The following is a summary of the draft minutes of the SBRA committee held at the Harbour Club on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021. These will be approved at the October meeting.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed by Joan Moore & Seconded by David Johnson. Adopted.

MATTERS ARISING

Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum.

The meeting discussed a notice that members & SBRA received from the Forum advising its forthcoming AGM. It was felt that residents who may not be members should be encouraged. Joss to follow up with the forum on behalf of our committee.

Traffic-calming measures.

Joss advised that, after previous discussion by the committee, the Police had carried out speed checks on the Beach with little to report. Nonetheless, Jonathon Sargent had recently circulated information to committee members on the idea of adopting movable, electronic signage for beach "hot-spots". This drew a lot of interest as members are all aware that speeding is regularly evidenced on Beach roads. After a vibrant discussion, the meeting decided to take this idea forward noting that permissions would be required by WSCC and noting the likely costings involved, suggestions relating to both sponsorship, maintenance and public consultation needed consideration.

ADC Marine Ward elections upcoming for 2022.

The Residents' Association historically sponsors independent candidates for our Ward. One seat will fall due for re-election in May 2022. Joss advised that she will shortly declare a deadline date for all would-be candidates. SBRA will then adopt the candidate and support their canvassing prior to election date.

BEACH NEWS & WEBSITE

As Editor, Joss advised the copy date for the Winter edition of "BN" as being October 15th, with delivery four weeks later.

SOCIAL REPORT

Joyce advised that she will soon be calling up her team to discuss likely social events for 2022.

Also, she regretted there has been no further traction on the idea of advertising our events from a constant position along Ferry Road. She has investigated a couple of options. However, neither option has come to fruition. ADC have offered a board on the refurbished toilet block at the Old Fort that is a popular site. She will investigate further and advise members accordingly.

Finally, Joyce advised that levels of SBRA subscriptions received thus far for this year is almost identical to the pre-Covid returns in September 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julia Watts confirmed that our balance stood at £15010.18 and petty cash at £89. She confirmed that she will be updating the spread-sheet next week and will circulate Committee members.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning

Maureen Ashley had offered apologies to the meeting.

Some discussion followed regarding various live applications. Joss will make comments on the Frost's site and former Civic Centre site applications.

Shoreham Beach Green toilet block

Joss advised that Licensing Committee will consider Boxpark's licence during a zoom meeting on September 13th. Joss asked Julia, as Deputy Chair, to register to speak at the meeting on behalf of SBRA. Julia agreed.

Councillor Joss Loader Reports:

Beach Patrols:

After successfully campaigning for them, SBRA heard that weekend patrols have now been introduced and will run until September 30th. The weather has limited visitors to the Beach this Summer although we did experience problems during the July heatwave. Traffic Warden patrols have been stepped up. Public feedback has been very good as a result.

Anti-social behaviour:

There has been some improvement over the Summer, partly because of the cool and unseasonable weather, but problems still exist in key areas.

Public Toilet Refurbishment:

This project is still not completed. The temporary toilets have worked well.

Parking:

Much better since the introduction of more regular patrols and longer working hours on Sundays.

Bike Park:

ADC is continuing with ground investigations. SBRA supports the idea.

Concessions:

Income has been used for a number of local projects, including the funding of replacement swings at Beach Green that are now in place.

Legends Festival:

This event passed off peacefully with very few local complaints.

Motor Homes:

Just isolated reports of illegally parked vans.

AOB

Tony mentioned a notice seen in the local press about AirBnB's, relating to so-called "party houses". The Beach has experienced past issues on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 9.14pm

Date of next meeting - Thursday October 7th at 7.30 pm