



NEWS FROM SHOREHAM BEACH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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CHALLENGING TIMES ON SHOREHAM BEACH

The future of Beach Green – the only major green open space on Shoreham Beach – will come under the spotlight at Shoreham Beach Residents' Association's AGM on Saturday (February 27).

Cllr Angus Dunn, Adur District Council's Executive Member for Resources, has accepted an invitation to answer public questions at 2pm relating to proposals for the green, south of the main road.

Since January 2015, Adur District Council has been working to redevelop the public toilet block at Beach Green. The council says the building is unattractive and should be redeveloped as a café/restaurant.

Shoreham Beach Residents' Association (SBRA) supported this marketing - in principle – on the proviso that any development should NOT take up the whole green. Instead, SBRA believes the new building should enhance this prized and prominent area and the neighbouring beach (a designated Local Nature Reserve).

Earlier this month, ADC named Wilbo's Restaurants as the preferred developer. Wilbo's now wants to consult the local community about developing the entire green area, south of the road, plus an area of beach. Suggested leisure facilities include a skate park, pitch-and-putt golf course, volleyball court and children's play area. ADC says it expects a formal planning application to be lodged by Summer 2016, following consultation.

Other guest speakers at the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall in King's Walk will include local MP Tim Loughton, independent Marine Ward councillors Liza McKinney and Ben Stride, and county councillor for Saltings Ward, Cllr Mick Clark.

The AGM's agenda will include:

- An update from the Shoreham Beach Neighbourhood Forum, who are working to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. If adopted, this will help to shape the future of Marine Ward for the next 15 to 20 years – giving local people a powerful voice in their community's future.

- The current position with the Ferry Road and Lower Beach Road landscaping proposals, currently delayed by over two years.

Shoreham Beach Residents' Association chairman, Mrs Joss Loader, said, "These are challenging times for the future of the Beach, with a number of major projects that affect the lives of residents and businesses locally. There will be a chance to question all three local councillors, plus our MP Tim Loughton and Cllr Angus Dunn. All local people are very welcome."

For more information about SBRA, which marked its 60th anniversary last year, visit www.shorehambeachra.co.uk

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