

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PEARLY BEACH RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HELD AT 10H00 ON FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 2016 AT 88 CREST ROAD, PEARLY BEACH

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and Alderman Coetzee opened in prayer. Shirley congratulated Alderman Coetzee on his appointment as Deputy Mayor and Vivienne on her appointment as a Ward 11 Committee member representing the PBRPA.

PRESENT : Messrs Peter Burton-Moore, Dave Kunneke
Mike Lamb & Alderman Coetzee, (*ex officio*)

Ms Shirley Coetzee; Isolde Smith; Nelia Hurter,
Vivienne Burton-Moore

APOLOGIES : Mr Jason Stonehewer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 1 JULY 2016

The previous minutes were approved. Proposed by Isolde and seconded by Peter.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Infrastructure Update

Dave had received an email from the municipality stating they would be doing the requested repairs to the potholes as soon as they could. He also reported that Erf 1880 and 174 had been cleared. He has taken photos of the methods used to clear the plots and would forward these to Shirley.

Building Plans and Developments

Nelia submitted a list of developments for the months of June and July 2016.

June 2016

Erf 2422 (Camp) – Addition
Erf 2500 (Camp) – New House
Erf 2904 (Camp) – Addition
Erf 35-36 Rotunda Str – Addition
Erf 1698 4 Heide Str – Addition

Erf 2294 (Camp) – Addition
Erf 2404 (Camp) – Addition
Erf 72-41 The Crescent – Addition
Erf 1798 12 Hoffman Str – Addition
Erf 169 6 Steep Str – New House

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July 2016

Erf 2500 (Camp) – Addition
Erf 572 23 Loop Str – Addition
Erf 1584 15 Charlie van Breda – Addition
Erf 480 40 Ridge Road – Back Walls
Erf 1806 14 Arrikreukel Str – Addition

Questions were again raised about Erf 522. Dave has spoken to the owner who claims that no plans are needed as he is not erecting a roof. This would be followed up.

Nelia commented that people were dumping garden refuse on vacant plots due to the high cost of transporting refuse to Gansbaai. She added that part of the original deal with the erection of the dumping site was that there would be a chipper on site. This had not materialized. Dave suggested that we plant some trees around the perimeter to disguise the site. Shirley suggested that any home owners who had extra trees donate these to this cause. Dave had seen olive trees at the local nursery which were good value and suggested we buy some. Mike mentioned that he had contacts with the local nurseries and would assist should we go ahead.

Pearly Beach Affaire

Discussion minuted as follows:

Date Tuesday 20th December

The tent would need to be erected before-hand.

It is too early to apply for liquor license.

Village Green

Dumping of tree cuttings is still taking place at the Village Green, but Alderman Coetzee confirmed that the Conservancy was in the process of clearing this away.

Fire Hazards

Mike reported Stuart has identified certain properties which are a fire hazard. A list of these properties would be sent to Shirley when Jason returns from holiday. This will then be reported to the Municipality. Nelia complained that the noise created by clearing plots was not acceptable on a Sunday. Shirley suggested confronting those responsible and asking them to respect the need for a day of rest. 3/.....

FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Finances are currently R4187.59 in the bank with approximately R1000 in cash. Peter will deposit R500.00 into the bank account and reserve the balance to pay for the liquor license and any other sundry expenses. Hetzner have instituted a debit order of R89.00 on the account for the hosting of our website.

Mike asked if any progress had been made in obtaining authority for the PBRPA to obtain sponsors for the advertisement boards at the seaside. Ald Coetzee stated that he had misunderstood the proposal but would now follow up with the municipality.

CONSERVANCY MATTERS

Postponed until Jason returns.

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR

Alderman Coetzee confirmed that a Mobile Contact Unit would be set up soon and by manned by law enforcement. This unit would however be moved around the Overstrand to other areas, as presently there is only a single unit available. All suspects will have to undergo DNA testing and the SAPS would station a finger-print specialist in Elim and Bot River to serve the Overstrand. Additional recruits would be ready for duty at the end of October which would add 10 policemen to the existing staffing in Gansbaai.

GENERAL

Dave asked for a pedestrian crossing and a disabled parking bay to be set up outside The Rooibier. Ald Coetzee would contact the municipality in this regard.

We were then addressed by a delegation from SAPS which included Lt Colonel Moshi, Captain Africa, Sgt Groenewald as well as PB representative, Nico Opperman.

Comments minuted from this discussion were:

Pearly Beach was the highest contributor to house breaking in the last quarter. Most of the houses which were broken in to, do not have burglar bars. It is not easy to arrest someone for house breaking as a witness is required. The criminals are using gloves so it is not possible to obtain fingerprints. The police are now using DNA but this needs to be on record. They are building up a DNA database. The most popular items stolen are cell phones, laptops, TV's and microwaves. The Colonel stated that they need to identify the "buyers" of stolen goods in town.

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A WhatsApp group had been set up in de Kelders and was working very well. Alderman Coetzee agreed and said we should set one up as soon as possible. Shirley agreed to be the administrator.

Nelia asked what can be done to keep criminals behind bars. Captain Africa responded that every police van has a list of parolees with their photographs and parole conditions and they are being monitored. Nelia also suggested a leaflet be drawn up warning people that buying stolen goods is illegal and could carry a jail sentence.

Drugs play a huge role in crime and go hand-in-hand with poaching.

Captain Africa reiterated that holiday home owners should have maximum security on their properties and they should not expect the police to protect their homes.

An added challenge which the police face is that there is no court in Gansbaai. The nearest one being Hermanus and if witnesses do not appear in a case, the case is dismissed. The lack of a local court falls under National Government and Alderman Coetzee would speak to Minister Dan Plato in this connection..

Shirley thanked the police for attending our meeting and asked for a follow-up meeting to be held in November.

With no further matters to discuss, Shirley thanked Isolde for the use of her home and the meeting was closed at 12.05.

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

DATE