

BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

HELD DECEMBER 14, 2022

<u>PRESENT:</u>	John Sprackling	President
	Dugald Eadie	Acting Chairman
		Planning Officer
	Mike Parkin	Membership Secretary
	Carol Parkin	Minutes Secretary
	John Gunton	Magazine Editor
	Cllr. May Haines.	

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing himself and welcoming those present, thanking them for braving the cold weather. He went on to say that he would keep the meeting as short as possible as there would be mulled wine and mince pies after the meeting.

APOLOGIES were received from Jackie Heap, Hon. Treasurer of BPC CRA, Isobel Pierce and Pat Dean

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER, 2022

These were accepted as a correct record. Proposed John Sprackling and seconded by John Gunton.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The plans by Rockwater for the development of the Branksome Beach Café will be considered by the Planning Authority of BCP tomorrow, and they have been recommended for approval. **DE** talked about the difficulties he had had with the group of residents objecting to Rockwater's proposals. **CllrMH** pointed out that the issues they had were not with planning, but came under either Licensing,

Environmental Health or anti social behaviour.

JG suggested that **CllrMH** call Hove Council to ascertain the truth of what the group of Poole residents claim are the issues there which Rockwater deny.

CllrMH reported on today's Cabinet Meeting where Beach Huts were discussed. The proposal is to increase the rents of the beach huts and use the money for maintenance and improvements. **DE** asked whether this might price them out of the market. **CllrMH** replied that in Poole particularly, there was such a long waiting list for a beach hut that this was not likely to happen, but she had suggested that BCP be mindful of this.

PLANNING REPORT

The whole Planning Report is available on the website.

Rockwater had to apply for retrograde planning approval for the fascia of their Kiosks at Branksome Chine. This was granted.

6 Burton Road. There was an application for a house to be built in the garden of this property which would be overlooking the houses in Dover Road. This was refused, but has now gone to Appeal. Another application for the same thing has also been refused by BCP. The house itself is now for sale, but the sale does not include the rear garden.

As already mentioned, the application by Rockwater to make alterations to Branksome Beach Café will go before the Planning Committee tomorrow with recommendation to approve.

JG reported that at the moment Rockwater were refurbishing the Sandbanks café.

Decking

CllrMH reported on the status of Rockwater's proposed decking on the beach at Branksome Chine. Rockwater wanted to erect two areas of decking on the beach. The Beachfront team were unhappy at the amount of decking proposed by Rockwater and one area has now been dropped. Conservation officers are still unhappy at the area of proposed decking and at the moment this situation rumbles on. **CllrMH** went on to reiterate the history of the proposed decking. Rockwater had been told ,erroneously by an unauthorised person in BCP that the proposed decking would be OK. When this was discovered, as Rockwater had stacked decking in readiness on the beach, Rockwater were ordered to remove it, which they did.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon. Treasurer is away at the moment but had sent a report. **DE** assured us that the Assn. was still solvent, there being approximately £40.000 in the bank.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Fleetwood who lives on Canford Cliffs Avenue reported that she, and several neighbours heard a strange humming noise, sometimes one note and sometimes a pulsating hum. Efforts to find the source of this noise have failed and she asked if any other persons had heard it and could throw any light on it. There followed some discussion and it appeared that it had also been heard by several other persons. It was speculated that the noise may be emanating from a mobile phone mast on Clifton Road, between Parkstone and Branksome Park, but the exact source still remains a mystery.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm, and everyone was invited to have the mulled wine and mince pies which had been set out.

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2023