**Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting**

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held on May 1st, 2025.

Minutes of meeting held on 6 April 2025: Committee members agreed the minutes were an accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed by Julia Watts and seconded by Tony Wallington.

Beach News and Website: Summer issue copy deadline is 10 June and print is 7 – 14 July.

Social Report: Gardening – trees have been planted in pots (olive trees and lavender). Kings Walk residents have been watering them. The area around the footbridge has also been extensively planted with trees and plants. The gardening group are very keen.
There was a discussion about adding memorial plaques to say who is donating the trees and watering.

Financial report: Transactions were circulated by the treasurer, plus the monthly balance.

Councillors' reports
Julia Watts reported as follows:
Gardening group and planting
The planting has gone very well. All the trees have been planted in the beds near to the Ferry Bridge with the help of Chris Platt and the herb garden is looking very nice. We do have issues with dogs straying on to the beds but Julia has asked Steve at the bakery to supply us with coffee grounds which apparently deters them. She may look at some low wire fencing if this doesn't work.

She suggested we should probably erect a small sign explaining that we have funded the beds and that it's a community effort. Also an SBRA flag would be good for when we are doing group gardening sessions. These planting sessions give us lots of opportunities to speak to our residents.

We are in discussions with Adur regarding the memorial plaques and sponsorship.

The green flag at Ferry Road needs replacing

Joss Loader reported as follows:
Devolution - Joss uploaded comments to the Government consultation, as per our discussions last month, emphasising the need to maintain strong, independent voices.
Cycleway/path at Beach Green - the resurfacing work has been completed but there are some issues with plants/weeds coming through the surface. Joss has reported to ADC and they've alerted the contractor. Julia and Joss planted the three large containers with olive trees and lavender. A King's Walk resident is watering them.
Anti-social behaviour - ADC has planted some shrubs along the north-western wall of Beach Green and is considering further planting/mowing schemes to deter access to River Close, via the wall.
Graffiti - The graffiti we reported has been removed but a lot more has appeared, largely alongside Adur Rec and in Old Shoreham Road/Upper Shoreham Road involving "Monk/Mank" tagging.
Travellers - We currently have a large encampment on Adur Rec of 25 plus caravans and vehicles. Joss attended the site early yesterday morning and reported it to the Police. ADC and WSCC are taking appropriate steps, with the Police, to get them moved on.
Reinstatement of the beach behind the sailing club - This is due to complete at the end of the month (May).
Canoe enclosure - ADC have allowed a small, fenced area for canoe storage at the eastern end of the beach huts, opposite Beach Road. It's adjacent to a beach hut already used for this purpose. We were consulted last year and FoSB raised no objection, as it's beach-related and small.
School Governorship - On a personal note, Joss is standing down as an academy councillor at Sir Robert Woodard next week, due to other commitments.
Bin stickers on bins – JW distributed the stickers to members.

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Meeting ended 8pm. - Date of next meeting: 12 June, 7pm at the Harbour Club.