

Friars Cliff Residents Association Open meeting

7th September 2023

At Highcliffe Sailing Club, Mundeford

Attendees:

Steve Alves – Chairman
Paul De Jonghe – Vice Chair and Editor
Louise Heybourne – Secretary and Environment
Meg Ward – Membership Secretary
Sara Luder – Social Secretary
Kevan Ward – Webmaster
Cllrs Paul Hilliard and Stuart Perry
Matt Wheeldon, Director Wessex Water – Guest Speaker

Chairman's Welcome:

Steve introduced the committee and our guests, stating that “normal” FCRA content was to be reduced in order to give our guest as much time as possible for the water quality presentation. He then thanked the network of Road Representatives/Wardens for their continued support.

Review of previous open meeting actions:

Photo Op for lifesaving equipment – No space in Forum - Closed.
Negotiation regarding bus services which have reduced. – PH met with MoreBus and the services are based on commercial need, therefore no changes are planned - Closed
Local concerns over car park harmonisation as town centre parks not the same user profile as coastal/rural parks, and could lead to further on road parking. – On BCP back burner at the moment due to the new administration needing to focus elsewhere - Ongoing

Action list update:

Forum magazine has this listed in tabular form for residents to review, so not discussed.

Police brief/Statistics:

A quick run through of statistics from Dorset police website

JUNE 2023 Data

- Violence and sexual offences = 55
- Anti-Social Behaviour = 35
- Shoplifting = 31
- Other/Theft = 18

JUNE 2023 Outcome

- Investigation complete, no suspect identified
- Under investigation
- Unable to prosecute suspect
- Further investigation is not in the public interest
- Action to be taken by another organisation
- Local resolution
- Awaiting court outcome

Clearly no outcome of any successful prosecution, which is indicative of current policing

Property developments:

Wharncliffe Rd - large block of 23 flats – under consideration

Roeshot Grange - first 42 units of 875 - under consideration

Sauna on the beach - Withdrawn

MCA - new application due October with an acceptable scheme of 10 detached modern houses of 2 storey plus smaller 3rd storey “pod”, all previous issues appear to be addressed in the application.

Noisy Lobster – small extension to the entrance and the upstairs terrace (application not made)

Parking:

Looking to implement further work, including Penny Way overflow and Southcliffe Road car parks as well as minor “tweaks” to some areas.
Concerns over car park harmonisation could lead to more on road parking to avoid increased charges.

Local/Neighbourhood Plan:

Neighbourhood Plan progressing - Getting About, Green and Open Spaces, Design and Heritage, Town Centre, Shops & Services, Place Making Opportunities.
Latest study on Walking and Cycling, resident feedback finished 25 August

BCP’s Local Plan delayed – Due to creation of the new council, revised housing targets, and a desire to avoid green belt development.

NCI station/Shelter:

Seafront Services are working with the NCI. The last comment was that siting the NCI hut and also deploying a replacement resident shelter was “complex”.
Current BCP finances may throw a spanner into the works?

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO):

Still in draft and yet to be activated for 3 year period, with no start date agreed.
PSPO to be made under section 59 of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
They will include Anti Social Behaviour, loud music, urinating etc, lighting fires or BBQ’s.
Area to be covered is Coastal from Sandbanks to Highcliffe. Also specified open spaces with 20 sites identified, but none within Friars Cliff (other larger areas highlighted, incident led)
Fixed penalty notice of £100/£75
Unsure of number of “Authorised Officers” to be deployed and where.

Heritage memorials:

More delays due to contractor designs not being suitable to accurately deliver information panels.
Overall deliverables of 3 x large “totem” style steel columns, and signs on existing wooden boards still planned.

Finances:

2023 year to date show £20,800.83. But we still have 2 quarters of printing to pay and all advertising has been collected. We predict a loss of £1305.

Social Events:

Ideas for additional events requested, please refer to Sara Luder.
Successes so far:
Summer solstice picnic – 21st June
Chilli night at beach hut café with 51 people and £77 raised for charity.
Steamer point history walk – Two completed

Councillor update:

Both Stuart Perry and Paul Hilliard gave us updates on previous actions and feedback on current issues affecting the area.

Water Quality - Guest Speaker Mr Matt Wheeldon

Matt gave a very engaging and comprehensive presentation on Wessex water’s current performance and plans for the future. We will put his presentation on our website due to the large and highly technical content rather than trying to minute this.
Matt was thanked for such an entertaining presentation.