

Meeting Notes

Date 4 September 2025
Venue Highcliffe Sailing Club
Time 7:30 pm



Present	Steve Alves	Chairman
	Paul De Jonghe	Vice Chair
	Louise Heybourne	Secretary & Environment Rep
	Linda Lawrence	Treasurer
	Meg Ward	Membership Secretary
	Cllr Paul Hilliard	Bournemouth Christchurch Poole (BCP)
	Cllr Stuart Perry	Christchurch Town Council (CTC)
	Cllr Lesley Dedman	Chairman BCP
Apologies	Charles Newman	Forum Editor
	Kevan Ward	Web Master
	Sara Luder	Social Secretary
	Sara Webb	Head Road Rep
Guests	Rosie Ashley-East a Natural History Filmmaker & Photographer	
	Sarah Rogers, Principal Licensing Officer for BCP Council	

1.0 Councillors Update

1.1 Cllr Dedman - BCP Community Governance Review Task & Finish Group reviewing all responses, all confidential and working hard on it at present.

1.2 Cllr Perry- CTC now own lease to Waitrose Car Park, 90 mins free parking, same as Lidl and will be ANPR camera monitored.

1.3 New owner of Civic Office is Questmap Limited of Southampton, a commercial and residential property operator. Plan presented to CTC to retain building, convert top two storeys into flats with balconies and proposing to hire out the ground floor to commercial tenants (doctors, dentists, solicitors, estate agents). Looked at rights of way and footpath issues with Bridge Street Car Park and Two Riversmeet and assured CTC might not retain as exactly as it is but are mindful they have to provide the same access on foot. (BCP Planning Committee has since refused the conversion based on flood issues).

1.4 CTC currently undergoing a Committee terms of reference (TOR) review, looking at structure, planning, resources, community and personnel. TOR in place since 2019 and assessing if currently valid for what CTC do. Professional assistant is looking at personnel, planning and resources and will invite public to make suggestions and recommendations. Use enquiries email on FCRA website to express an interest to review TOR with Cllr Perry.

1.5 Cllr Hilliard – current consultation Local Transport Plan for 15 years, complete the Have your Say survey if you can. Do we need any more roads, cycle lanes, buses, what could improve?

1.6 Consultation in January, CTC finalising Local Neighbourhood Plan in draft, this will outline all aspects of Christchurch development. The recent BCP local plan was rejected as it proposed 1600 homes to be built with the Government increasing this part way through the plans creation. CTC have now gone out to land owners to ask what other sites are available as the Government is now looking at green belt development, and creating a “Grey belt” designation.

Resident raised a question, why green belt land and not brownfield sites? Cllr Hilliard responded that landlords have not put them forward.

1.7 The reported fallen branches from trees along Avon Run Road have been inspected and maintenance work to be carried out next week.

1.8 Resurfacing of Christchurch Bypass for 3 weeks and a diversion will be along Bridge Street.

1.9 Stanpit Marsh had some sculptures on meadow trail and coffee morning Saturday to give more information. BCP working with Bournemouth University on a Heritage Trail from Stanpit down to the quay and this launches on 15 September.

1.10 BCP Council has a New Chief Executive, Aidan Dunn.

2.0 Guest Speakers

2.1 Rosie Ashley-East, Natural History Filmmaker & Photographer

Rosie is based in Bristol, grew up in Mudeford and worked on the local ferry. Rosie filmed local fisherman, Peter Dadds and Richard Stride a few years ago about how the Mudeford Cuttlefish Industry can take a sustainable approach and highlighted fishing practices which can impact their population.

A 14 minute film: Cuttle Shore was shown to the residents.

2.2 Sarah Rogers, Principal Licensing Officer BCP Council

Licensing Act 2003 Presentation

4 types of licenses

- Premises (sale of alcohol)
- Club Premises Certificate (supply of alcohol)
- Temporary Event Notices (TENS) – fast track, easy way for anybody to apply for entertainment or alcohol at any place, for any time, subject to notice being given
- Personal License issued to individual, DBS check for designated premises supervisor (attached to premises license, mandatory to authorise sale of alcohol).

TENS applications cause most controversy. A non-personal license holder can apply for 5 a year, whereas personal license holder can apply for 50.

For a standard TEN the only people who can object are police and environmental health.

Premises can be a piece of land (temporary bar)

TENS can be for 168 hours with a 24 hrs lapse between each event and can only be held for 21 days with less than 499 people in attendance.

Environmental Officer on duty - Out of Hours service 0800 506 050

Noise abatement notices can shut music down.

Other legislation such as Fire Safety, Health & Safety at Work, Environmental Health and Child Protection trump Licensing Act.

The public can look on BCP website Licensing pages, Notices and see current applications. Anyone can make a representation relevant to the 4 licensing objectives by email and they operate to strict deadlines.

The responsible authority is BCP, and Sarah as an enforcement officer can request a review of a license, as can the Fire, Police, Planning & Environmental Health, Child Protection, Public Health Dorset and Home Office Immigration (e.g. off license premises with illegal workers and license possibly revoked). The public can ask a Ward Councillor to represent them at a Committee, or a committee member.

They share intelligence and joint working with trading standards, immigration, etc. Sarah gave examples of breaches, prosecutions (unlimited fine and up to 6 months prison sentence). Decisions can be appealed and closure notices issued.

Local examples:

The Sandpiper Pub, permanent license application - Greene King withdrew the application.

Harbour Kitchen - permanent & TENS application – refused, police obtained an injunction.

The Noisy Lobster - TENS beach bar (no evidence, no complaints for police or environment to object to)

If you are affected by issues (anti-social behaviour, nuisance) then send an email in and complain.

Large events (500+) organised on BCP or private land go through the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) (Sarah, Police, events department, Highways, Safety Officer), who invite event organiser to a team meeting, go through process and if all agree to sign off the event management plan, then it is allowed. Fireworks are not licensable and are regulated via the Health & Safety Executive.

Noisy Lobster are planning Beach Fireworks in November and will go through SAG to have the event reviewed.

CTC took The Raft application to planning meeting, being unaware what they should have done when residents asked for support. This resulted in The Raft withdrawing their application.

3.0 Committee Update

Beach Safety - Blue flag outstanding issues now on back burner.

MCA - Steamer Point plans available for information during meeting.

Barrier Replacement - At bottom of Seaway Avenue commenced.

Beach Maintenance - We want to thank Charles for work so far to get response from BCP on beach restoration, recycled sand from elsewhere following press release and ITV coverage.

Beach Shelter - Built in 1953 requires refurbishment (works cost £4,500), Cllr Paul Hilliard wrote to ask whether FCRA would give some capital funding towards it and will help speed up works. Although a BCP responsibility, residents Mike Duvall & Ian Price proposed £1,500 contribution.

Residents VOTE: **over 50% In Favour**, no votes against.

Resident suggested approaching the Beach Hut Association for a contribution as well.

parkrun - Is a free event that takes place every Saturday at 9am where people are able to join an organised run, walk or jog around an approved route. It started around 21 years ago by Paul Sinton-Hewitt, who arranged a 5K run in Bushey Park, London. 13 people turned up and it became a regular event now with more than 800 parkrun events in the UK and over 2000 events in the world over 26 countries.

Three years ago Jan Peters approached BCP and tried to get parkrun established but all proposals were rejected. Finally in June this year The Highcliffe Beach parkrun has been approved and will start at The Cliff Hanger, running along the prom. Fundraising had to be started for £4,800 for IT systems, defibrillator, high vis vests etc to support the run. FCRA donated £250. A Trial was held last Thursday with 13 volunteers to manage and 26 runners, it went well and a second trial is to be held in the next couple of weeks.

Volunteers are needed to help so if anyone wishes to help please contact enquiriesFCRA@gmail.com or contact Meg Ward.

Any help, once a month or every 2 months is appreciated.

Campers Overnighting/Parking – Photos displayed of camping vehicles along Avon Run Road (ARR). The residents formed a working committee to tackle the issue of overnight camping. They collected data through the summer and put together a proposal and sent it to BCP Chief Operations Officer through Cllr Dedman. The proposal made to BCP:

Overnight camping should be banned for the same hours that people can park in ARR through summer and winter. To be considered on a trial basis of 2 years just for Friars Cliff, from Bure lane all the way down to beach side.

Photographic evidence shown to residents:

- A lady emptying a toilet cassette on pavement verge in ARR.
- Resident along ARR woken at 11 pm by Domino's pizza delivery person for a camper van opposite the house as vehicles do not have an address.

AOB - Future Guests? - Outdoor Centre Hengistbury Head Centre & RNLI Lifeguards.

Councillors usually attend half an hour prior to meeting but residents confirmed this was not necessary for the new earlier start time of 7:00 from December.

Next meeting 4 December at 7 pm
Wine & Mince Pies
Interactive Session

Meeting Close 9 pm