

HENGISTBURY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (HENRA)



Minutes of the Members Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7 pm in St. Nicholas'

Committee members present: Abigail McMullen (Chair), Nick Clarke (Treasurer), Colin Baker (Secretary), David Freed, Pat Butler, Sean McMullen

Apologies: Stuart Dickie, Max Buttinger, Ray Hatchard, Hilary Baker

Attendance: 110

After calling the meeting to order, the Secretary asked for a show of hands in support of HENRA making £330



available to match the 50% funding set aside by the parish to install a defibrillator at St. Nicholas'. This was agreed and whilst it is hoped that the device will never be used, it will nonetheless be in place well before the next General Meeting in September. Post Meeting Note: At this meeting we had several guests from Regency Living. After listening to our debate and vote to invest funds to purchase a defibrillator, following the meeting Regency Living generously donated £600 towards this, which will now be an outdoor defibrillator at St Nicholas Church.

1. Opening remarks from Abi McMullen, HENRA Chair

Abi welcomed everyone and provided a summary of what has been achieved since last month's AGM. Although HENRA continues to grow with 539 members now from 324 households, the committee is looking at distributing a flyer later in the year to all dwellings in the HENRA area with a view to reaching even more residents and the help from members in distributing the flyers would be much appreciated.

With the General Election now called for 4th July, the committee is looking to support the Southbourne Forum in organising a Hustings Event. *Since the meeting this is now confirmed and will be held on 21st June at Immanuel Church in Southbourne.*

It was exciting to see Hengistbury Head featuring so prominently in a recent Springwatch episode on BBC2, and the two surviving Ringed Plover chicks are doing

well as are the Natterjack Toads and Skylarks. BCP has now completed relocation of the dog waste bins and are about to cut back some of the long grass in the West field to make interlinked exercise areas.

Volunteers are still needed for three sub-committees:

- Social Events - to help set up and run social events, e.g. the annual BBQ and boat trip which will run if at least 25 members indicate their interest to Abi by email.
- Community Activities - to organise and coordinate volunteers for community activities, e.g. sand clearance, litter picking and community tidy ups.
- Communication & Engagement - to explore how we can spread the word, create engaging content, use social media effectively and reach a diverse audience.

Finally, Abi was pleased to confirm that all 8 local 'good causes' had been paid the amounts allocated by member vote at the AGM and letters of thanks are coming in.



Who got what after the AGM Outcome of Member's Vote

Hengistbury Head Outdoors (HHO)	£ 932
St. Nicholas' Roof Fund	£ 893
Southbourne Food Bank	£ 583
Community Garden Project	£ 544
Hengistbury Head Coastwatch Station (NCI)	£ 350
Mudford Lifeboat Station (RNLI)	£ 272
Southbourne Surf Life Saving Club	£ 272
Friends of St. Katharine's Primary School (FSK)	£ 155

2. PCSO Update

Annette Long was joined by two of her PCSO colleagues (Jack and Sarah) to provide a summary of the current issues known to the police in HENRA's area. Amongst these was the derelict care home, Broadwaters on Wick Lane which is frequented by youths despite being classified as too dangerous for the police to enter due to the risk of collapse. As BCP still own the building, Councillor Richardson said that she had raised the matter with BCP as something must be done since the building is obviously not as secure as the council believe.

Although the HENRA area is not designated as a crime hotspot (which is obviously good news) this does mean that only limited foot patrols are made in the locality. Hotspots are designated by Central Government. In response to a comment made by a member who was concerned about cycle thefts, it was stated that any concerns should be reported to the police as building up intelligence on where crime was happening is a valuable part of crime prevention. On a positive note, internet fraud seems to be less prevalent in the area than it was a while back.

Abi thanked Annette, Jack and Sarah for coming along, mentioning that she had been in contact with David Sidwick, who was recently re-elected as our Police and Crime Commissioner (and is coming to talk to HENRA in November), to alert him to the concerns of HENRA members over the problems at Broadwaters.

3. Lesser Known Bournemouth

Steve Roberts (our guest speaker) gave an interesting and entertaining talk on some of the famous people, buildings and events that have contributed to the development of Bournemouth over the years.

4. Marina Court

Claire, Regency Living's Customer Care manager introduced three colleagues (Andy Gautrey, Construction Manager, Nick and Stuart) who are all part of the Development Team before providing brief details of Regency Living's plans for the residential mobile home site at the far end of Wick Village. Whereas there used to be 45 caravans on the site, the new owners are planning just 29 park homes, going for high value rather than high density.

Residents were pleased that the site would be for permanent occupation rather than temporary holiday accommodation, but several expressed concern over the likely level of disruption to Wick Village during the construction phase of the project.

Particular concerns raised related to the narrow access road and the fact that many primary school children and their parents use the road in the morning, at lunchtime and in the afternoon to get to and from St. Katharine's school. Regency Living responded by saying that 'a robust traffic management plan would be put in place' which would minimise any disruption and ensure safety for all road users and no construction traffic movements on or off the site will be allowed during school transition times.

One local resident said that earlier in the day a Regency Living vehicle had been having difficulty navigating the narrow lane and the driver was heard to say, 'this is insane'. However, in response to a question regarding the provision of an alternative site access, Regency Living said that this was not being considered and that Wick Lane will be used for all traffic movements. Residents were sceptical as to whether the company really understood how difficult access was to Wick Village.

Others were concerned that there would be excessive noise during the construction phase. When asked if the proposed development was subject to planning permission, Regency Living said they were in consultation with BCP's planning department. Initial concerns raised by planning were around high retaining walls. Regency is now looking to raise the whole site to improve the look and amenity of the site. A target date for the development to be complete was not announced, but Regency Living will shortly be holding a 'Public Launch' meeting where much more information will be available and there will be a dedicated email address whereby individual concerns can be raised with the company at all times.

Abi thanked Regency Living for coming to the meeting and looked forward to receiving further details of the proposed development in the coming months.

5. Ward Councillors Update

Bernadette and Judy provided an update on local issues including BCP's survey on the future of our local library service. All HENRA members are encouraged to complete the survey by visiting: www.haveyoursay.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/libraries or completing a printed survey form which will be available at the library in Tuckton. The consultation closes on Tuesday 18th June.

Several residents have found it increasingly difficult to find a local dentist who is still taking NHS patients. Bernadette encouraged anyone having difficulty to visit the Healthwatch Dorset website at <https://healthwatchdorset.co.uk> and Abi mentioned that whilst researching this subject for the community contacts page on HENRA's website, only the Christchurch 'My Dentist' practice appeared to be taking on new NHS patients.

Work to install a replacement pontoon bridge at Mundeford Sandspit is expected to start on 10th June and (weather permitting) be completed in time for the ferry service to resume before the end of the month. A Heritage Lottery Fund application for the Roundhouse at the Visitors Centre has been made with letters of support from both the Councillors and HENRA.

Work on road resurfacing is nearing completion in the area, and the dip at the end of Harbour Road is under investigation. The issues already mentioned by the PCSO regarding the derelict Broadwaters building on Wick Lane will be followed up by the Councillors to see what BCP can do to make the site more secure.

With the holiday season approaching, on-street parking is likely to be an issue once again and 16 additional traffic wardens are being recruited to tackle this problem over the summer. Residents negatively impacted by inconsiderate or illegal parking can report instances on the BCP website or by calling 01202 128900. As a last resort, the council can get vehicles towed away, but as this costs £400 each time, it is not undertaken in most instances. Unfortunately for some people who simply disregard the parking restrictions, the £25 or £35 fine is not much of a deterrent.

The Councillors continue to hold a regular surgery at Tuckton Library on the second Saturday of each month from 11.30 am and would be pleased to assist any HENRA members there.

6. Closing Comments

Abi thanked everyone for attending, summarised the meetings and events scheduled for the rest of 2024 (see [henra.uk](https://www.henra.uk) for details) and hoped to see as many members as possible at the Summer Fayre on 6th July.

St. Nicholas' Church, Southbourne

SUMMER FAYRE
Saturday 6th July
1 pm - 4 pm
Admission Free



All **HENRA** members and guests are warmly invited to join us at the Summer Fayre in the Community Garden at St. Nicholas' Church.

Come and enjoy refreshments, entertainment, stalls, games, bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, and (new for 2024) the **HENRA** pop-up bar!

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