

E Scooters.

Concern was expressed about the dangerous use of e-scooters. The current law is that only Beryl Scooters can be used legally. The law, however, does need to be clarified and this is being looked at. Confiscation of the scooters is an option but then the police need to think about safekeeping and storage.

Shoplifting.

A question was raised, given the latest reports in the press, about whether shoplifting is still a crime? Nick emphasised that it is a crime and is not victimless, in particular with respect to the distress it causes to retail workers. He accepted that police response to this crime had changed over the recent past.

Travellers and Unauthorised Encampments.

Police have been much more effective in moving Travellers on and this has been recognised by residents. Currently eviction is site by site and cannot be done for the whole area as Dorset lacks a dedicated site for Travellers.

Manpower.

Surely more police are needed in the Neighbourhood Policing Team? It was agreed that more resources would always be welcomed. Examples were provided from the audience of a relative in the police having to work extremely long shifts.

Contacting the police.

For urgent crimes then call 999. Other crimes need to be reported using either 101 or report on-line using the police.uk website.

It is important to report crimes and suspicions to the police as they can then collate the data and highlight areas of concern.

The Chairman thanked Nick for a really interesting presentation which was appreciated by all those present, and, also, our thanks for all the work the police do.

PLANNING REPORT

John Harkness then addressed the meeting, referring to his September Planning Report.

JH talked the meeting through his report, in which he summarised September as having been relatively quiet in terms of new, significant applications. Several decisions have been made, however, during this short period, with a couple of outstanding applications granted approval and a retrospective refusal.

Attention was drawn to an application for flats in Lindsay Road and also an appeal to allow the building of a large block of seven flats at 7A Spencer Road.

The Planning Report will be posted on our Pines and Chines website.

John H advised the meeting that he had attended an informal meeting with some of the members of the Sandbanks Community Group which had proved helpful. There is an attempt to revitalise the Dorset Lake Residents Assn. It has been agreed by the Exec that JH will try to arrange an informal meeting with the various groups to explore the possibility of sharing the planning issues across the area. Currently the Sandbanks Community Group cover the Sandbanks Peninsula only and BPC CRA looks after everything else which is a time-consuming task for one person to undertake.

The Chairman thanked John for his report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Association has £45k in the bank account. The Exec has made the decision to donate £750 for the lights in the Village. This is a donation the Association makes each year. The Winter edition of Pines and Chines will have a net cost of around £1,000. The Chairman reminded the meeting that suggestions for suitable local projects the Association could fund were always welcome.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Community Speed Watch

Vicky Moss reported (via email to Chairman) that last Friday morning 9-10am, the Dorset Roadsafe Camera operator joined our CSW team on Leicester Road and 22 drivers were caught speeding. Dorset Police are introducing another mobile camera operator to make a total of two across the County and will mean CSW Teams will get double the Police presence we have been getting.

Winter Edition of Pines and Chines

JG informed the meeting that delivery of the magazine is likely to be delayed by a week. He mentioned the magazine would carry an article on Property Management which is especially relevant in view of the recent press reports covering Initiative Property Management.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2023

John Gunton