

# ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON PARK HOMES

The minutes of the inaugural meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Park Homes which took place in Room N, Portcullis House, Westminster on Wednesday 16 March 2016, commencing 10.00am.

**PRESENT:** Christopher Chope OBE, MP (convenor and Chairman)  
Peter Aldous MP  
Steve Brine MP  
Caroline Nokes MP  
Michael Tomlinson MP  
Dame Angela Watkinson DBE, MP  
Sammy Wilson MP

Christine Chope  
Ros Pritchard OBE, British Holiday & Home Parks Association (BH&HPA)  
Anne Webb, volunteer  
Alice Woudhuysen, AgeUK

1. **Name**

The meeting **AGREED** to establish the group with the name:  
‘All-Party Parliamentary Group on Park Homes’.

2. **Statement of Purpose**

The meeting **AGREED** the statement of purpose of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Park Homes was to:

‘Bring together parliamentarians, park homeowners and industry representatives to discuss issues of common interest including legislation and its enforcement.’

3. **Members**

Parliamentarians

The meeting noted that parliamentarians who had expressed an interest in participation in the work of the group included:

Peter Aldous MP (Conservative)  
Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP (Labour)  
Steve Brine MP (Conservative)  
Christopher Chope OBE, MP (Conservative)  
Natascha Engel MP (Labour)  
Rt Hon Sir Greg Knight MP (Conservative)  
Jeremy Lefroy MP (Conservative)  
Caroline Nokes MP  
Baroness Maddock (Liberal Democrat)  
Michael Tomlinson MP (Conservative)  
Dame Angela Watkinson DBE, MP  
Sammy Wilson MP (Democratic Unionist)  
Iain Wright MP (Labour)

**ACTION** Mrs Pritchard to check with parliamentarians before including their name on the membership list of the group.

External members

The meeting noted the external organisations likely to be interested in joining meetings included:

***Homeowners' representatives:***

National Association of Park Home Residents  
Independent Park Home Advisory Service  
Park Home Residents Action Alliance

***Homeowners' campaigns:***

Park Home Owners for Justice Campaign  
AgeUK

***Industry representatives:***

BH&HPA  
NCC

***Government and agencies:***

Communities & Local Government  
Lease

***Local Authority representatives:***

Local Government Association  
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

**ACTION** Mrs Pritchard to check with external organisations before including their name on the membership list of the group.

4. **Election of Officers**

The meeting **ELECTED** officers to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Park Homes as follows:

Chair - Christopher Chope OBE, MP (Conservative)

Vice-Chairs - Peter Aldous MP (Conservative)  
Steve Brine MP (Conservative)  
Michael Tomlinson MP (Conservative)  
Iain Wright MP (Labour)

Treasurer Sammy Wilson MP (Democratic Unionist)

5. **Public Enquiry Point**

The meeting **AGREED** that Mrs Pritchard should serve as the public enquiry point.

*Secretary's note: a specific email address for public enquiries to the group has been set up – [APPG@bhpha.org.uk](mailto:APPG@bhpha.org.uk)*

6. **Website**

The meeting **AGREED** that a webpage should be published online for the group and that Mrs Pritchard should organise.

*Secretary's note: a dedicated webpage for the group will be published at [www.parkhome.org.uk/APPG](http://www.parkhome.org.uk/APPG)*

7. **Secretariat**

The meeting **AGREED** the secretariat proposed, noting that Ms Webb had volunteered to minute meetings of the group and Mrs Pritchard had offered all other secretariat services. It was noted that the benefit in kind received by the group would be considerably less than the registerable value.

8. **Registration**

The meeting **AGREED** that Mr Chope should complete and return the group's Registration Form to the Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner.

9. **Next Meeting**

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting should address the insulation of park homes, with an invitation to a DECC Minister to address the group on Government policy.

10. **Any Other Business**

The meeting noted that:

- a further meeting of the Government Park Homes Working Group had taken place two weeks previously and that their report to the Minister was anticipated shortly
- mortgages were not available for park homes since mortgage companies sought protection through the Land Registry, but that finance companies had provided loans specifically for park homes in the past
- Building Regulations did not apply to park homes, but that the manufacturing standard BS3632 had been updated in 2005 and 2015 to require increased insulation of park homes
- the Mobile Homes Act 2013 had reformed the process of private sales of park homes, removing the park owner from the sale and placing responsibilities on the homeowner to provide required information to their buyer.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.40am.