

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON FRIDAY, 6 MARCH, 2015, 88 CREST ROAD, PEARLY BEACH, AT 10H30**

WELCOME

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

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

APOLOGIES Messrs Steve Peck; Mike Lamb;

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2015 MINUTES

The minutes were proposed by Jason Stonehewer and seconded by Nelia Muller

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Repairing of Roads and signage

Maintenance in the village is currently being undertaken by the municipality. Additional signage has been ordered - these include three "No driving on the beach" signs and six signs concerning dogs on the beach.

Pearly Beach Affaire

The committee agreed that holding an Affaire in May is possibly too soon and that the weather will be a problem if it is held after May. Suggestions included holding the Affaire any time from September onwards and included the possibility of holding this event between Christmas and New Year. The committee was requested to give the matter thought and to advise Shirley of any further suggestions that can be considered.

Village Green

Extra droppers to complete the fence around the outside urinal have been ordered, Cllr Coetzee would follow up with Paul de Villiers.

The completion of the benches for the village green must be undertaken. A suitable date needs to be set aside and labour is required to assemble them. Details to be discussed on Steve's return.

Fynbos Centre signage is still outstanding. Cllr Coetzee will follow up with the Director of Local Economic Development, Solli Modikane.

It was noted that the "Use at own risk" sign at the playground has been erected.

Jason reported a problem with ants on the Green. He is investigating various products in order to eradicate the problem.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE

We currently have 29 paid up members and R3879.85 in the bank.

PLANNING FOR 2015

Matters referred by the Ward Councillor

A special public meeting is planned for 21 April at the angling club to discuss the draft budget.

Cllr Coetzee also advised the meeting that the fine for placing refuse on the road reserve on any day other than Monday (collection day) has now been increased to R 3 500. The committee was requested to warn holiday makers and residents alike.

Christmas Celebration

Shirley indicated that she would like to organize a Christmas Celebration on the village green this year.

Committee Braai

A suitable date will be allocated once Steve and Mike are back.

Wish List

The committee was advised that the request for a coin operated telescope may be rejected. Cllr Coetzee explained that monies will be made available for better service delivery projects rather than “nice to have” projects. Steve had made several suggestions with regard to the wish list as well as the controlling of pedestrians and traffic in both Charlie van Breda Drive and Broadway. His email is attached to the original of this minute.

Jason raised his concern that the village could experience problems in the long term if we have no power for a period for an extended period as this will affect the water supply. He enquired about the possibility of installing some boreholes with hand pumps. Cllr Coetzee said that this would not be practical as the cost would be prohibitive. The municipality is investigating the use of generators that would be able to power the water pump if the need arises.

With the recent fires in the area the fire trailer was once again discussed. The feeling is that people are not enthusiastic about training unless we have the necessary equipment.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

Resort

Erf 2100 - New House
Erf 2526 - As Built
Erf 2375 - Addition
Erf 2520 - New House

Village

Erf 457 – 1 Service Street - Addition
Erf 300 – 78 Crest Road – Addition

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Jason informed the meeting that Steve Peck is undertaking a survey to establish the number of Black Oyster catchers in the area. The area being monitored has been divided into sections and anybody who observes these birds can report their sightings to Steve, providing him with the location and the number of birds sighted.

The Peafowl remain a problem. A pair will be captured and be relocated on a farm in Laingsburg. Jason has also placed an advertisement offering the peafowl free to a good home!

GENERAL

There has been a lot of discussion regarding the website and the removal of the CPF webpage. Jason suggested that an analysis of how many people actually use the website for information be undertaken and he would contact Gregg in this regard.

There being no further business matters to discuss, the meeting was then closed at 12:16 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE