

HENGISTBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING & AGM WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2022.
Venue: St.Nicholas Church Hall, Broadway, Southbourne, BH6 4EP, 7.30pm

Committee as at 3rd May 2022:

Chairman	Avril Ogden
Vice Chair	Vacant
Treasurer	Sarah Willett (Incoming)
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	Deborah Bergson Brian Miller (Outgoing Treasurer) Pat Butler Roger Street

Hon President Tony Yates (Absent)

Apologies received from :

Brian Miller
Deborah Bergson
Hilary Baker

Welcome to you all, the 67th AGM of HENRA. I hope you can all hear me OK? As always, I am recording this meeting.

I've put out a few pieces of paper on the seats so you know what to expect this evening. Firstly, we will have the Police Report. Then we will get the business side out of the way.

Emails were sent out to everyone some time ago advising about nominating or objecting to those members prepared to stand on the committee. Out of the 1000+ membership, I received around 50 replies, all of whom were happy for the proposals as set out and of course, the members here tonight can also vote.

So, after the Police report, we will vote in the committee for the next season. After that I will present Reports for the past year. To save a bit of time, I will present a precis of these and will put the full reports up on the website. For those of you without computer access to the internet, I have printed out a few of these for you to take away.

After the Reports, we will have our speaker, then after that the Councillors and then any other business, Q&As after each section.

POLICE PCSO Annette Long

Avril to Annette - do you mind using the microphone because I'm finding that when you're speaking, it's not being picked up on the voice recorder.

Annette - I'm not very experienced at speaking using a microphone so turning towards Avril - can you hear me?

Avril - It's not me you need to worry about, it's the tape.

Annette - My apologies I wasn't here last month but I had Covid. I did arrange for PC Dey to come but unfortunately, right at the last minute a job came in.

I have made a few notes. I want to let you know that we are, at this point in time, making plans already for the problem we anticipate with the nuisance vehicles down at the Head and the roads in the area. I think that what's

important to note is that last year we took a softer approach. This year, that's not going to happen. We're going to be taking a preventative and proactive enforcement. We are going to correctly identify patterns in anti social activity and this will include a zero tolerant approach.

Couldn't decipher the next bit.....

Press releases and regular social media updates will show that we do take it seriously. We want to look at who are the cohorts of these anti social activities.

Most of what Annette said next wasn't picked up by the tape.....

Annette then read out a message I'd sent her from David, one of our members responding to an article on the Police Facebook page, wanting to know why the Police don't issue tickets for those that are riding their motor cycles night after night and ignore the barriers at the Head. PC Day had said that he does understand the premise set out on the Facebook page but in short, the Police have to be there in person to witness the driving through the barriers. *Annette then mentioned something about CCTV but again the tape didn't pick up exactly what was said as she spoke too quietly and quickly.*

Annette then went on to talk about the various scams and that she visits people regularly that have been targeted. Avril regularly advises me of any scams that occur. Annette then reminded us to take care - nothing is for free, if things look too good to be true they probably are scams.

Annette then mentioned about all the cars that were regularly parked by the chip shop which are checked at various times of the day and so far they are mostly belonging to local residents. One was looked into that wasn't taxed.

There then followed a few questions and comments from the audience regarding parking problems and further comments regarding the nuisance motor bikes.

Annette mentioned that there are lots of new recruits coming through the system.

Thanks to Annette, as always.

Election of Committee for Next Season & Presentation of Annual Reports

So now to the **election of your committee** for the next season. The existing committee is as set out in the recent email except for one amendment. Brian Miller was shown as our Outgoing Treasurer and he was originally going to remain as a General Committee member but he has now decided not to, due to his health issues. Apart from Brian, everyone else has indicated their willingness to stand for next season.

So first of all, I am more than willing to continue as **Chairman**. If you are happy with what I've done for the past four years and wish me to continue, would someone please propose and second me.

Proposed by.....Eddie Coope....Seconded by...Malcolm Davies...

Two Councillors - thank you both very much.

So now I would now like to introduce you to the rest of the committee so if they would like to stand, wave your arms, whatever, when your name is called so everyone knows who you are.

Sarah Willett - will be our new Treasurer

Hilary Baker - does "Meet & Greet", looking after our speakers (she can't come tonight unfortunately)

Deborah Bergson - most of you will have met her as she welcomes you to the meetings. Unfortunately she is not able to be here tonight.

Pat Butler - she will look after any new members who need to be registered at the meeting

Roger Street - he is taking responsibility for getting the hall set up for meetings and helping to clear away afterwards.

I am also the Membership Secretary and also responsible for several other jobs such as the Social events, and the Annual Programme and Publishing and whatever else comes my way.

As the email responses from members all indicated their acceptance and no objections were received, **we can now elect all these people en bloc** if someone from the floor would propose and second them.

Proposed by...Lawrence CrapperSeconded by.....Ray Neal.....

That's the business bit done. So thank you to everyone and we look forward to doing a good job for you in the coming season.

He's not here tonight but I would just like to say a huge thank you to David, our IT Support Manager who prefers not to be on the actual committee but has been a tremendous help over the past few years maintaining our mailing list and sorting out any technical difficulties that have arisen.

As mentioned earlier, I have prepared detailed Reports as the Membership Secretary and also as Chairman for the existing season and along with the Treasurer's report, I will put these up on the website. For those of you here tonight who do not have a computer, I have made copies for you of the full reports. I've seen a couple of people already but if there's anyone else not on computer, please see me after, I've got some more copies here.

So as to not take up too much time, I will now just make a few brief comments on behalf of myself as Chair and also as Membership Secretary and will also read out the main details of the report made by Brian Miller after his completion of the 2021 accounts.

So as your **Membership Secretary, I would like to report** that as with the past couple of years, it has been quite a task getting memberships in, simply because we haven't been able to visit people in person due to the pandemic.

Despite this, with a lot of hard work on my part, I have managed to increase the numbers slightly over last year, both by number of households and number of individuals. The individual members are up from 969 members to 1009 members as of yesterday. We have also managed to attract over 50 new households.

The Membership Application form on the website is proving to be a good move. Membership Application forms are still available at both St.Katharine and St.Nicholas Churches, also at the Post Office in the Broadway and at Tuckton Library. I also get an advert put into the Southbourne Eye each issue and also registered some time ago with the Next Door Neighbour site on the internet.

The one thing I would ask our existing members is that if they know of any new neighbours in their street, please mention HENRA as this is really the only way at present, that we can get new members in.

Finally, I would just like to thank all those who have continued to support HENRA by paying a membership subscription, especially during the difficulties created by the pandemic. I'm also pleased to tell you that the subscription for next season will be unchanged at just £3 per household and I'll be contacting everyone around July time to ask you to renew your membership.

I will now give a **precis of the report** written by our **Outgoing Treasurer, Brian Miller**, who apologizes for not being here in person to present these. Brian confirms that the accounts have been independently checked. He comments that there has been a further increase in members paying by bank transfer and urges members that still pay by cash or cheque to consider setting up a standing order and confirms that you don't need to have online banking to do this.

Commenting on the individual amounts on the accounts, he mentions that the increase in income from advertizing reflects the increased page count of the newsletter and this income covers the cost of the printing. Receipts from the BH Coastal Lottery continues to be a reliable source of income.

Regarding our expenses, these are again lower than pre-pandemic as we haven't spent the usual amount on hall rent and speakers, or the Summer & Christmas socials.

He concludes by stating that HENRA is in a strong financial position.

So now to **my own report as Chairman**, again a much shortened version now and a full report will be put on the website.

HENRA is now in its' 67th year and it has been my privilege to serve as your Membership Secretary since March 2018 and additionally as your Chairman since September 2018 and for half that time, we've been in a lockdown situation during which time, I did my best to keep members informed as to what was happening in our area. For those not on email and who let me have postage stamps, I have copied various information to them via the post

roughly every 4 - 6 weeks.

During the pandemic period, I was receiving an average of around 50-60 emails, every single day, all of which I have answered. The inbox on my computer system currently has around 8500 emails that I haven't had time to save anywhere yet. Maybe I'll find time one of these fine days.

There have been so many changes to our booked programme of speakers over this past season and only a few of the booked speakers have actually been to talk to us. Some had to cancel because of their own health issues.

We did manage to hear the talk about Mr.Selfridge which proved fascinating, especially given all his connections with this area.

Then in November, David Sidwick, our new Police & Crime Commissioner came to us and told us all about his plans for reducing crime in the area.

Our December meeting should have been our Xmas social but it was decided to cancel this in an attempt to keep everyone safe from Covid and instead we had Andrew Emery from BCP Council to come along and explain all the changes that are afoot regarding the rebuilding of the Bistro on the Beach and the regeneration scheme for Southbourne.

Then into the new year, and we welcomed Graham Farrant, Chief Executive of BCP Council - this was extremely well received and the Q & A's could have gone on for a couple more hours if allowed!

After the February talk by Graham, everything has had to be altered at the last minute, mainly because of speakers having health issues or not happy about coming out to talk to a large group.

Our Annual dinner was cancelled as the pandemic figures had started to increase again.

Our March speaker cancelled for health reasons but I managed to arrange for Robin Harley of BCP Council to come along and talk about the Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre.

Unfortunately our April speaker was a no-show so we all had an early night.

For this meeting tonight we will welcome the Fire Service replacing the scheduled talk about the History of Hengistbury Head.

For our June meeting, the social part will be cancelled but I have managed to arrange for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute to come along.

All being well, the Annual boat trip and BBQ will still go ahead in July. I'm just waiting for a confirmation email from the Bournemouth Boating Company.

During the year, there have been several Planning Applications, some of which have been controversial. I won't talk about these here as they've all been covered at each of our meetings and will be in my detailed report.

As you will have noted from the election of the committee earlier, I did manage to persuade a few more people to join us but I do urgently need someone to take on the role of Secretary and also the role of In-House Social Secretary. Neither role is particularly onerous. Please get in touch with me if you would like to know more. Equally, if you would just like to get involved in decision making and just come on to the Committee as a General member, you would be most welcome.

You'll be glad to know that's it from me for the moment.

SPEAKER

So now I'd like to welcome our speakers. Matt Kiddell, the Station Manager at West Bournemouth was on call and was called out a few minutes ago. The Fire Service is now going to be talked about by Peter Tunks from Springbourne Fire Station.

Peter then gave a very interesting presentation whose own present role is mostly going into peoples' homes and advising about fire safety.

Matt Kiddell returned from his call out just as Peter finished the presentation and was able to join in with the Q & As from the audience.

WARD COUNCILLORS

The next section is our Ward Councillors. I have received one question for the Councillors which I haven't had time to tell them about in advance, as follows:

“Whilst walking through Wick Village (this was mid-April) it was noticed that there was a large hole near to the entrance of the Broadwaters site. A man in a van advised that he was a contractor who was there to disconnect all the services - gas, electric and water, prior to the demolition of the building and clearance of the site. Will the Councillors be able to update HENRA as to the latest developments on this site?”

Also, I had a message from Eddie this morning to say that there's a Queen's Jubilee Charity Concert on Saturday 23rd July in the grounds of St.Peter's School in Southbourne and all profits to go to our local NHS. So maybe you could tell us a bit more about it and one of you could talk about the Broadwaters site as well.

Malcolm Davies talked about the Broadwaters site and the previous applicant McCarthy & Stone. He told us that there was a Planning Application about to go in for four detached homes.

Malcolm then answered one resident's concern about the 5G masts which seem to be springing up everywhere.

Avril - Malcolm please put the microphone near to your mouth rather than just point it anywhere! It works better that way!

Eddie - Update on the Bistro on the Beach - I believe the new pop-up for the summer season will be in place by the end of May and open for coffee, tea and so on around the middle of June.

By next month's HENRA meeting, I hope to have the flyers for the Concert and all profits will go to our local NHS

There were a few more questions directed to the Fire Service

No further questions for the Councillors

Any Other Business

Just a few more things before we close for the evening.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets in the BH Coastal Lottery via the Henra page. Another of our Members had a win since our last meeting and they've also kindly donated their winnings to Henra, so thank you to Brenda for her kind donation.

I am also starting the process of preparing our next brochure and arranging speakers for our next season. As regards speakers, I will try and re-book those that have had to be cancelled due to Covid but if anyone knows of good speakers, please let me know and I'll put them on my list.

I also need to find some advertizers so if any of you have a business or trade you would like to promote, the prices to advertize in our brochure are very reasonable and obviously this helps to pay for the brochure and the printing.

Does anyone have any further questions or comments before we finish for the evening?

So thank you to those of you who are going to stay and help to put the chairs away. Please make sure that the red ones are put up on the stage here otherwise I get my knuckles rapped by the Church wardens.

So get home safely everyone and see you in June. Don't forget to keep checking the Members' Area of our website for notices and as I said previously, there's an alteration to the June meeting, the social side of it is cancelled but I have arranged for the RNLi to come along and talk to us.

Meeting Closed at...9.05 pm

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