Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes from SBRA's July committee meeting Members unanimously voted to Co-opt Yaz Jenner to the committee, as minutes secretary.

Minutes of meeting held on June 12th, 2025: Committee members agreed the minutes were an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by JW and seconded by TW.

Beach News and Website: The next issue is going to print 7 July. Shoreham Beach Primary School are out to consultation to open a nursery on their site in September. The intention is that the nursery will operate from the current Year 1 classroom and minor adaptations will be carried out during school holidays. There will be a flyer in Beach News.

Social report (also see councillor's reports) - YJ asked about recruiting new members and this will be advertised in the next issue of Beach News. We need a Social Secretary to promote what we do, arrange sponsors for events and possibly the community planters. We need to set a date for the Sand Dance so it can be promoted and start getting sponsors signed up.

Financial report: The current balance is £10777. A discussion ensued about how to use funds for the widest community benefit. Decisions will be made by the committee.

Councillor's reports :
Julia Watts:
Wooden groynes - I've had a complaint from a couple of residents that the old wooden groynes are dangerous at a mid tide. I contacted the EA and they were surprisingly reactive and have started chipping away at them starting from the Ferry Road end of the swimming area and working towards the west.
Gardening group - The gardening group has continued watering and weeding the beds at Ferry Road. Residents have donated plants. Any more donations gratefully accepted.
Trees - Chris Platt has suggested another couple of planting spots for trees. He will provide the trees if I can get the Council's permission. Sites will be investigated.
Southwick Beach - I called in ADC's decision to sell Southwick Beach, Carats Café, the car park and the chalets to Joint Overview and Scrutiny

(of which Joss is Chair) along with the two Green Councillors Julian Shinn and Gerry Thompson. The decision was withdrawn but it will be redrafted hopefully to include the recommendations of the committee.
Meeting the Environment Agency - I am meeting the EA next with Laura Brook and Craig Ifield (Sussex Wildlife Trust) to discuss the issues FoSB have with conservation issues and shingle transfers etc.

JL reported:
Anti-social behaviour - Julia and I met two PCSOs yesterday evening. We discussed anti-social behaviour, speeding, drug dealing and other issues.

The issues have been slightly less this year so far; however the schools will be finishing for holidays soon. The police will increase patrols if needed.

Damaged railings have been reported to WSCC.

Speed check on Riverside Road will be taking place.

Boat trailers on the pavement leading to Emeral Quay had been reported and the vehicles received parking tickets.

Hot weather - The bins have held up well but there have some issues in Ferry Road, with the takeaway rubbish. All seasonal bins are now out. Warden patrols have been increased, at my request, but there are still hotspots for illegal and/or double parking. Vehicles parked on the shingle on two occasions and became stuck! We've asked for physical obstructions to be placed on the shingle, such as rocks.
Beach Dreams - This passed off peacefully and was generally very successful.
Graffiti - Still causing issues. Please report any you spot via the ADC online reporting page.
Beach Playgroup - The school is due to open a pre-school facility in September. We have run a flyer for them in Beach News. Pebbles closes the end of the summer term.

Date of next meeting – August 28th at 7pm at the Harbour Club.