

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 MAY, 2015, AT THE ARK, PEARLY BEACH, AT 16H30**

WELCOME

The Chairperson welcomed the committee and opened the meeting in prayer.

PRESENT Messrs; Jason Stonehewer Steve Peck;
& Cllr Dudley Coetzee (*ex officio*)
Mesdames Shirley Coetzee; Nelia Hurter & Isolde Smith

APOLOGIES Messrs Theo Coetzer and Mike Lamb

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2015 MINUTES

The minutes were proposed by Steve Peck and seconded by Jason Stonehewer

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Repairing/maintenance/improvement of roads & signage

Both Steve and Isolde enquired about the “No Quad bikes” and “No driving on the beach” signage, respectively. Cllr Coetzee responded that he would follow up on the matter. It was noted that there has been plenty of road maintenance undertaken in the village over the last month.

Pearly Beach Affaire decision

As a convenor for the next Affaire has not yet been found, Nelia agreed to undertake this project with the proviso that everyone on the committee assist her. Date of the Affaire will be 30 December, 2015 from 11h00 to 16h00 approximately. Steve will liaise with Glenda to ensure that our function does not clash with any other event in the area.

Village Green update

Steve confirmed that 8 benches are now in place. He also informed the meeting that the Fynbos Centre sign has been approved. Hopefully this will be received shortly. He then asked if Cllr Coetzee could arrange for a small amount of crusher dust to be delivered to the village. This is needed for a new path and to maintain the existing ones. The following was noted - another insect hotel has been placed in the garden and the Conservancy donated R500 for the purchasing of new plants.. Sixteen new protea bushes have also been planted.

MEMBERSHIP & FINANCE

We currently have 33 paid up members with R4108.60 in the bank.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

Wish list 2015/2016

Cllr Coetzee informed the meeting that unfortunately the telescope was in fact not approved and that monies would only be made available for essential items, not “nice to have” items. Whatever monies are available will be used for the improvement and maintenance of roads etc.

Uncontrolled dogs on the Beach

Cllr Coetzee advised that he had been informed of an attack by two Rottweilers on a small dog that had taken place on the beach. He would visit the owners of the animals to establish the facts and take appropriate action if necessary.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Village

Erf 172 – 14 Twist Street – New House
Erf 628 – Longmarket Street – Addition
Erf 1685 – Harbour Rd – Addition

PLOT CLEARING

The whole issue of plot clearing has become a major and highly emotive concern. Prior to the meeting, Shirley had circulated the Fire Hazards Management Policy of 2013 to the committee. Nelia expressed her concern that the mechanical bush cutter is being used to clear plots illegally again in the village. Unfortunately she did not manage to take a photograph to support her suspicions regarding this activity. A long discussion ensued in which some of the committee expressed their reservations about the list of contractors available for plot clearing and the methods used to do so. Cllr Coetzee undertook to make an appointment with Mr Myburgh and the Fire Dept to meet at Pearly Beach and to view plots that have been cleared correctly so that a consensus can be reached. Jason asked to be present at this meeting.

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Jason indicated that his concerns had been dealt with under the plot clearing discussion.

Isolde mentioned that the kelp collectors are driving on the dunes at Bluewater Bay, as well as on the beach at the bottom of Beach Road. Jason requested that photographs be taken if this activity is observed again.

GENERAL

The date for the next meeting will be 12 June at 10h30, at a venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was then closed at 18h20.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE