA), Paul Goodfield (PG), Jan Cundy (JC). The Chairman welcomed Kate DaCosta (Chair of Bar Hill Pre-School) to the committee.	Action
1.	Apologies	Mike Nugent (MN), Anil Pallan (AP).	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of meeting held on 9 th January 2017 were agreed by the committee and signed by the Chairman.	
3.	Matters arising	Litter pickers – awaiting information from AP.	AP
4.	Treasurer's Report	MA reported that the latest balances available to him (as at 29 December 2017) totalled £2,690.15. PG commented that these were significantly lower than those at the last meeting. MA explained that this was as a result of the donations made to the Church (tables), Over Day Centre (general) and Neighbourhood Watch (leaflets). In addition, expenses relating to the BHN printing had been incurred (postage, paper, ink etc).	
5.	Correspondence	MA had received a letter of thanks from Over Day Centre, a copy of which he would send to JC for publication in the next BHN.	MA/JC
6.	Parish Council Report	Nothing to report, other than a number of road closures as a result of the A14 upgrade. The "Bar Hill Drivers" Facebook page was recommended as a good source of information.	
7.	Bar Hill News	MA reported that he had not received any offers following the appeal in previous months' BHN's for a new Treasurer. He confirmed that he would be standing down at the AGM in May.	
8.	BHN Adverts	BW said that she now had a couple of advertisers on the waiting list for available space in the BHN. She was about to send out the twice-yearly invoices to the advertisers, which would bring in over £4,000, if everyone renewed their advert.	BW
9.	Bar Hill Website	BW said that she had spoken to Smitha Patel, who had indicated a willingness to take over management of the website from MN. She would follow up the offer.	BW
10.	Neighbourhood Watch	No report received from AP. JH reported that two girls on their way to Guides had been accosted by three men. The girls had not been harmed, but had been very frightened. She said that she did not know whether the incident had been reported to the police, but would check.	JH
11.	Fête 2018	KdC regretted to report that few volunteers had attended the latest meeting of the Fête 2018 committee. Whilst many organisations wanted the Fête to go ahead, they were unwilling to help with the general administration. She was concerned that they were running out of time (BW confirmed that organisation of the 2017 Fête had started in September 2016.) She was very willing to help with the admin, as was RH, but was unable to contribute further.	

		<p>Graham Hinchcliffe had offered to organise the music, if the BHRA was willing to pay for the staging, lighting etc, costing £2,410. It was estimated that litter picking, First Aid, toilets and security would add a further £1,800 to those costs. MA pointed out that whilst the Fête was a community event, the BHRA would be justified in funding some of the costs. This would not appear to be the case for, what was in effect, a free music festival.</p> <p>After considerable discussion, HW proposed that the 2018 Fête be cancelled, on the grounds that there was insufficient support from the participants to support it. This was carried, with one vote against. JC would put an announcement in the next BHN.</p> <p>It was emphasised that the cancellation was no reflection on those who HAD volunteered, but on those who had not.</p> <p>RH/KdC would contact those organisations who had expressed an interest in taking part this year, explaining that the cancellation had been caused by a lack of volunteers.</p> <p>All members hoped that the Fête would be reinstated in 2019, with work needing to start in September 2018.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>RH KdC</p>
12	Date for next meeting	<p>The date of the next meeting would be 6th March at 8.00pm at Parish council offices.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20pm</p>	
13	Any other business	<p>The BHRA Annual General Meeting would be held on May 15th in the Parish Council offices at 7.30pm. This would be prior to the usual monthly meeting, which would be postponed from its usual first Tuesday in May. JC to advertise in the BHN.</p>	JC
14	Items for information	<p>HW gave her apologies for the March meeting. JC gave her apologies for the March meeting.</p>	