

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 2015, IN THE FYNBOS CENTRE, VILLAGE
GREEN, PEARLY BEACH, AT 10H30**

WELCOME

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

PRESENT Messrs Steve Peck; Mike Lamb; Theo Coetzer; Jason Stonehewer
& Cllr Dudley Coetzee (*ex officio*)
Mesdames Shirley Coetzee; Nelia Muller & Isolde Smith

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2014 MINUTES

With the amendment to approval of the "October minutes", the November minutes were then proposed by Steve Peck and seconded by Nelia Muller

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The committee unanimously agreed that the office bearers remain as they were last year. Shirley Coetzee had been elected to serve as Chairperson at the AGM held on 30 December, 2015.

Vice Chairperson	Mike Lamb
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Steve Peck
Secretary	Isolde Smith

Jason Stonehewer would represent the interests of the Conservancy while Nelia Muller and Theo Coetzer would serve as committee members responsible for Building Plans and Infrastructure respectively. Cllr Coetzee would continue to serve as an *ex officio* member of the Association.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Repairing of Roads and signage

There has been a great deal of damage to the roads after the recent rains.

Steve advised that the barrier at the entrance to Castle Beach has been removed and needs to be replaced.

Quad bikes still pose a problem and it was suggested that larger signage be erected at the entrance to Pearly Beach.

Mike Lamb stated that a speed hump is needed in Charlie Van Breda Drive near Castle Beach as speeding traffic along this road is a threat to small children crossing the road during the holiday season. Other suggestions made included contacting the law enforcement officer and possible trapping in the area..

“No driving on the beach” signs are needed at the old Harbour as well as at the entrance to Blue Water Bay.

An unpleasant incident was related to the committee by Mike Lamb concerning uncontrolled dogs on the beach and the alleged assault of a couple who have a holiday home in Tower Road. Shirley responded that the couple in question had contacted her and had related the episode. The request for clearer and larger signage at official entrances (Boardwalks and stairs) to the beach was noted. Cllr Coetzee stated that the Chairperson had reported the incident to him and that he in turn had followed up with the relevant authority regarding improved signage.

It was noted that there is a bylaw in place that forbids dogs on the beach unless they are on a leash. It was also noted that no dogs are allowed on Castle Beach during the holidays between 10h00 and 16h00. A sign to this effect must be erected at Castle Beach. It would be ideal if new signage could be in place before the Easter holidays.

Nelia requested more tortoise signage. Cllr Coetzee replied that he did not believe that more signage would be issued. Nelia enquired if sponsorship could be guaranteed if the erection of more tortoise signage would be permitted. Cllr Coetzee stated that the signage would have to conform to municipal regulations. The signage used in De Hoop Nature reserve showing a tortoise and a snake should be suitable. Nelia would investigate and advise the committee on the matter at our next meeting.

Annual General Meeting

Shirley was complimented on the way she handled the meeting as it ran smoothly. A brief covering letter and the minutes will be sent to the ratepayers before the end of March. A reminder of the fees that need to be paid will be included. Jason suggested that an individual invoice be included. This system had worked very well for the Conservancy. After much discussion regarding the best time for holding an AGM it was agreed that this year’s AGM be held on Tuesday, 22 December at the Angling Club, time to be confirmed later in the year.

Pearly Beach Affaire

The November Affaire was a great disappointment. The inclement weather played a big role as many stall holders withdrew due to the prediction of rain. The lack of sufficient food stalls was also major problem. Mike suggested that food, wine and music need to be in one particular area. Nelia felt that Birkenhead Breweries should be contacted again as having them there created an atmosphere, the ratepayers committee could then operate the Wine stall. She suggested that the next Affaire be held on a day that does not clash with any other organized activities in the area and that in her opinion it was not necessary to adhere to holidays. Cllr Coetzee suggested the 2nd May as Hermanus is having an X-tream Sport Weekend and we could tag onto the advertising of events taking place in the Overstrand. Everybody would consider the date and report back to Shirley within a week so that planning for the event could be undertaken. Steve was of the opinion that a convener outside of the RPA committee should be appointed to organize the event.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

We have 27 paid up members and R3878.95 in the bank. Shirley would contact people she knew and ask them to pay their fees and Isolde would do the same.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

Cllr Coetzee informed members that street numbers need to be displayed on properties and asked that residents be made aware of this.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Resort

Erf 2488 – New House
Erf 2100 – New House

Erf 2472 – Addition

Erf 374 - Addition

Village

Erf 374 - 5 Ridge Road - Addition
Erf 70 – 37 The Crescent – “As Built” Correction to Building Plan

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Jason drew the committee’s attention to the fact that refuse is being dumped outside the drop off zone over the weekend and requested that more bins be supplied and left outside the area. Cllr Coetzee responded that he had asked Peet to place the two bins outside the site over the weekend and would also request that an additional two bins be provided by the Municipality.

Jason stressed the Conservancy ‘s concern about the Peafowl who are now posing a major challenge in the village. Shirley reported that there are also recently hatched chicks which aggravate the situation. Rian Smit has agreed to take a pair to his Laingsburg farm once his health is fully restored. The rest will need to be relocated and assistance will be needed to capture them. This matter needs to be resolved urgently.

Jason enquired about a roadblock at the entrance to the village in December welcoming visitors and handling out an information pack about what is taking place in the village over the holiday season. This would have to be discussed with the authorities. It was suggested that Jason contact Glenda Kitley as she was involved with the roadblock held in Gansbaai last year.

GENERAL

- Steve asked if the committee had any suggestions regarding a new auditor to audit the books. Isolde stated that she had asked Johan Coetzee and he is prepared to undertake this for the PBRPA.

- Steve asked if the Fire Watch and the CPF still exist, if not he stated that he would like to remove the pages from our website. The problem with removing a page permanently is that it is not that easy to put it back. Suggestions made, were to place a message on the relevant pages saying it is "under construction" or to remove the pages permanently.
- Shirley proposed a Christmas Celebration be held on the village green this year. It was not possible to hold this last year as the proposed date clashed with the DRC's Carol Service. Further details need to be discussed, but the possibility of holding the celebration on another evening other than a Sunday was suggested. Shirley would approach Frik Prinsloo to ask if he could refrain from playing music at the Rooi Bier until the Celebration on the green is concluded - this could be until approximately 8.15 pm.
- Steve asked if there would be a committee braai this year. This will be decided at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on 6 March 2015 at 10:30. Venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 12:10 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE