SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The following is a summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, September 3rd, 2020 at 7.30pm at the Harbour Club

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES: Proposed by David Johnson and seconded by Liza McKinney.

MATTERS ARISING: Issues covered within Cllr Loader's report, item 9.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE: The Spring Edition was printed and delivered just prior to the Covid-19 Lockdown and the Summer issue went as normal in July. The Association's offer to lower advertising rates reduced the Summer issue's pagination although all costs were more or less covered. Joss advised John that the Winter edition's copy date is October 9th with distribution from mid November.

Our website has been rebranded and relaunched.

SOCIAL REPORT: All beach events & updates are suspended.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bob Toon was thanked by all attendees for his donation to cover likely Covid-19 lockdown expenses. SBRA made a £1,000 grant to Shoreham Beach Primary School towards the cost of creating a new educational garden for pupils. The PTFA and pupils also spent some of the Summer holidays repainting the fence, fashioned into coloured pencils.

Joss's food bank appeals saw residents make substantial donations to the foodbank over the Summer [no cost to SBRA]

2. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS –

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Maureen gave an overview of current applications.

Josh Baxendale advised the meeting that considerable changes to Planning issues are in draft consultation format from Government; ADC, we understand, has yet to respond.
David Johnson added that there were a number of major consultations pending especially for more housing to the north of the County and offered to remit a 'round-robin'

for the benefit of SBRA committee members to explain some of the proposed changes to planning regulations.

BEACH GREEN TOILET BLOCK. Joss advised, after referral to Council Officers, that Boxpark have not announced a commencement date for site clearance/construction.

SBNF Forum update issue will be discussed under "10. AOB"

8. Cllr JOSS LOADER REPORTS:

The divisive issue of pavement parking has become the subject of a Central Government Consultation. Pavement parking has been illegal in London since 1974 but not in the rest of the country and causes serious issues, not just Shoreham Beach. Since the lockdown wardens have been working more vigorously on the Beach in general at the request of Joss and Cllr Kevin Boram. Joss explained that wardens cannot issue tickets if there are no yellow lines adjacent to the pavement, under current legislation.

Joss reported recent news that ADC is purchasing the land at New Salts Farm located beside the Saltings roundabout previously owned by Hyde Housing. Members responded favourably in general noting that historically "Green Gaps" had not always been protected.

SBRA's planters purchased from ADC last year are now due a refurbishment, especially the pair in Ferry Road as a priority.

Pat raised the concern of those residents who rely on a local beach bus service and suggested a more regular service should be encouraged but this issue is one of supply and demand vis-à-vis bus operators. The No 19, for example, very often runs empty.

AOAC Car Park: Cllr Emma Evans invited both Joss and Cllr Dave Collins [Marine Ward] to attend a site meeting to decide best action regarding historic public access across their car park to the river. Work is ongoing to formalise these access arrangements.

Joss was delighted to advise members that she had congratulated Jane Bartlett at the Church of the Good Shepherd, who jointly assisted her during the lockdown with

community support arrangements, as she is now officially licensed as a Vicar. The meeting concurred.

Finally, Joss mentioned the siting of an ice-cream vendor's van at the Beach Huts, has been awarded a Summer concession by ADC. She has been in communication with council officers about this issue and its impact on our permanent traders.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

As a Forum management committee member, Tony Wallington declared an interest and left the meeting.

Joss reported that she had been invited to a meeting with Tony and Mike Whelan from the Forum. This followed the decision by ADC's Joint Strategic Committee to defer the forum's application for re-designation, pending more information. JSC raised concerns about the Forum's governance and various issues.

The Forum has requested a further meeting to discuss issues with SBRA and to hopefully identify a way forward.

Joss will write to the forum and ask them to suggest dates.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2020 – venue to be confirmed.