Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the minutes of the SBRA committee meeting, held on June 12th, 2025

Minutes of the May committee meeting: Proposed by TW and seconded by JM. Agreed.

Matters arising Bin collection was late and this is possibly due to the changes in rounds, prompted by new food waste collections starting next year.

The DPD vehicle has now been removed.

Beach News and Website - Beach News next issue will go to the printers on 7th July and will be 40 pages.

Financial report - The latest financial statement was shared. Nothing to report and nothing outstanding.

Councillors' reports

Julia Watts reported as follows:

Gardening group and planting - The planting areas south of the Ferry Bridge are looking good. Three of the trees look very healthy and the fourth is struggling a little but has green shoots at the stem so we are hopeful it will catch up at some point. They have needed a lot of watering and some weeding up until a couple of weeks ago when it started to rain again. My gardening group are still keen and some members have planted plants from their gardens. We could still do with some more if anyone would like to donate.

ADC are planning to sell Southwick Beach, Carat's café, the car park and the beach huts to Shoreham Port Authority. I have met representatives of the Port and the Council to discuss this transaction. On the face of it the transaction could be beneficial to both parties but there has been no discussion with the community so far other than it was mentioned at the Port's AGM and if you know where to find it, it is on the Council's website. I have called this into Joint Overview and Scrutiny along with Julian Shinn and Gerry Thompson. Joss co-chairs this meeting. There will be a review of the decision making process at JOSC (25 June).

JW met with two Council Officers to discuss progress on the Environmental Impact Assessment they are undertaking to look at the LNR and the impact of trading concessions.

A further meeting with the council is pending.

There was a discussion about how this was not promoting 'Greener Adur' and it was not fair to residents, businesses and beach hut owners.

FoSB ran a successful flower walk last weekend. We are planning a strandline event in August and a beach clean in September.

Joss Loader reported as follows:
Community planters - I have replaced the wind-blown plants at Ferry Road and West Beach. Those that could be salvaged have been replanted near the Ferry Bridge. Please water them if you're passing.
Anti-social behaviour - We are due to meet the Police to discuss ongoing issues and the proposed strategy at the beginning of next month. People need to report incidents to the police – it is a small minority and under-age drinking may be fuelling it.
Reinstatement of the beach behind the sailing club - This is now open.
Public Toilets - I have been notified by the refuse/cleansing manager that staff shortages are causing some issues with public looks being kept open. Fortunately, they've indicated that the Beach Green toilets will remain open this weekend. The men's loos at the Fort were closed for a while, after the doors were stolen!
Memorial plaques - After some chasing, the plaques commemorating the lives of Liza McKinney and Dave Simmons are now in place. Plaques have been added to existing benches as there is not capacity for any new benches.
Graffiti - Still causing issues. Please report any you spot via the ADC online reporting page.
Beach Playgroup - This is no longer operating daily from the church hall. Shoreham Beach Primary School is looking to establish a nursery on the Shingle Road site. I will write a letter of support, as part of the consultation.

Meeting ended 8pm. - Date of next meeting: 2 July, 7pm at the Harbour Club.