SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2023

Held at Church of the Good Shepherd Hall

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AGENDA

1.Chairman's welcome – Cllr Joss Loader:
Joss stood to offer a welcome and thanks to our guest speakers and all those who were attending our AGM this year.

Joss then paid tribute to Maurice Pitchford, a long-standing member of SBRA. Maurice died last year and she offered SBRA's thanks to him and our condolences to his wife and family. Maurice was also a Councillor and former Vice-Chair for Adur District Council. Joss advised that a full tribute to Maurice would appear in Beach News.

Joss then advised the meeting of Adur District Council's award to Liza McKinney for her long service again to both SBRA and as ward councillor and Chair of Council. She also helped rescue the Marlipins Museum and to save the Old Toll Bridge. For all her hard work and effort, the Council has honoured her dedication to Shoreham-by-Sea by awarding her the honour of Alderman.

2.Apologies for Absence: Keith Fayers-Morrissey; Joshua Baxendale; Jonathan Sargent.

3.Approval of the AGM Minutes, February 26th, 2022. Proposed by: David Johnson; Seconded by: John Charlish

Tim Loughton MP for East Worthing & Shoreham constituency.
Initially, Tim remarked on the busy year in Parliament, having witnessed his third Prime Minister since his last visit to our AGM. He also paid an affectionate tribute to Maurice Pitchford.

Issues with the A27: Tim suggested National Highways [NH] had mishandled a number of issues regarding the A27. The flooding across the carriageways, South of Lancing College, NH suggested was caused by a new water main becoming under pressure from freak conditions of heavy rain when local knowledge pointed to the flooding being caused by natural springs up in the Downs becoming inundated.

He also appealed to NH to investigate what road works were due on the A259 before undertaking further works on the local sections of the A27. Much of the recent havoc was caused by poor traffic management.

School Places: Tim remains concerned about the lack of first choice secondary school places for Shoreham inhabitants. He will meet WSCC soon when he will query their data before making future decisions.

On Shoreham Beach: Tim raised the topics of the ramp at Soldiers Point and its poor access issue, especially for wheelchair users.

Tim then turned to the ongoing problems with flooding and sewage spills along the A259 at Lancing. This has been a lengthy process but it was hoped to be settled very soon.

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Tim then took questions from the floor about the Withy Patch; School places, and concern about cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity of the Widewater area, where the path is very narrow.

Cllr. Kevin Boram WSCC Councillor, Shoreham South:
Active Travel Policy: It transpires that the new Steyning Road pedestrian crossing has already proved to be one of the busiest crossings in West Sussex.

Kevin reported on the spike in anti-social behaviour in our area and generally throughout West Sussex. The Council will be introducing a school street trial roll-out across the County and the feedback will be taken seriously noting the increase in anti-social behaviours county-wide.

School places: Again, Kevin acknowledged the current shortfalls in responses from WSCC, in line with Tim's comments.

The Active Travel Initiative: Kevin reported on the Clean Air plans, a new bike scheme and the electric vehicle refuelling stations that will be cropping up across the County.

He confirmed that a new working party will be set up to consider both travel and parking criteria. More news will be offered over the next twelve months. He spoke about residents parking zones, especially for Shoreham noting the number of flats being built within Adur and Shoreham in particular.

In concert with Tim's report, Kevin spoke about the problems with the long-standing flooding and drainage issues along the A259 at Lancing that are now, hopefully, settled.

Kevin then took questions from the floor. Joyce Willson, specifically asked about the progress for a plan to install a pedestrian crossing on the A259 opposite the Dog's Trust premises and the Beach's Ormonde Way. Kevin will be working on this issue and any progress will be reported in Beach News.

Potholes: Kevin acknowledged the problem of pot-holes not just in West Sussex but country-wide. WSCC has already spent £22million on their repair this year and he will continue to monitor and follow-up this national curse.

He then took questions from the floor:

David Johnson highlighted the Coombes Road up to Steyning that is designated as a country road where a 60mph speed limit applies. His concern is that this narrow lane is in regular use by cyclists who are highly vulnerable noting the poor sight-lines for two-wheelers who use the lane as an alternative route to/from Steyning.

Kevin acknowledged and added that other issues like sustainable travel and the clean air initiative will, in time, alter the way we all may have to live.

ADC District Councillors' Reports.

Cllr. Joss Loader: Marine Ward:
Beach Green - She opened by advising that Boxpark had officially withdrawn from the re-development of Beach Green. She now looks forward to a meaningful ADC consultation.

Traders' concession - Joss has always felt that ad hoc mobile applicants should give way to those established traders currently operating from fixed premises on the Beach e,g, Cotts & Linz in Ferry Road.

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AEDs - Joss was responsible for rolling out a programme of installing public defibrillators across the Adur District during 2018/19 Other councillors have also worked to install further machines in Adur. Joss confirmed that currently there are four defibrillators available within the Marine Ward (one provided by the NCI).

Questions from the floor comprised more interest in the likely public consultation regarding Beach Green's future and Joss will be supporting a formal consultation from the Council.

SBRA's attempt to introduce Speed Indicator Devices – a plan to detect irresponsible speeding on Beach roads - was raised and Cllr Julia Watts explained why SBRA's committee felt particularly let down.

6.ii Cllr Julia Watts: Marine Ward:
Cllr Joss Loader advised that Julia was successfully voted onto the ADC this year and thanked her for her assistance and energy and enthusiasm. Julia, in response, thanked Joss for all her help and encouragement as a new Councillor.

She then reported that she was monitoring planning applications particularly along the Western Harbour Arm. She has addressed Planning Committee meetings about the Howard Kent site and the Frosts re-development with suggested amendments.

Julia confirmed that last year's extensive shingle transfer from the Eastern Harbour Arm to Lancing went well with effective organisation and minimal damage to the Nature Reserve.

Regarding Friends of Shoreham Beach [FoSB], Julia advised that she was now Acting Chair.

7.Treasurer's report:
Val Veal our Treasurer advised members on the state of the Association's finances and the latest bank balance. She advised that SBRA, in changing its bankers, chose to keep things as local as possible with NatWest both online and in the Town.

Noting other expenditures, Val updated the audience that SBRA last year supported the local food bank and installed new batteries into the SBRA defibrillators.

There were no questions from the floor.

Approval of accounts: Proposed by: Joyce Willson Seconded by Joy Daintree. Agreed.

7.1 Re-appointment of Examiner of Accounts
Joss asked the meeting to approve Mike Watts as our Examiner of our Annual Accounts. Proposed by: Joyce Willson Seconded by: Joy Daintree
Motion approved.

Joss remained standing to mention the excellent work carried out by the Food Bank in the town that is led by Beach resident, Mr. Dai Hudd, as lead volunteer. Dai, in return, thanked the meeting for all SBRA's donations and support for the foodbank and, particularly, Joss Loader, herself or her energetic assistance and he was pleased to welcome her as a Trustee and the support of SBRA.

8. Re-appointment of SBRA Committee

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The Committee members remain with the addition of Maggie Taylor. Proposed by: Dai Hudd. Seconded by: John Charlish

9. Any other business:

Joss wished to mention the dedicated work of Gary and Sharon as Trustees of Shoreham Fort and John Charlish for his work with Friends of Shoreham Beach.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.50pm

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