

HENGISTBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF GENERAL & SOCIAL MEETING WED 7th DECEMBER 2022.
Venue: St.Nicholas Church Hall, Broadway, Southbourne, BH6 4EP, 7.30pm

Committee:	
Chairman	Avril Ogden
Vice Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Sarah Willett
Secretary	Avril Ogden
Membership Secretary	Avril Ogden
Henra IT and Website	External
Meet & Greet	Hilary Baker
Socials - In House	Avril Ogden
Socials - External	Avril Ogden
Programme & Newsletters	Avril Ogden
General Committee	Pat Butler Deborah Bergson

Hon President Tony Yates (Absent)

The following is a transcript of the evening, prepared by Avril Ogden from the voice recording made on the evening.

Welcome to you all. It's our first social evening since December 2019. It's lovely to see so many of you here. Don't worry I'm not going to make a speech.

First of all, can I just say a big thank you to all the people who came down early tonight to help set everything up. It's very much appreciated. (Applause)

Has everybody signed in? If there is anyone who hasn't signed in, please make sure you do so.

Has everybody got themselves a drink?

So what we'll do tonight is we'll have the Police do a short presentation, then questions for the Councillors if anybody has anything but hopefully we won't have to bother them tonight (laughter) and then we'll go on to the entertainment. We'll do about ¾ hour to start with then we'll have a break for food and more drink then some more entertainment.

So I hope you all have a lovely evening and I'll pass over to Annette for the moment. (Applause)

POLICE PCSO Annette Long

I'm not in uniform tonight as it's my day off.

Unfortunately the tape didn't pick up most of what Annette said so I'm reproducing my notes made on the evening.

There have been some car thefts. Mostly people leaving money and items visible.

There has been a spate of shoplifting both in Tuckton and also Southbourne Grove. Also a lead theft in Belle Vue Road.

There are still a number of scams doing the rounds including some originating on the Facebook Market Place sites.

The problems we've had in the past regarding the motorbikes - this is still being monitored.

We are aware and are still looking into the various cars that are parked in the streets that are being sold. There's not much we can do when the vehicles are taxed. (Applause)

WARD COUNCILLORS

Any quick questions for the Councillors? No questions but Avril asked the Councillors if they had anything they wanted to say.

Eddie gave us a quick update re Sobo Bistro - there are now covers on the outside area for the winter and these are being well used.

Avril - There was some problem when you spoke last month that they were putting notices up on Facebook

Eddie - Yes, that was dealt with

I think I sent you (to Avril) a message about the flood plain

Avril - I haven't had time to do anything about this yet. There's only 24 hours in the day.

Eddie explained about the survey regarding the flood plain and how it affected Hengistbury Head area.

Avril - Do you know what's happening with The Cliff House Hotel because obviously I've got to sort out where we're going to have our annual dinner. They're doing Christmas functions so maybe we'll be OK in February.

Eddie - It's still up an running with Planning.

Avril - I'll get in touch with them then, maybe we'll be OK.

Too many people talking at once, tape didn't pick up what was said

Malcolm Davies spoke but again, tape didn't pick up what was said.

John Lambon was talking about the promenade (but too quietly spoken).

No further questions

GENERAL NOTICE

Avril - Just one quick thing - after tonight, our next meeting won't be till 1st February as we don't meet in January. At that meeting, we will be welcoming Cllr. Robert Lawton, in his capacity as Mayor of Bournemouth.

Also, on 22nd February, that's the night set aside for our Annual Dinner and obviously I'll let you know what's happening on that.

ENTERTAINER

Some of you might remember our entertainer from December 2019 which was the last time we had a social here so I'm very pleased to welcome back again, Paul, aka Curly The Busker. So over to you Paul. (Applause)

Paul then entertained us with a series of song medleys and we were all invited to join in and sing along.

Paul started with a selection of really old time songs to get everyone joining in, songs like Let's all go down the Strand, I do like to be beside the seaside, All the nice girls love a sailor etc etc. Within a couple of minutes the audience were singing along. Then a selection from the 1950s including songs by the Everley Brothers.

He interspersed the medleys with various stories and reminders of various radio and TV programmes eg Robin Hood, Six-five special.

After a break for food and more drink, Paul then upped the tempo and we had medleys from the Rock and Roll era and the 1960s, all familiar tunes and the majority of us knew the words to sing along. Things like The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Dedicated Follower of Fashion. We also had a few Christmassy songs and then back to the up-beat medleys ending with a really rousing chorus of Sweet Caroline.

Everyone enjoyed themselves so much that nobody really wanted to stop and go home, Paul included. We should have finished about 9.45 but didn't stop singing till around 10.30pm.

So a good night was had by all.

Meeting Closed at... 10.30pm

Members Present.....45