

FRIARS CLIFF REIDENTS ASOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

APOLOGIES: Cllr Claire Bath, Martin Axton, Sandra Price, John Lever, Mike Stannard

PRESENT: Cllr Trevor Watts, Mike Andrews (Speaker) Charles Clark, Marianne Abley, Jane Buckley, Lyn Lever and 25 other members.

CHAIRMANS WELCOME: Marianne Abley welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that she was standing in for the Chairman at the last minute. She also thanked our guest speaker Mike Andrews for his coming talk on the History in Christchurch, and Cllr Trevor Watts for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved by Peter Hollick, with an amendment being made by Chris White on Planning application in the Forum Booklet page 11, line 4 'Stoneborough Development' should read 'Stanborough Construction'.

Page 21. MCA site (Steamer point) delete 'has been given the job' insert 'is negotiating to undertake the development'

MATTERS ARISING: Chris White reported that there would be a 3 month delay for a legal agreement from the road highway for the approach road, and Stanborough Construction has pulled out.

The houses being built there would be in the keeping of the area, instead of 26 possibly only 22 which would be more up market properties.

MIKE ANDREWS SPEAKER: He gave a very interesting talk about the History of smuggling in Christchurch.

In the 18th Century smuggling took place all along the coast of from Christchurch to Lymington. Smugglers brought in tea and brandy. The men who were captured and taken to trial mainly came from London.

There is a myth that there are several tunnels under Christchurch. Well there is only one known of - from the George Inn to the Perfumery Shop. Other tunnels were in fact just cellars for hiding goods.

On 29/30 October 2016 the Battle of Mundeford 1784 will be re-in acted called 'Watch the Wall Smugglers' funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

DORSET LOCAL AUTHORITY: Charles Clark informed us that documents are available on line to explain what is happening on www.reshapingyourcouncils.uk and should also be available in libraries. An independent Body ~~is to~~ has looked at all 9 Councils and offers four alternative options. Feedback to the Public is by roadshows, these would take place (1) 20th September, 10am – 2pm at Highcliffe Tesco's, (2) 24th September, 10am – 2pm at Somerford Lidl, (3) 24th September, 2.30pm –

4.30pm at St Catherine's Hill Community Hall and 8th October, 10am – 2pm at Saxon Square, Christchurch. THE PUBLIC HAVE UNTIL **25TH OCTOBER 2016** TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

Trevor Watts explained that Christchurch will not lose its identity. It will still have a Mayor but no Parish Councils. He asked that residents of Christchurch complete the survey before the deadline. In the questionnaire, the 'NO CHANGE OPTION' can be completed.

Christchurch has not borrowed any money, as they have a good income from Beach Hut rentals and good businesses working at the Airport, plus residents bringing in a lot of money too. There are about ten thousand jobs at the airport.

East Dorset is the only borough that has vacant land, Christchurch and East Dorset would work well together.

One of the main things is Planning approval; it needs to be made by the Local Authority not to go out to Bristol, as they do not know the areas.

Christchurch have cut back on several things, such as grass cutting, gulley's being cleared and the zig-zag path at Highcliffe not being repaired. It is important to keep standards up. The public toilets in Christchurch Town centre and Highcliff Castle need attention, as there are many holidaymakers to these areas.

The Beach Huts planned for Highcliff beach are not going ahead.

AVONBEACH NOISY LOBSTER: Yet another application has been put in (number 13), for a first-floor extension. What they have done so far on improvements is very good, but they are going too big for a small residential area. On the consultation evening held at Noisy Lobster, they came across as assertive and not really interested in residents, only what they planned to do.

The council leases the property to the Noisy Lobster and have asked them for the final vision of what they are planning.

The Action Group against the Noisy Lobster planning extensions have raised over 500 people on a petition and over 100 objections.

COUNCIL: The Gravel extraction at Roeshot Hill had over 1100 people sign a petition against it going ahead and Christchurch Council do not want it going ahead either, with over 100 lorries coming from the site through the town centre.

There seems to be something happening in planning; a property in Medina Way put in for an application to build over double garage and the Inspecting Officer recommended for it not to go ahead, but it was passed.

Highcliff Castle wants to form Friends of the Castle Trust, and to reinstate the carriage path from Steamer Point to Highcliff Castle, but part of the land isn't owned by them or Nature Reserve.

In the future there will be a Coastal route around Britain, so this will have to be taken into consideration.

It was suggested that we should contact Highcliff Residents Association and see what they have to say.

Trevor Watts advised residents that if they have any problems in the area to take a photo and email it to him.

Nigel Gillard raised concerns over the speeding down Bure Lane and wanted to talk to other residents and try to get something done about it before a serious accident happens.

Meeting closed 9.30

25 residents attended, 4 Committee and Cllr Trevor Watts