

SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 2017 AT 2PM

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL

PRE-AGENDA ITEMS

The Environment Agency Tidal Walls Scheme

Angela Spinks, TEAM Van Oord community liaison officer, gave a brief explanation of the scheme and provided a progress report indicating that piling was complete upon the reaches currently being worked on. She then took questions from the floor and invited residents to visit the information centre on Beach Green car park.

Angela was thanked for her presentation

Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum

John Haffenden, vice chair SBNF and Mike Whelan, consultant, gave an overview of the project and a progress report. Plan is currently being drafted, and will be submitted to Adur DC for review to ensure that it will be complimentary to the ADC local plan and to another 'Have Your Say' day. John presented a time-line of the work to be undertaken but stated that it may not be adhered to because SBNF was all volunteers. John and Mike then took questions which established that SBNF have a paid consultant, that many of the suggestions at previous "Have Your Say" days were inspirational / aspirational rather than elements of the final plan and that beach organisations referred to as "in consultation with" such as the school, FoSF and FoSB on SBNF materials had been invited to meetings but formal consultation was an aspiration. They then requested feedback on the plan via the SBNF website and invited interested residents to future meetings.

John and Mike were thanked for their presentation.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the AGM Minutes February 27th, 2016

Approved unanimously – proposed John Bradshaw, seconded Tony Wallington.

2. Tim Loughton MP

Tim Loughton reported as follows:

Ferry Road works and Adur Ferry Bridge – Pleased to see Ferry Road works had begun at last. All glass replaced on the bridge and has been to meetings re upgrading security including CCTV and providing details of how to report suspicious happenings.

ADC Draft Local Plan – Has been completed and submitted and has undergone public examination by a Government Inspector. His report is

pending. Concern raised about proposed development at New Monks Farm, including an IKEA store, and speculative proposals for New Salts Farm. New Monks Farm developers have carried out consultation but have not yet applied for planning permission. Tim raised issues of flooding, congestion and lack of benefit for local population.

Shoreham Station Railway underpass – Little progress with Network Rail quoting costs of £5,000,000 for reinstatement.

A27 – Consultants currently looking at options for upgrading, report will not be ready before May. **Chichester Section**- some dispute over the preferred route. **Arundel Section** – some opposition as the route fringes onto the National Park. **Worthing Section**- Most problematic as through residential areas. There will be no by-pass and no dualling.

Southern Rail – Shortcomings in service: Pleased closure of ticket offices has been shelved. Upset at the ASLEF members' vote but feels a compromise will be reached. Once industrial action has ceased he expects GTR contract will be changed.

School Funding - Reported on the new funding formula which is in the second stage of consultation. Would result in West Sussex being the worst funded English shire county. Trying to narrow the gap between best and worst funded Local Authorities.

Houseboat Sewerage – Infrastructure to be included within the tidal walls scheme but individual owners will have to pay for connection.

Road Closure - Tim gave prior notice that the road from the flyover to town will be closed at some time in the future to raise the level of the road as part of the Tidal Walls works.

Shoreham Air Show Tragedy – Final report to be published Wednesday 1st March. Very thorough report, but will not assign blame. Tim has visited the team responsible,

Tim then took questions, which covered transport, bridge security and slipway provision.

3. County Councillor for Saltings Division, Cllr Mick Clark

Traffic Regulation Orders - Cllr Clark reported on new form of TROs. He confirmed that following an application by Marine Ward councillor, Joss Loader, double yellow lines were in place outside of the Longshore. This has improved traffic flow.

Sussex Wharf – The issue of roads adoption was raised. This is still outstanding, as WSCC will not adopt the roads until repairs are done to the sea wall. The issue of responsibility for the sea wall is unresolved.

Adur Ferry Bridge – Problems with security; CCTV HD night vision cameras expensive. Awaiting costings. A report on the contract and cost of the build of the bridge has been completed but Mick considered it inadequate and is awaiting a revised report.

Houseboat Sewage – Very little can be done about houseboat owners discharging raw sewage into the river. Tidal Walls Scheme will provide some infrastructure but only for connection to the main sewage system, not pumping.

Proposed IKEA store – Mick will oppose on grounds that current road system is already beyond capacity at peak times.

Mick took questions and promised to investigate worn road markings on the Norfolk Bridge roundabout, ownership of Surrey Wharf sea wall, and issues on the A259 from the Saltings roundabout to town including uneven footpaths, overhanging bushes and flooding.

Mick then stated his intention not to see re-election at the May county council elections following boundary changes that will see the Beach included with the main part of the town.

4. **District Councillors' reports – Cllr Joss Loader and Cllr Ben Stride.**

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Cllr Joss Loader reported on an improved working relationship between Adur DC and West Sussex CC and declared the double lines outside of the Longshore as a positive result. She then went on to report -

Beach Green Redevelopment – Five bids received, three shortlisted. Shortlisted bidders have made preliminary presentations and are now undergoing investigation of finances. Joss confirmed that all bidders were UK based.

Western Arm Development – Discussed threat to infrastructure and the impact of high-rise buildings. A success is that the developers have reduced building height from 14 to 8 storeys but still considers this too high. Also discussed the threat of development on The Saltings.

Ferry Road Works – Reported on delay to some of the works following slippage of the Tidal Walls works. Much of the scheme will be completed on schedule but the riverside areas will not, as they face damage during the ATW projects.

Adur Outdoor Activity Centre – Has been shut since October 2015, awaiting statement on its re-opening. ADC are due to announce a preferred operator, subject to satisfactory resolution of contractual issues.

Community defibrillators – While thanking the National Coast Watch Volunteers for their contribution to the community Joss pointed out that a defibrillator was available on their building at the fort. She introduced the SBRA campaign to provide two more defibrillators for the Beach. SBRA will fund one, the other by public subscription. She thanked Cllr Mick Clark for his generous pledge for £250.

Thanks – As well as the Coast Watch volunteers, Joss went on to thank the Friends of Shoreham Fort and Friends of Shoreham Beach and urged more people to volunteer. In addition she thanked all community volunteer

organisations including the Women's Institute, the school and its PTFA, the Shoreham Society and the SBRA committee, particularly its social secretary.

Cllr Ben Stride began by congratulating Joss on her success at the district council elections polling 68% of the vote.

Planning - Ben regretted SBRA losing their seat on the Planning Committee but confirmed that he and Joss attended most meetings that discussed applications for the Beach. The number of planning applications on the Beach is dropping but still significant with 57 in the last 12 months.

Wildlife Festival – 2016 went ahead relatively successfully. 2017 will see a change to Friday and Saturday evenings rather than Saturday and Sunday, which should be an improvement.

Noise – Rampion wind farm had few complaints but after contact stopped piling in warm conditions which amplified the noise. Bases were completed by the end of November. Fishing boats leaving the port early morning that were causing noise problems have now been retrofitted with silencers by the boat manufacturers.

Licensing – Ben reported on the new taxi handbook for Adur and decisions to be made about CCTV in cabs and an Adur taxi livery.

Shell Petrol Station on Saltings roundabout has re-opened with no changes.

Ben went on to alert people to the fact that he would be standing down after ten years as a councillor in 2018 and requested anyone interested in becoming a SBRA councillor to contact him or Joss.

Joss then introduced Tony Wallington to report on applying for **Village Green Status** for Beach Green.

Tony reported on the reasons for considering Village Green status as a protection for Beach Green, and the progress so far. The application does not include the toilet block or the road by the beach huts. The application is ready to submit to WSCC but SBRA are waiting to see if Adur DC wish to pursue the application themselves. If not SBRA will proceed.

The members were asked to vote as to whether the application met their approval and unanimously voted to endorse it.

6. Treasurer's report – Julia Watts

Julia reported on income and expenditure including donations made. Subscription envelopes will be sent out in July with an option to pay online this year.

- a) Reappointment of examiner of accounts (Mr Mike Watts)
Appointment Approved - Proposed John Charlish – Seconded Keith Fayers-Morrissey
- b) Annual Accounts for year to 31st December 2015
Approved – Proposed Joyce Willson, seconded John Charlish.

7. Re-appointment of SBRA Committee

The following persons form the committee and put their names forward for re-appointment.

Ben Stride (Cllr), Joss Loader (Cllr, Chair), John Bradshaw (Vice Chair), Julia Watts (Treasurer), Barry Silsby (Secretary), Joyce Willson (Social Secretary), Joan Moore, David Johnson, Patricia Hand, Maureen Ashley, Tony Wallington, Keith Fayers-Morrissey, Maurice Pritchard, David Collins, Elizabeth McKinney..

All elected unanimously by a show of hands

8. Any Other Business

Mick Clark – Stressed difficulties with drainage if the New Monks Farm / Kingfisher Meadows developments go ahead.

Gary Baines, Friends of Shoreham Fort – asked for volunteer helpers for the Military History weekend, 3rd – 4th June.

Joss Loader – SBRA is looking to organise hustings for the Shoreham South Division prior to the County Council elections. Mick Clark pledged UKIP support. All prospective candidates will be invited to attend.

Wildlife Festival – request for parking enforcement

Bus Stop at Ferry Road. Request for a bus shelter.

Meeting closed at 4.26pm.