Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the committee meeting on Thursday, November 14th at 7pm at the Harbour Club. These will be approved at our next meeting on January 2nd, 2025.

Approval of October minutes: Proposed by Joan Moore, seconded by Val Veal.
The meeting was attended by two new prospective committee members.

MATTERS ARISING: Issues minuted under the councillor's reports.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE: Beach News is currently being distributed under the new arrangements, led by John Bradshaw who has handing over after many years. The committee offered our sincere thanks for all his hard work and to the new team of distributers.

Social report: There are no pending events.

Financial report: The balance sheet and transactions were circulated in advance of the meeting by the treasurer.

Sub-committee reports: It is generally fairly quiet on the planning front. The committee reviews all applications.

Councillors' reports:
JULIA WATTS:
Friends of Shoreham Beach. The next FoSB Beach clean is on Saturday, December 28th, from 11am to 1pm at the Fort car park. Their AGM will be on Monday, March 10th, at the Harbour Club.
Licensing. The licensing committee reviewed Adur's policy on licensed gambling to include the 'Challenge 25' policy which is intended to safeguard children and young people. Adur only has three licensed betting shops reduced from 7.
Beach wardens, litter and other beach matters - Joss and Julia met the new cabinet member for the environment Cllr Andy Harvey to discuss the new administration's plans for Shoreham Beach and to let him know what improvements we'd like him to concentrate on.
They discussed the toilet provision or lack of and asked if he could prioritise the refurbishment of some or part of the Beach Green toilets and endeavoured to keep ours from always being the ones that were shut in the event of staff shortage.

They discussed the car parks and specifically the anti-social behaviour in the Fort car park and the Beach Green car park.
They also asked whether the bike park pump track was likely to be progressed under the new administration.
Anti-social behaviour. Joss has received lots of complaints this month about anti-social behaviour on Beach Green. At her request, ran a street surgery on Beach Green from to help address the concerns of local residents. Both Joss and Julia attended.

JOSS LOADER:
IMPROVEMENTS TO SAILING CLUB SLIPWAY AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE FOOTPATH – The EA is due to start work on the slipway in the next few days. The beach will remain open. They also intend to start work to reinstate the footpath in January. This will complete in March, weather permitting.
SEWAGE TANKERS – We again had issues with tankers parking on double yellow lines and pavements during the SW operation to repair the main in Victoria Road. We now have a named contact at SW and there was some improvement, after Joss complained that the tankers were endangering public safety.
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Julia and Joss attended the service on Remembrance Sunday and laid a wreath on behalf of SBRA and the community.
Joss also attended the two minutes' silence and wreath laying on Armistice Day itself at Shoreham Fort.
SHINGLE LORRIES – Joss attended the Shoreham Port Liaison Committee meeting last week. She raised the issue of lorries with the port engineer directly and requested that they ask Penfold Verrall to stick to the reduced limit of 25mph. There is also an issue with dust, due to the dry weather.
FOOD BANK – Joss will run a Christmas appeal, as in previous years, with the CoGS.

Any other business: David outlined the aims of a tree planting scheme in Shoreham.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, January 2nd, 2025, at 7pm at the Harbour Club.