

BRANKSOME PARK AND CANFORD CLIFFS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

HELD JULY 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Dugald Eadie	Acting Chairman
John Harkness	Planning Officer
Mike Parkin	Membership Secretary
Carol Parkin	Minutes Secretary
Vicky Moss	Special Projects
John Gunton	Magazine Editor
36 Members and guests	

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present. As we shall be having drinks and nibbles in the garden after the meeting it is expected that business will be concluded fairly quickly. DE introduced Peter Schroeder who has volunteered for the position of Chairman, for which DE thanked him.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. May Haines, Andrew Barnett, Jackie Heap.

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The minutes were then approved by John Sprackling and seconded by John Gunton.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

The matter of the future of Beach Road Car Park is due to go before the next Cabinet meeting at BCP but no details are yet available. Cllr John Challinor said it is worth keeping an eye on this matter.

Park Manor Care Home. This is now on the market.

PLANNING REPORT

The Planning report this month was given by John Harkness, the new Planning Officer.

JH explained that he was an architect by profession and he hoped this would bring something to his job as Planning Officer. Things have been fairly quiet and there has only been one significant application in the last two months. This was originally submitted in early May. This is for the revised development of three hotels, the Harbour Heights, the Sandbanks and the Haven. The Harbour Heights is in our Association area, the Haven and Sandbanks come under the Sandbanks Community Group area. PS suggested that perhaps we could work with the Sandbanks Community Group on this matter, and this will be followed up. DE brought up the subject of 6, Lindsay Road. The site is being developed into a block of flats. There are some weird letters from people living miles from the site supporting this project, talking about the benefits of social housing. 6 Lindsay Road is definitely NOT social housing, making the support of this planning application rather strange.

A detailed planning report is published on the Pines and Chines website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer has prepared the report for the meeting. The Bank balance is now £45000. There are a few outstanding invoices for magazine advertising. The Treasurer is still trying to sort our bank accounts by getting some funds from the Santander account transferred to Barclays.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Schroeder, the new Chairman then gave a brief summary of how he will be handling things during his sojourn as Chairman.

He started by thanking his neighbours from Nairn Road who all attended the meeting, He then thanked John Sprackling for his service to the Association over many years. He also thanked DE for his help in handing over, and the Committee.

He went on to say that he thought 'communication' with members is of paramount importance, and hopes to have an e mail contact of each member where possible. He would like to set up a 'Whats App' group for use by members.

He wishes that the Association have close contact with BCP, particularly on planning matters, and that we also work with our neighbouring Residents Associations.

JG asked Cllr JC about the illegal encampment on Beach Road Carpark. JG recognises that the police have new powers to move travellers on reasonably quickly, but wishes we could stop them camping on Beach Road Carpark in the first place. This could perhaps be done by having a height restriction at the entrance.

JG informed the meeting that Carole Deas, who once was a Canford Cliffs Ward Councillor and did much for the Association had recently died, and suggested that we make a donation to her charity.

VM informed the meeting of the current situation of the Pinecliff Garden. Roger Allen who has been the leader of an excellent team working on Pinecliff Garden has had to retire owing to ill health. Helen Schroeder has volunteered to help lead the group

meantime working out how best to spend a generous donation to the garden by Chris Bulstrode, helped by a landscape gardener from BCP.

JS was unable to pass on a date when the matter of the Beach Road Carpark will be discussed by Cabinet as it is not yet known.

The application for a licence for the restaurant at Branksome Beach will come up on Thursday 20th July.

Cllr.JC suggested that an application for CIL money for the Pinecliff Garden improvements be made.

PS asks that any members or warden who see potholes, photograph them and send the photo to him. These can then be collated and sent to BCP. CllrJC asks that the BCP website be used and any potholes, pavement obstructions etc. be reported to BCP.

DE closed the meeting at 8.20pm, and invited all those present for a drink of wine or soft drink, and nibbles, in the garden at the rear of the premises.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF BPC CRA WILL BE
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023