Shoreham Beach Residents' Association - Minutes of meeting

The following is a summary of the minutes of the SBRA committee meeting held on September 1st at the Harbour Club.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Proposed by Joyce Willson & Seconded by Val Veal.

MATTERS ARISING - After some months of delay, we have finally been given permission by Enervo to use the current lamp standards to which we can affix the solar-powered equipment, subject to a successful consultation exercise led by WSCC. Members decided that Jonathan Sargent should gain a three-month quote for the equipment, noting the current pace of inflation. He will report.

The Members then talked through the likely new costs of the equipment and the fitting to the lamp standards. WSCC compel us to use companies who comply with the required level of Public Liability insurance. Once all these costs can be confirmed, the equipment can then be ordered. However, in the likely event that costs will have risen since the Association's AGM earlier this year, it was felt that we should obtain reconfirmation from members that our plan remains acceptable noting the current level of the Association's resources; it is the rate of inflation since January that requires us to seek our Members' approval for the expenditure.

Toilets at Ferry Road Car Park. This proposal has been raised with ADC before but we have little progress to report. Equally, there has been no movement on a residents' appeal/petition for a light-controlled pedestrian crossing on the A259 near Ormonde Way.

EACH NEWS & Website: Next issue due for delivery from mid November. The Website is up to date.

SOCIAL REPORT: AGM booked for March 4th, 2022.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Val had circulated members prior to the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning Applications: Maureen had circulated members with up-to-date applications with three, in particular, to mention. A brief discussion followed.

Councillors Reports:

Julia's Report: Joss led the Meeting through Julia's Report with her own updates and items.

Joss and Julia walked around the Beach with PCSO Laura Herbert who is assigned to the Beach. They visited the known trouble spots and discussed what could be done to increase Police presence as there is a tendency amongst residents to assume that the Police won't arrive so they don't call them. Laura explained that the patrols are incident-led, so if there are no reports, they don't come.

Buckets & Spades: The bucket & spade library has been hit. Mostly, the toys are returned to the box except for one really hot day when, inexplicably, all of them disappeared. Residents have been adding to them, so Julia now has the same number as we had provided despite the rate of attrition on the hot days. She will continue to maintain this until the end of the month and then take it in until next Summer.

Fly Brighton: Julia attended the Fly Brighton committee meeting which is held quarterly.

The Airport and especially the helicopter business receive many complaints from the new occupants of Monks Farm. This seems largely because the houses are directly under the 'circuits' flight path of Monks Farm'. We were provided with an update on warehouse development plans and both flying hours and quotas.

Parking: The residents of Weald Dyke have mounted a petition to ask for parking control, from WSCC. They regularly suffer from very inconsiderate parking on hot weekends. Unfortunately, WSCC declined the request.

Meeting with Kevin Boram: Joss and Julia met Kevin this month to round up the issues we would like addressed in his capacity as County Councillor. They discussed potential changes to parking in Ferry Road. Ferry Road is almost impassable most days because of parking on both sides, two lanes of traffic and it is on a national cycle trail. Any changes would require full public consultation.

Joss Loader's Report: In addition to the items above, there are the following issues to report:

The EA is planning to close the access ramp to the beach from the Fort car park, on safety grounds. Joss will take up with the EA and MP.

Friends of Shoreham Fort are holding tours and officially opening their First World War Memorial Trench on September 17th.

Joss advised on the matter of the vandalised planter at the North end of Ferry Road and will likely change the planting to dissuade the vandalism.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, October 6th