

**FRIARS CLIFF RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
AGM & ROAD SAFETY
Notes of Meeting, 4 March 2022**

This meeting was run in two parts:

- **Road Safety presentation on planned changes to Friars Cliff**
- **The AGM**

ROAD SAFETY:

Paul De Jonghe led the presentation and the meeting on road safety and parking changes. Members of the working group as well as Andy Brown and Matthew Carruthers from BCP Traffic team were also in attendance.

Paul introduced the subject and gave an extensive presentation on the background of the proposal. It was noted that the 3-week public consultation also started this day. The presentation is available from FCRA archives.

Andy Brown (BCP Traffic team leader) then ran through the process that the council have to adhere to in order to make traffic changes. This is an extensive process taking a substantial time and effort. Andy mentioned that previously BCP implemented Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) piecemeal, and this was the first time a complete area had been planned with the liaison of the residents associations. Andy stated this had worked extremely well.

There was time to view the large set of drawings pertaining to the scheme, and several questions were asked, including but not limited to:

Sign on Seaway Ave for "no through road" = *Cannot be part of this proposal*

Refreshing existing single yellow lines = *Yes these will be repainted.*

Exit from the new flats in Southcliffe Rd needing further restrictions (speed humps) = *Cannot be part of this proposal.*

Parking on pavements = *Highway restrictions include the pavement.*

Existing parking fines being insufficient = *Cannot be part of this proposal.*

This part of the meeting then concluded with the BCP officers and members of the working group being thanked for the huge amount of work and study leading to this proposal.

AGM:

In attendance:

Steve Alves, Paul De Jonghe, Peter Skeggs, Meg Ward, Louise Heybourne
Cllr Dedman, Cllr Hilliard
33 residents

Apologies:

Sarah Webb, PSCO's

Chairman:

Steve Alves (Acting Chair) opened the AGM with an explanation of how the agenda would run, the amount of work the committee had been doing behind the scenes, and introduced the committee members present as we had a lot of new faces in the audience.

Last AGM minutes:

As this was available on our Web-site to view, and we had a minimal audience due to being held on Zoom, this was not proposed for approval.

Police Report:

PSCO Sarah Burton had sent in feedback on the reported two garage thefts in Seaway Avenue that as investigation were ongoing, no details could be provided. Chairman stated this could either be that nothing had happened or the Police knew who was responsible.

Review of Action Grid:

Chairman ran through the action list.

Louise mentioned she needed more support for the plant survey. An update on the Action grid is available on the Web-site and in the Forum.

There was however specific focus on the following:

- **BCP Local Plan.** Complete the survey online as it's more extensive than paper questionnaire. Development areas calculated on ONS 2014 figures to give 42k houses to 2038. ONS 2018 figures support 25k houses if the area has exceptional circumstances (Christchurch has few sites suitable?). Need to ensure you select you want the lower 25k figure (chapter 4.2). Use the interactive map to ensure your comments are recorded against areas to be developed (feedback is that these are the only ones that might count). Don't just focus on FC area, other areas will impact us due to traffic and infrastructure.
- **Protecting our open spaces.** We are looking at a few areas to ensure we protect these, and are looking to implement a working group to share the work involved. Southcliffe Rd car park, where we distributed a Flyer at the AGM and have posted to all nearby roads. Residents to feedback on the Local Plan.
Bure Close green space, where we now have the title deeds
The Green (hinterland), where we now have the title deeds
On all of these there are 3 options to protect, and we will likely select Local Green Space for the Hinterland, and Asset of Community Value for Bure Close.

Website & E Mail address:

New site now managed by Paul as similar to Forum editing, any contact with committee can be originated here via the email contact us button. We do however continue to have some intermittent problems with different devices accessing the site. Everybody should take time to provide feedback and suggest changes and additions.

Treasurer/Finances:

Peter ran through a summary of the figures showing a comparison with last year. As always the figures are a little fluid due to timing of paying debts and collecting subscriptions.

Due to the fact there were no limits in FCRA rules as to how many members needed to approve expenditure, it was proposed that we set limits and add to our rulebook.

Limits were to be:

<£50 = Treasurer

£50 - £250 = Treasurer + 1 Committee member

>£250 = Treasurer + 2 Committee members

Proposed by Peter Skeggs, Seconded by Anne Jacobs

Reinstatement of Associated Christchurch Residents Associations (ACRA):

Chairman stated with the increasing activities of BCP affecting the Christchurch area, that we had resurrected this organisation informally to share information. The first output of this was the petition to request BCP to implement a Christchurch only planning committee. All local councillors supported this, and the petition was passed round for signing.

Heritage assets:

Paul had recently worked with Highcliffe RA and formulated an extensive list of areas, buildings etc that will go to BCP heritage group for potential assessment when areas were developed.

Social event:

Paul mentioned that it would be a good idea to run a social even possibly in September at the Grange Rd venue (the site of the old SRDE social club). Members were all in favour of this, and volunteers requested to organise. Potential here for skittles, drinks, meal, and history presentation? Watch this space!!!!

Officer Re-election: The committee were all prepared to stand again for 2022, and there being no more nominations, all officers were to continue.

Due to FCRA not having a dedicated Chairman for the last 2 years, both Steve and Paul had been sharing the duty successfully, so it was proposed to implement Co -chairman roles.

Proposed by Peter Skeggs, Seconded by Meg Ward. Unanimous.

Councillors/AOB:

Cllrs Hilliard & Dedman spoke on the beach hut planning, which had been approved. A contentious issue raised at that meeting was promenade congestion. All residents should monitor beach hut sprawl and complain to the Noisy Lobster and councillors.

The Olympic path/Gundimore beach had been flagged to BCP environment portfolio holder, that it needed to be kept clear of sand.

Cllrs had a good rapport with Mike Greene, the Transport portfolio holder and had worked with officers and our working group.

Jet Skis were part of the 10 initiatives raised through BCP Seafront Strategy, and the need for better control.

Queens Jubilee celebrations would be at Mudeford quay, with a beacon being lit and assorted fairground rides and stalls. BCP have waived the road closure fees for street parties.

Beach erosion and re-building was mentioned that residents would like to see better quality material, and a gradual slope not a drop off which was dangerous for children.

BCP budget using a "special purpose vehicle" for 3500 BCP beach huts was discussed. BCP are effectively borrowing revenue from the future to spend now. The budget had been passed, but concerns remained over the future financial load.

Future Places, the BCP contracted company has been implemented to manage BCP assets.

Highcliffe Castle tea rooms under new management with improved service. Highcliffe Castle were also looking to plant more trees.

They thanked the committee and members for ongoing support on a range of issues that affect out area.

AGM Closed – 4:30