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AGENDA

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Light refreshments will be available
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Foreword

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and UK Government restrictions, the original BDRA AGM which was scheduled for Tuesday 26th May 2020 had to be cancelled. It has not been possible to reschedule for similar reasons and as a consequence details of a shortened Chairman’s Report, including financial information was published in the December/January 2020/21 magazine. The full Chairman report is included in these papers. All the Committee Members had agreed to continue in their roles until it was possible to hold the AGM.

Introduction and Welcome

The meeting will be opened by the BDRA Chairman, Mr Andy Maddocks

Apologies for Absence

Any apologies for absence will be recorded.
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Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Held: 15th May 2019 at Emmanuel Hall, Billericay

Attendance: The recorded attendance was 73

Agenda Prepared By: Dave Hawke

Minutes Taken By: Dave Hawke

Introduction and Welcome: The Chairman, Andy Maddocks opened the meeting at 19.30, thanking everyone for coming, commenting that this was the 93rd anniversary of the Billericay District Residents Association.

The Chairman continued to say that next year is the 400th anniversary of when 4 people left Billericay on 15th June 1620 to board “The Mayflower” in Plymouth bound for the New England. To commemorate the anniversary of their departure, there were quite a few events being planned during 2020 for Billericay, Plymouth and the USA. The Chairman then continued on to introduce Mr Julian Whybra, who is a local historian and author and who is actively engaged in the planning of these celebratory events.

Presentation by Mr Julian Whybra, Author and Historian: Julian presented “The Mayflower and the Billericay Connection”; half an hour on everything there was to know and one wanted to know on what precisely were the connections between the Mayflower ship and the town of Billericay.

Q&A Session relating to the Presentation: A few questions relating to the presentation were asked which were duly addressed by Julian.

The Chairman thanked Julian for his presentation commenting that the book that Julian was currently writing on Billericay and the Mayflower was expected to be available in the Cater Museum in the High St. later this year.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM: These were approved unanimously.

Matters Arising: None

Chairman’s Report: The Chairman drew the meetings attention to his report on Page 9 of the 2019 AGM document indicating that it was there for those who wished to read it and that he would not be reading it out. The Chairman continued to re-iterate his personal thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in delivering the magazines, area committee’s and his colleagues on the Executive Committee, commenting that the organisation was run purely by volunteers, else it would not survive.
The Chairman asked the meeting if there were any questions regarding his report, but none were forthcoming.

The Chairman then continued to draw the meetings attention to the single page handout contained within the 2019 AGM document providing the latest update on the Local Plan and introduced Mike Andrews (BAG Chairman and BDRA Vice Chairman) to present the handout.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer presented a summary of the Annual Financial Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2019 and which was included at Page 13 of the 2019 AGM handout. He reported that under Administration, the majority of the £12,000 cost shown relating to expenditure associated with the Local Plan.

The Treasurer reported that subscriptions were now £3 per annum to help keep the Association “in the black” which had been supplemented with the income from the number of coach trips run throughout the year and advertising within “The Resident” magazine.

The Treasurer continued to report that the Association currently has a membership of 4,438 households within the district (circa 8,800 people) which is circa one third of the adult population of Billericay district.

Looking forwards, The Treasurer reported that it is expected that more money will be spent this year on the Local Plan, possibly between £3-8K on obtaining professional advice depending on how events unfold throughout the year. The Treasure reported that whilst he had no immediate concerns regarding the financial viability of the Association, his biggest worry was the diminishing number of volunteers to help run it at all levels and that more help (volunteers) were needed for the future.

Approval of the Accounts was proposed by Jim Shrubb, seconded by Trevor Leach and carried unanimously.

The Re-appointment of Philip Dove as BDRA’s independent examiner was proposed by Graham Goodeve, seconded by Allan Wallop and carried unanimously.
Nomination of Officers of Executive and Sub Committee’s: The Chairman drew attention to the list of accepted nominations at Page 17 of the 2019 AGM handout and stated that as there were no contested positions, these individuals would be appointed accordingly.

Any Other Business (including Q&A’s from the floor): A number of questions from members attending were raised

How was the Speed Watch Initiative progressing? Mervyn Wright (BDRA West Chairman) reported that it had taken a significant time to get the number of volunteers trained and obtain a working camera and they had recently commenced Speed Watch operations

Any news on Elizabeth Cottage? Our understanding is that whilst as much as possible of the original building will be retained, it will be rebuilt to look as much as possible like the original cottage was (in 1903) and will contain 7-8 flats (however there will be no parking)

What is happening with the derelict house in Potash Road? We do not know as this is a private property but understand it has been derelict for 10-15 years and that the current owners are hoping to get planning permission (however there is a pipeline running beneath the property which is an issue affecting obtaining that permission)

Chairman’s Closing Remarks: The Chairman commenced his closing remarks with reference to the Local Plan, thanking Mike Andrews for his earlier update and echoing that this is an issue that will affect us all, but which on behalf of Billericay Residents we are continuing to challenge the necessary authorities.

The Chairman then continued to remind those attending that BDRA constantly need volunteers to help with the day-to-day running and administration. He indicated that the association has been in existence for 93 years already and that the average age of volunteers in general is ‘retirement age’ (and not getting any younger!) and asked if anyone (or anybody they knew) would consider helping out at any level – Area Committee’s, Executive Committee, Road Representatives etc. he would be pleased to discuss further with them. In particular, a Deputy Editor for “The Resident” was needed as whilst Chris Wade (The Editor) does a fantastic job at present, we do need someone to both assist Chris and be able to take over from her when she moves out of the area in the future.

The Chairman in bringing the meeting to a close by thanked all those who had attended, saying that as an organisation, BDRA was “For the people, By the people” – we are who we are and would welcome Billericay Residents getting more involved with BDRA.

He then reiterated his thanks to the Guest Speaker Mr Julian Whybra and there being no other business, closed the 2019 AGM meeting indicating that attendees were welcome to stay for complimentary light refreshments.
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Officers Appointed 2019-20

Executive Committee
Chairman  Andy Maddocks
Vice-Chairman  Mike Andrews
Treasurer  Peter Sharp
Secretary  Dave Hawke
Editor  Chris Wade

Billericay Action
Chairman  Mike Andrews
Group Committee
Vice-Chairman  <Vacant>
Secretary  Andy Wilson

East & Burstead Area
Chairman  Eve Oliver
Committee
Vice-Chairman  Keith Bailey
Secretary  Mike Andrews

West Area
Committee
Chairman  Mervyn Wright
Vice-Chairman  Hilary Minto
Secretary  Tony Beard

4. Matters Arising
Any Matters Arising will be discussed.
5. Chairman’s Report 2020 This is the Full Report, an abridged version appeared in the December/January 2020/21 Magazine

I would like to welcome you all to this the 94th AGM of the Billericay District Residents Association.

It has been another eventful and interesting year in the life of the BDRA.

You will recall my comment and request at the last AGM, when I asked if anybody would like to consider or knew of somebody who would be interested in the role of Deputy Editor of the Magazine. Despite this and further requests regularly in the Magazine, I have received no interest and it has now become a more urgent situation as Chris will be moving away over the coming months and it is therefore vital that we find somebody who can take over from her.

I make no apologies for mentioning again that the work that Chris does in producing this excellent publication is worthy of considerable praise and I express my thanks on behalf of all the recipients of the Magazine.

I also mentioned last year our policy of endeavouring to build up a “Reserve” list of Volunteers who would be available to deputise temporarily, if we needed to call on them when required. This has proved successful in finding replacements for our very valuable team of some 180 who deliver the Magazine and my thanks to all of you. I would also like to express my appreciation to Hugh Maguire who as the first line of the chain ensures that each month the bulk Magazines are delivered to the next stage recipients.

Unfortunately we still have a major problem, which I will cover later in this review.

I am pleased to be able to update you regarding Speedwatch. Mervyn Wright assisted by Bob Downer and his team has been up and running, operating on a number of different agreed roads in the Town.

The figures from these checks do make interesting reading. In 24 sessions his team reported over 500 speedsters going in excess 35m.p.h in a 30m.p.h area. If you extrapolate this to a 12 hour day then over a year this results in more than 100,000 drivers speeding on the roads checked alone.

Projected across the whole town this means we could have over half a million speedsters a year in Billericay significantly increasing the risk of accidents, injuries and deaths. In order to continue this very worthwhile initiative we do, however, need more Volunteers so if you are interested please contact us at resident@bdra.org

The new Website is working well since the switch over from the old Service provider and if you haven’t yet logged into it, please do so and we would welcome any thoughts/suggestions that you may have. On average the site is being visited by around 220 people each month, which is up on last year.

I would particularly like to express my thanks to Chris Wade, Dave Hawke and Sarah Hawkes for all the work that they put in.

We would still welcome more volunteers to become involved in the Area Committees, particularly the West Area and would encourage all Members to raise issues in their locality that concern them directly, with the respective Chairs, Eve Oliver (East and Burstead) and Mervyn Wright (West). We have during 2019 become involved in a number of issues, many of which are regarding parking
Tony Beard has championed the irresponsible parking on Perry St and achieved new restrictions being finally put in place. Likewise Mike Andrews has tackled parking difficulties at St Peter’s school. Well done to both of them. You will have read in the Magazine the issue with dumping at Barrenleys Wood and thanks goes to Al Daw who continues to be meticulously following this, although at the moment the Owner has appealed the enforcement action. It was last mentioned on a Basildon Council list of cases awaiting a decision by the Inspector.

The Basildon Local Plan as it affects Billericay continues to dominate, but we are still awaiting a date for the Inspector’s Public meeting. I have asked Mike Andrews, Vice Chairman, to prepare a full resume of the events over this last year and this is included as a separate report. I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Mike and his team for all the work that they are undertaking to promote a fair outcome to the Local Plan.

We had the benefit of an excellent Speaker at last year’s AGM in Julian Whybra and as was mentioned, the year 2020 is significant for the Town, as on the 15th July 1620 four Essex Pilgrims left Billericay bound for Plymouth USA and became part of the Mayflower ship that eventually made landfall in New England USA on the 11th November 1620. This is being specifically celebrated in the Town and some 41 Organisations, including the BDRA are involved in organising and being part of a variety of events during the year to celebrate the Town’s involvement in this historic occasion. The Official Launch will take place on the 20th June in the Reading Rooms, when some eleven of the Organisations will be displaying their individual contributions. Since writing this report, the Corona Virus has taken over our lives and it may well be that the Launch and some of the events will now not be able to take place.

We believe that it is important to support events for the benefit of people within Billericay and District. With this in mind during the year we provided funds for the Soapbox Derby and sponsored the Punch and Judy at both Summerfest and the Christmas Market. Members of the Committee manned a stall at the Great Burstead Fete and at the Summerfest to promote the BDRA. We also contributed to the Town Council’s High St Christmas lights and funded a Commemorative Tree in Lake Meadows Park to replace a previous one that had died.

Peter Sharp our Treasurer has continued to work with Gordon Shand, along with the Area membership Secretaries, in producing the Data Base of BDRA Members, which will make life much easier, particularly for the Area Secretaries and the Road Rep. Volunteers. Whilst we have had some teething problems, which were to be expected, acknowledging the size of the task, this is now up and running. Gordon has been responsible for most of this, voluntarily putting in a tremendous amount of work and I extend my personal thanks for all that has been achieved so far. The full benefits of the database and the opportunities are now starting to be realised.

The Coach Trips continue to remain as popular as ever thanks to the commitment of Yvonne and Kathleen. They keep coming up with new places to visit in addition to some of the old favourites. The success of the first two short holidays that they organised to Yorkshire in 2018 and Bournemouth in March 2019 were such a resounding success that it has as a result encouraged them to arrange another one of eight days to Babbacombe in March this year, which regrettably has had to be postponed until 2021, due to the virus situation. Many thanks Ladies from myself and particularly from all the Members who have enjoyed them.
How do I see the year ahead- I would like to see more Volunteers supporting the Area Committees, with a view in the future to becoming part of the Executive Committee. It would be good if we could interest younger Members to become involved. The BDRA is an organisation that has always had at its heart the interest of Billericay and District. There are issues that will affect us all now and in the future, which means that we do need new people to become involved, if we are to be truly an organisation that is “By the People, For the People”. If you feel that you would like to contribute your services in any way and become involved please do contact me to discuss at chairman@bdra.org

We also have the final stages in the development of the Local Plan. We still await the Planning Inspector’s decision on the date for the Examination in Public, at which both BDRA and BAG intend to be represented, and at which and we know many others who value the character of our town, will seek to trigger significant changes. The current situation may cause even further delay, and it is possible that once this is over the Government may try to modify the current process to expedite progress.

We do not want to lose the impetus gained from all the work already carried out. It is inevitable, indeed desirable, that some new building will take place in the town. Our continuing concern has been its scale and the lack of supporting infrastructure for both new and existing residents. The BAG Sub Committee will continue to lead the fight for a Plan which benefits both new and existing residents and minimises the irreplaceable loss of Green Belt. Once a Plan is agreed we believe it is essential that local residents are encouraged to play a full and meaningful role in the detailed design and development of the new building and not leave this to, so called, professionals who have no direct relationship with our town and will not have to live with the consequences of their decisions.

The next stage will require a different set of people who don’t need to be conversant with the intricacies of planning. A different set of skills are required, which quite simply are the desire to protect the special character of our town whilst allowing it to develop for the benefit of all, whilst holding to account the developers and others who stand to benefit at Billericay’s expense. We need individuals with the desire to get involved in whatever capacity and time commitment they have available that will help and support the BDRA. We all ready have a list of some volunteers but more would be gratefully received, so please contact Mike Andrews at info@billericayactiongroup.org.uk

In what has been for us all a busy and very interesting year I would like to express my thanks to all the Volunteers that have put in so much work to represent the people of Billericay. The Basildon Local Plan has taken up a great deal of people’s time, the outcome from which we won’t know for some months. Mike Andrews and his team have worked tirelessly to respond to Basildon Council’s Plan proposals and to inform residents on its progress. Amanda & Steve Newbolt as part of the Editorial Team have ensured that the Notice Boards are kept fresh and up to date. Likewise ExCo and Area Committees, the Road Reps who deliver the Magazine and to everybody connected to the Association I extend my personal thanks for all that you have done during 2019 and I know will continue to do so in the coming year.
We are keen to make direct links with key service organisations, particularly Basildon Council, so that we can monitor developments and question budgeting decisions. Unfortunately attempts to meet up with the Leader of the Council, Gavin Callaghan have so far proved fruitless, but I will continue to persevere. We have already established direct links with the Police Chief responsible for Billericay. The BDRA is the only Organisation who we believe truly represents the people of Billericay and the needs of Billericay must be recognised and prioritised. It is worth pointing out that in cold monetary terms we estimate that the Residents of Billericay annually pay over £20M in Council Tax, of which around 15% goes to Basildon Council. In the coming months we intend to begin evaluating whether the bulk of our Council Tax, around 70%, which goes to Essex County Council represents value for money for Billericay residents and is being adequately managed on our behalf by our elected County Councillors.

The Residents Association has been serving the people of Billericay and District in all manner of ways since 1926. It is now at the Crossroads when serious decisions have to be made as to the future of the Organisation. The current Executive Committee has endeavoured to encourage Residents over recent years to Volunteer to undertake responsibilities on this Committee, with minimal success. It has always been with the idea that we would have people on the Committee who would be able to deputise for the main roles and who would then be able to seamlessly take over when vacancies occur. Sadly this has not happened and we are now in the situation that unless we have volunteers from within the community who would be prepared to understudy the specific roles of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and very importantly the Editor we will have to seriously consider the future of the Organisation, however unpalatable this may turn out to be. I believe that this Organisation still has a very valuable role to play in the life of our Community. It is the only Organisation in the town willing to stand up to and hold to account those who act on our behalf, at National, County and Local Government level. It really is “By the People, for the People.” I am therefore asking all Members to seriously consider how they can add to the BDRA in any of the roles indicated and likewise by reaching out to non-members who they believe could make an important and valuable contribution. Please do contact me direct on chairman@bdra.org

Andy Maddocks
Chairman
6. Nominations of Officers for 2020-2021

Executive Committee

Chairman          Andy Maddocks
Vice-Chairman     Mike Andrews
Treasurer         Peter Sharp
Secretary         Dave Hawke
Editor            Chris Wade
Membership Secretary Victor Burley

Billericay Action Group Committee

Chairman          Mike Andrews
Vice-Chairman     Vacancy
Secretary         Andy Wilson

East and Burstead Area Committee

Chairman          Eve Oliver
Vice-Chairman     Keith Bailey
Secretary         Mike Andrews

West Area Committee

Chairman          Mervyn Wright
Vice-Chairman     Hilary Minto
Secretary         Tony Beard
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7. Chair’s Report 2021

I would like to welcome you all to this the 95th AGM of the Billericay District Residents Association. It has as you all will know been a very difficult year for everybody and it is my hope that the worst of the Covid virus is behind us all. You will all be aware that it was not possible to hold the AGM in 2020 due to lockdown and my report for that year was printed in the December/January 2021 issue. For similar reasons due to continued uncertainty the current AGM has been deferred until now. In view of this and the short timescale it has not been possible to engage a Speaker this year.

We had managed to obtain the services of a replacement Editor following the departure of Chris Wade, but unfortunately Joyce was unable to take up the role for personal reason. This leaves us currently without an Editor and we have formed a small Editorial Committee in order to ensure the production of the magazine. We are therefore seeking somebody who would be interested in taking on this role and if any of our Members are aware of anybody who would like to know more about the role, I would ask them to contact me at chairman@bdra.org to discuss it in more detail.

Following the resignation of the previous Secretary we were fortunate a couple of months ago to find a replacement in Viv Burling. Likewise Michael Yates has taken over the role as webmaster and has made considerable improvements to our website. Peter Bowditch has also joined the Executive Committee and we welcome all of them to the BDRA.

It will be recalled that due to the lockdown last year a decision was taken by the Executive Committee to suspend the collection of member’s subscriptions. About half of the members had paid and we then went for a number of months when we were unable to produce the Magazine for delivery during 2020 and this was also the case for some months in 2021. As a result we have now recommenced collections from July, but we are only asking members who didn’t pay in 2020 to pay this year.

Whilst we have been unable to continue with the Speedwatch project, we have tried to obtain more detailed information from the earlier data provided, but without success. We feel that feedback from information sent and the action subsequently taken is important and we are progressing this before any final decision is made on re-starting the project again.

We continue to serve all the interests of the people of the Town, which has obviously proved more difficult during the last 18 months. The situation in Barrenleys Wood where 6 acres of Ancient Woodland was destroyed by the illegal dumping of over 50,000 tons of rubble has resulted in some partial success. Through the persistence of Al Daw, the Planning Inspector made his decision that some of the rubble must go – within 8 months - along with the caravans. We continue to monitor and comment on planning applications to ensure that they are right for the District. We have also continued to support events for the benefit of the people of the Town and with this in mind have provided funds to sponsor the Summerfest and the Christmas Lights to name but a few.

The Basildon Plan continues to be a concern and we have recently had two meetings with the new Leader of Basildon Council. I have asked Mike Andrews, Vice Chairman to provide an update on the current situation in a separate report.

Regrettably Yvonne and Kathleen have naturally been unable to provide any coach trips during the year, but they are busy working on possible ideas, which they hope to be able to offer in 2022.
You will be aware that we have at present two Area Committees- East and West, which were set up to deal with particular concerns from members in those specific Areas. Whilst East has thrived with a strong membership, the West has unfortunately struggled to attract members to be involved in the monthly meetings. It is therefore with regret that a decision was recently taken to merge the two Areas into one, forming a Joint Areas Committee (JAC). This will ensure that both areas will be equally served and I would urge you to contact either the Chairman Eve Oliver or Secretary Tony Beard.

Whilst on the subject of Volunteers and I make no apology for repeating my previous comments on this subject, the BDRA will only survive by Residents coming forward willing to be involved in the organisation at whatever level they feel comfortable in. It is very important that we have people to fill the major roles on the Executive Committee, in the same way that we continue to need people to deliver the Magazine. At the present time we are particularly short in a number of areas, so please do consider Volunteering and details can always be found in the Magazine each month.

In what as I have already mentioned been for us all a difficult and in its own way a very challenging year, I would like to express my thanks to all the Volunteers that have continued to put in so much work to represent the people of Billericay. The Basildon Local Plan has still taken up a great deal of people’s time behind the scenes, the outcome from which we still won’t know for some months. Mike Andrews and his team have worked tirelessly to respond to Basildon Council’s Plan proposals and to inform residents on its progress. Amanda & Steve Newbolt have continued to ensure the Events details are available, when we have been able to issue a Magazine. Likewise ExCo and Area Committees, the Road Reps who deliver the Magazine, Hugh Maguire who starts the Magazines delivery process and everybody connected to the Association. I extend my personal thanks for all that you have done during 2021 and I know will continue to do so in the coming year.
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**8. Treasurer’s Report 2020 & 2021**

## FINANCIAL RESULTS 2019 & 2020

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

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### Other Income

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| Interest Income (Net)  | £ 50                             |
| Other Income           | £ 739                            |
| **Total Other Income** | £ 789                            |

### Other Expenses

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| Administrative & Miscellaneous Expenses | £ 3,383                         |
| Donations & Sponsorship      | £ 1,143                          |
| **Total Other Expenses**     | £ 4,526                          |
| **Net Surplus/(Deficit)**    | £ (569)                          |

## BALANCE SHEET

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The accounts for both years have been independently examined by Mr Philip Dove ACMA and signed off.

A copy of the full financial report in electronic format is available to BDRA members on request.
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9. Vice Chair’s Report—Update on Basildon Local Plan

Formally, and in the open glare of public scrutiny, not much has happened which affects the Billericay aspects of the emerging Local Plan in the last 2 years. Few will believe this is a true reflection of what has actually been happening between the Council and developers in this period. However there have been many rumours about what might be built, some of which runs counter to what is actually contained in the draft Local Plan as submitted, and even today some essential technical studies which should underpin the evidence base for the Plan have yet to be published.

We still do not have a date for the next stage of the Local Plan process, the Examination in Public (EiP). It had been suggested that it would be held later in this year.

In late 2020 the Planning Inspector assigned to our Plan issued a set of opening questions to Basildon Council and subsequently he has requested them to hold a public consultation on new evidence the council had hoped to present. This will have the effect of moving the EiP into 2022.

Whilst the ‘new evidence’ does not directly affect Billericay we still believe that the submitted draft Local Plan is not fit for purpose and that Billericay residents have been denied the opportunity to comment on much of what is contained in the submitted draft Local Plan, and which as mentioned above may itself be different to what developers and Council intend will be built. We have been lobbying both our Council and the Inspector to widen the remit of the new consultation to allow Billericay residents to comment on what is actually currently intended, whether or not it is what the Local Plan says will be built.

To his credit the new leader of Basildon Council, Andrew Baggott, has met with us on 2 occasions whilst we explained our and our members concerns, and we hope more meetings will be held, progress achieved and the expectations, indeed the rights, of Billericay residents will be satisfied.

Time is running out to prevent Billericay’s character and surroundings from being irreversibly damaged. We will continue to fight to try to ensure that we get a Local Plan which is genuinely beneficial for the current and future residents of our town, even if that means major changes to what is currently described.

A more detailed review of recent Local Plan activity will be posted on the BDRA website soon
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10. Nomination of Officers of Executive Committee and Sub Committees 2021/22

**Executive Committee**

- **Chair**: Andy Maddocks
- **Vice-Chair**: Mike Andrews
- **Treasurer**: Peter Sharp
- **Secretary**: Viv Burling
- **Editor**: Vacancy

**Billericay Action Group Committee**

- **Chair**: Mike Andrews
- **Vice-Chair**: Vacancy
- **Secretary**: Andy Wilson

**Joint Area Committee**

- **Chair**: Eve Oliver
- **Vice-Chair**: Keith Bailey
- **Secretary**: Tony Beard

11. Any other Business, including Q&As from the floor

A short session for Any Other Business to be discussed and for Questions from the floor to be addressed

12. Chair’s Closing Remarks

The Chair will make his closing remarks, after which complimentary light refreshments will be served