Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the June minutes approved at at the SBRA committee meeting on Thursday, June 3rd, 2021, at 7.30pm via Zoom

APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES: Proposed by Pat Hand & seconded by John Bradshaw.

MATTERS ARISING: Joss will talk to traders about acting as collection points for subscriptions.

Joss received an estimate for replacing our Ferry Road information board and repairing the Beach Green board - for which there were no objections.

Joyce raised the point about the location of the SBRA notice board in Ferry Road. Another site will be sought to accommodate a larger board.

SBNF: No report received as such although Joss confirmed that the Forum's re-designation will be on the agenda at the next Joint Strategic Committee meeting on July 13th. Joss will update as and when.

BEACH NEWS AND WEBSITE: Summer edition deadline will be June 24th with distribution from the week beginning July 19th. Encouragingly, Joss reported an improved response in advertising copy from local businesses, thanks to Joyce's efforts.

SOCIAL REPORT: Joyce has now been advised by the Houses of Parliament that tours will resume although dates await to be confirmed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Julia had circulated her spreadsheet to members prior to the meeting and confirmed that petty cash is £39 and bank balance at £14,335.04.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Planning Applications - various local applications were discussed.
Beach Geen toilet block - Amongst other interested parties, Joss was invited by Boxpark, the Beach Green developer, to a Zoom meeting to update them with developments and the scheme's latest position.

The Company confirmed that it was preparing a Licensing application and will finalise a decision on which operator will be awarded the franchise. As the leaseholder, it was confirmed that the Company will not be running the franchise.

It was suggested that the site will be cleared during the coming Autumn in readiness to open during the Summer of 2022 and that temporary toilets will be installed on the site during the demolition and reconstruction phases.

Cllr JOSS LOADER REPORTS:
Anti-social behaviour: The arrival of warmer weather has prompted issues and she is receiving multiple complaints about anti-social behaviours on Beach Green. These include under-age drinking and drug use. We obviously don't want to stop young people enjoying themselves but residents are struggling with noise, evidence of public urination and widespread litter. She has asked them to report drug use and drink/driving to the Police and she is liaising with Kevin Boram and the PCSOs.
Public Toilet Refurbishment: Work is ongoing at the Fort. A completion date has yet to be confirmed.
Parking: This has become a real and ongoing issue now that the weather has warmed up.

ADC has affixed signage on lamp-posts, urging people to park considerately and source the nearest car parks. She has asked for Warden patrols to be stepped up, especially during weekends and school holidays.
Litter: Again, this has become a problem during warmer weather. More bins have gone out and the Council is stepping up litter enforcement.
Swings: These have still not been replaced at the Beach Green playground and the zip-wire has now been removed as bolts were found to be missing! Parts are on order.
Planters: These are now full re-planted. We need more volunteers to help with watering, please.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A discussion ensued about the issue of various traffic calming measures being considered, including a potential 20mph limit.

Various members spoke about the behaviours of road users on the Beach. Additionally, it was generally agreed that a public consultation of residents should form a vital part of the decision-making process and the use of either or both Beach News and/or SBRA's website could facilitate this methodology. Whatever the final outcome, the decision would lie with West Sussex County Council.

Interestingly, Joshua highlighted that Steyning Parish Council has consulted about plans to reduce the speed limit through the market town and Joss suggested it would be worthwhile to discover which other communities have reviewed their speed limits and how they gathered evidence.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 1ST, 2021