

FCRA QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

10th JUNE 2022 at 7:30 – ALL SAINTS CHURCH

PRESENT: Steve Alves, Paul De Jonghe, Peter Skeggs, Cllrs Lesley Deman, Paul Hilliard,
8 Residents and 4 guests

APOLOGIES: Louise Heybourne, Meg Ward, Sarah Webb, PCSO's

CHAIRMAN INTRODUCTION:

Steve passed comment that it was a shame we had so little residents attending, given the more recent well attended meetings.

It was intended to limit committee member updates to Treasurer financials only due to having a guest speaker Nuala Clarke from BCP Heritage, where she would be looking for ideas and suggestions for Steamer Points history.

We also welcomed a few guests John Pendrill and Peter Fenning from Christchurch Citizens Association, and Andy Martin from Highcliffe parish council.

Paul had submitted a very comprehensive list of Friars Cliff and Highcliffe important sites to BCP Heritage so that these sites can be better protected when development occurs.

We suffered the loss of our printers just before the Forum was due, but due to some very prompt action by Paul managed to get a replacement printer and the Forum out, albeit at a higher cost. As this will have a detrimental effect on our finances the committee proposed to raise next years sub's to £3 and increase advertising by 5% - A vote to be called towards the end of the meeting.

The committee continues to work with other Christchurch RA's and had put in an official complaint about the Planning Chairman, no reply yet but we are disappointed to see he has been re-appointed for this next year. (Post Meeting note – reply received refuting all allegations, to be continued)

We had also led on a Christchurch wide petition, which has been submitted; unfortunately with less than the 2000 signatures we needed for cabinet level discussion (approx. 1260).

There have been several press articles about BCP, and also some interesting developments within BCP, Vote of confidence, Future Places, Poole Conservative members. (See Councillor update).

Unfortunately due to other committee pressures, we have had to cancel the Quiz night. We need a Social Secretary or team urgently.

The MCA planning appeal on the 4 storey scheme was planned for the Government planning inspector visit on 14th June.

Jubilee street parties – Please send Paul any photos for Forum and website.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As this was our AGM, not required

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS OPEN MEETING ACTIONS:

None, as it was our AGM all issues were discussed and no actions were outstanding.

POLICE UPDATE: Neither of our PCSO's were attending or had provided any information. Steve requested that Paul Hilliard escalated to the inspector for better feedback in future.

Paul H mentioned that PCSO's hold "corner meetings" for which residents rarely turn up to. Steve asked how we would know about which Facebook page they use so we could communicate out to residents? **Action - Paul H was to find out.**

John Pendrill of CCA mentioned that David Sidwick the Dorset police and crime commissioner was attending a CCA meeting on 4th July to answer questions.

PCSO's are Katie McCudden, Rebecca Walker-Date

HERITAGE PRESENTATION: (Nuala Clarke)

We would like to (pending required funding) celebrate the history of Steamer Point, Nuala presented several ideas and examples of visuals, and asked for feedback and any other suggestions - below.

- Upgrading the Radome bases with tiles/mosaics or similar
- Renovating the wildlife centre building with additional room to demonstrate SRDE
- Improving signage on site
- Benches with plaques
- Sculpture
- Augmented mobile experience (like museums have with QR codes)
- Community led public events, volunteers dressing in period and giving tours etc
- Sundial type direction/distance to other places
- Need to include younger generation

There was a discussion over what residents thought of each, including potential costs, maintenance, and vandalism. It was thought that the Radome bases should be kept original but better maintained.

Nuala was asked to provide a raft of options that we could put on the Website in order to reach a wider audience and better feedback, as the need to seek funding meant the need to move fairly fast. It was suggested that FCRA could contribute which also led into the need for an Extraordinary Meeting as costs would be beyond the committees approval limits within the small grants scheme.

Overall the attendee's consensus was to – improve signage in the short term and create a visitor centre in the longer term.

Mention was also made of the Iron age Barrow in Glengarry way to request a plaque or notice.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE:

Issues raised with Avon beach car park not being closed at night as required in the tenants lease, with boy racers causing disturbance. This led to a quick discussion about other car parks as they also had the same problem.

Olympic legacy path constantly sanded over with no disabled access, raised with BCP but statement made by deputy leader to use the top tarmac path, still being pushed for resolution.

Future places idea still causing much unrest with residents and some councillors, the drive was to make assets work harder, a lot of adverse comment in the press and social media.

Vote of confidence in BCP leadership failed to oust Drew Mellor as expected but was meant to show the lack of confidence in leadership. Poole conservative changes were mainly due

to councillors being de-selected for next years elections.

Jubilee event at Mudeford was well attended and successful, the beacon now needs to be moved somewhere. Town council is to erect Jubilee benches, with possibility to request one for Steamer point.

RBH (Hospital) trying to release beds but held up due to lack of care beds/places.

Highcliffe school trying to engage with others to create a multi academy to share best practice and to deliver better results. Having to move into Hampshire to get partners due to lack of interest within more local area.

BCP finances are a concern with £487m borrowing and 5 year commitment of £855m. Future plans to increase to £1.33bn?

Real concerns with the recent decision to water down the oversight and scrutiny board which oversees all council decisions. It is envisaged this will result in a lack of accountability.

TREASURER UPDATE:

The receipts and payments account to 10th June 2022 year to date was made available to the meeting. The balance to start was £19,056 to which was added receipts of £3,200 for magazine advertising and £2,116 for subscriptions. Payments of £2,246 for magazine costs and £334 for other expenses brought the closing balance to £21,702.

485 subscriptions have so far been collected compared to 505 for the full year 2021, an average of £4.36 per subscription this year compared to £4.21 in 2021. The magazine profit year to date was £2,119 compared to £2,524 loss for the full year 2021.

It was explained that, due to the new billing arrangements, all the advertising income had already been collected, whereas a further £2,436 expenditure was likely to be incurred by the end of the year. The loss for 2021 was exceptional due to the changes in billing arrangements whereby a significant amount of billing was deferred until 2022.

ACTION LIST:

Paul focused on 3 items only due to time constraints, please refer to website and Forum for the remainder:

Road Safety/Parking – Recent communication with traffic team was positive, delays were due to number of positive resident responses as well as large number of road closures for the Jubilee. We should see deployment prior to winter parking date.

Flood/Erosion – FCRA committee now flagged as a stakeholder for ongoing involvement in schemes to protect our coast. Paul had attended the recent presentation, and we hope to invite a representative from the team to our next open meeting.

Sewage – Ongoing monitoring of the position, no nasty smells to report so far, and water sampling season has now started.

AOB:

Discussion and vote for raising the subs to £3 and advertising increase by 5%, led to a discussion over what our bank balance was for, did we really need to make the Forum self sufficient with advertising and subs, or should we eat into the cash reserves.

Agreed that this was evolving into a different important issue, which we will discuss in **December by calling an Extraordinary General Meeting** in lieu of the normal open meeting. As we normally have wine and mince pies, then a better turnout might result.

The vote was held on the short term plan (starting 2023) for subs and advertising, proposed by Peter Skeggs, seconded by Peter Southgate and was passed unanimously.

Anne Jacobs mentioned there was a music and arts festival over the weekend at the Priory.

The meeting finished at 8:50.

Date for next Open Meeting: 2nd September 2022

Date for Extraordinary General Meeting: 2nd December 2022