

**Shoreham Beach Residents' Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Church of the Good Shepherd Hall  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2014**

**Minutes of the last Meeting - Approved**

**2. Chairman's Annual Review and Report** – Chairman Joss Loader welcomed Tim Loughton MP, County Cllr Mick Clark and all the attending residents.

**In her review, Joss highlighted:**

- The resounding success of the Adur Ferry Bridge.
- The pending landscaping of the car park and Ferry Road – start date tbc.
- Issues relating to the gap in the boardwalk are hopefully close to resolution.
- Councillors have requested that double yellow lines be placed outside the Longshore to stop vehicles parking there and restricting the flow of two-way traffic.

**3. Tim Loughton MP discussed the following issues:**

- The biggest issue this year has been the Adur Local Plan. This is currently in draft format, following a public consultation exercise, and will be presented to the Government by September 2014.
- Flooding, particularly in Grinstead Lane and the A27 has been a problem. Mr Loughton has been asked why heavy investment in new drainage has not worked. His response was that the the flooding would have been far worse if the money had not been spent We have just experienced the wettest January in 250 years and the weight of the water overwhelmed the drainage system
- He added it was unrealistic to build more housing around the A27 and surrounding areas. Mr Loughton stressed we can't just refuse development but we need to get the Local Plan adjusted and achieve a balance.
- He was pleased to inform the meeting that Adur District Council has cut its share of the council tax this coming financial year year by 1%.
- There have been many contentious developments on the Beach recently with bungalows being knocked down and 2 or more properties being built in their place. He has had meetings with the district council's new CEO, Alex Bailey, regarding this.
- Mr Loughton praised "Heroes" Gary and Sharon from Shoreham Fort who are working tirelessly to promote and improve the Fort which has been neglected for such a long time. A Nissen Hut from WW2 will shortly be installed on the site.

**Questions from the floor to Mr Loughton included:**

- Questions were raised re sea defences. A major problem being in the Brooklands area, with shingle washing over the A259. Shingle was taken from the eastern end of Shoreham Beach earlier this year and deposited at Brooklands to reinforce the Beach. Mr Loughton agreed there was a problem at Brooklands as the beach there is very low and with the storms of late the shingle has been an issue
- Cllr Liza McKinney commented that the rock groyne have done a good job. The groyne stop in the Brooklands area. Lately, shingle was removed from

the crest of the nature reserve, to deposit at Brooklands. This issue has been raised with the necessary agencies.

- The issue of sewerage leaks during storms was raised. Any threat of a sewerage leak needs to be given to beach residents more quickly. There should be a store of signs, provided by Southern Water. Mr Loughton will check if these are in place, and also the possibility of text, twitter and email alerts.

#### **4. County Councillor Mick Clark**

##### **Clr Clark outlined issues including –**

- The adoption of Sussex Wharf roadways and installation of yellow lines has been an issue but hopefully will be resolved within the next few months.
- There has been progress in tarmacking paths in Harbour Way and also surface dressing on The Meadway has been completed.
- There is currently consultation pending re pavement parking on the beach. Timescales yet to be announced.
- The Zebra crossing near the Saltings roundabout was investigated in 2006 and it was not deemed there was a suitable place for it to go. This is still the case and is an issue that needs further work.

##### **Comments from the floor included:**

- Potholes in Old Fort Road were an issue. It was suggested that instead of a painted circle around the pothole a triangle pointing towards the traffic should be painted to warn cyclists of the hazard – Cllr Clark thought this was a good idea and will take this forward.

#### **5. Councillor's Report – Ben Stride**

- The footbridge was a major project which cost £10.5 million with the original estimate being £4.5 million. Ben and John Bradshaw were on the Steering group. They fought for the final design of the bridge and also for the shuttle bus to run for the whole of the project.
- Ben had campaigned for the resurfacing of The Meadway for the past 6 years and was pleased that it had now been completed.
- Fitness equipment has now been installed on Beach Green.
- Tidal walls and houseboats were an issue which Ben has been discussing with Alex Bailey. A solution is being sought for both issues.
- On Saltings roundabout Ben is pushing for approval of the 2 lanes to be marked left and right.

#### **Councillor's Report – Liza McKinney**

- Liza informed the meeting that the most challenging part of her role is planning – with the four new houses being built on Old Fort Road, overlooking The Meadway, a particular issue.
- Houseboats – Liza campaigned as early as 1993 to get the boats linked to the main sewerage system. Two boat owners have done this privately but the cost is possibly beyond most owners' abilities.
- Concessions on Shoreham Beach – the council have decided to give authority for certain commercial concessions on the beach with limitations and regulations attached.
- When Ferry Road is landscaped a map of the nature reserve will be displayed.

- Beach Green café – a lease has now been signed. Final designs are being worked on which will be shown to beach residents. New toilets will be part of the design.

**6. Treasurer's Report** – available as hard copies.

**7. Approval of a) reappointment of examiner of accounts and b) annual accounts**

Reappointment of the examiner (Mike Watts of Lesser Foxholes) was proposed and seconded with no queries. Accounts were voted on and passed by the meeting.

**8. Neighbourhood plan proposals roll out**

Dawn Clenton-Spary introduced herself as part of the steering committee seeking to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Beach. If approved, under the Localism Act, the plan will give a blueprint for future development. It must compliment the draft Local Plan. A forum, with 21 signatories, is required to indicate agreement to the plan. The plan will document issues of development on the beach that are important to the residents and businesses. These signatories were obtained at the meeting. Ben advised the meeting it will take 18 months to 2 years to be determined/approved. The council will provide assistance to deliver the plan. When the plan is approved it comes as part of the planning framework and must be taken into account. It is for the benefit of all residents and although initially will be focussing on development, other concerns can be added in the future. The plan can be adopted only if there is a "yes" vote during a referendum.

**9. Re-appointment of SBRA committee**

Committee members were re-elected. Julie Lockwood has resigned as Secretary and the post is vacant.

**10. Any Other Business**

- In line with the committee recommendation of February 2014, Joss proposed that the subscription charges be increased from £1 per adult to £2 per adult and £5 per household, with more than 2 adults. This was approved, with no objections.
- Joss proposed Ben Stride as SBRA's nominated Independent councillor for the Beach and he will stand for re-election at the ADC elections in May. This was seconded and approved.
- A petition for a Zebra crossing at Saltings roundabout was available for signing at the meeting.
- Friends of Shoreham Beach (FoSB) were thanked for the great work they do in trying to keep the beach clean.

Meeting closed at 3.55pm.