

BABBACOMBE, ST. MARYCHURCH, WATCOMBE, & MAIDENCOMBE
WARD MANAGEMENT

Minutes of meeting held at the St Marychurch Town Hall on Monday 20th October 2003

PRESENT:-

Peter Huff	Chairman
Jill Gillon	Secretary
Sgt, John Woods	Community Sergeant for Torbay
Con. Phil Owen	Community Constable - Watcombe
Con. Steve Anderson	“ “ - St Marychurch & Maidencombe
Con. Steve Stoppard	“ “ - Barton, Hele
Con. Trevor Thomas	“ “ - Wellswood
Don Brooks	Wellswood Resident, ex Councillor
Kelvin Mallet	St Marychurch Resident
Beryl Mallet	“
John Lawrence	“ Bay Blooms District Action Group Rep.
Christopher & Eileen Williams	Babbacombe Residents
Paul Hammond	Neighbourhood Watch
Cllr. Gordon Jennings	Watcombe Ward Councillor
Cllr. Steve Darling	“ “ “
Kathleen Hawkins	Babbacombe Resident – St Annes Hall Rep
Chris Howell	St Marychurch Trader
P Taylor	St Marychurch Resident
J Meacock	“
O Walsh	“
L Philp	“
N Brass	“ Herald Express columnist

APOLOGIES

Cllr. R Stringer, Cllr. Alan Faulkener, Paul Price, Cllr. Eileen Salloway, Arthur Christian.

The Minutes having been circularised, were taken as read, proposed by Don Brooks seconded by John Lawrence.

MOOR LANE

Yellow lines had been put down on the approach to the first give way section and the brambles had been cut back from around the big tree. There was some doubt as to whether the lines were of sufficient length, but Con. Owen would monitor.

WATCOMBE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr. Jennings reported that a good meeting had been held with positive results, a committee had been formed and there were several evening bookings.

MAIDENCOMBE

Speeding on Teignmouth Road
Car Park C C Trust, lights 20 M.P.H. ON HILL

ROWLEY ROAD

There were several Rowley Road residents present and they brought attention to their problems with regard to inconsiderate parking leaving no room for turning, cars actually going through the barricade where there was room between the bollards. The secretary agreed to put a planter in the

middle to prevent this, with some help from the residents. Thursday Friday and Saturday when the Snooty Fox had a late licence there was a considerable lot of noise around this area, some residents had phoned the police on several occasions. They were encouraged to continue doing this so that these complaints were logged on the nights in question. They understood that sometimes a car was not available to attend right away, as there may be more pressing incidents elsewhere. The Constables present had had occasion to visit the Snooty Fox and where possible would respond when calls were received.

Sgt. Woods outlined the new "Community Plan" in which organisations and groups from the private, public, voluntary and community sectors would come together to improve the quality of life for the people of Torbay. Three meetings had been organised in Torquay, Paignton and Brixham in which everyone was invited to put their points of view. He said that we have the largest group in the Bay and Chris Howell asked why were there not four meetings organised, the fourth namely Babbacombe & St Marychurch. The Councillors present agreed with this and had mentioned it at the time of formation.

The ward boundaries have been changed and the Community Constables areas also to come in line. A map was not yet available showing these changes but we would get one as soon as available. Our group will then cover from Wellswood through to Maidencombe and the surrounding areas.

The Secretary reported that the proposed development of the Blue Conifer site into 32 retirement flats that had been rejected on the first application, was now going to appeal. She urged those present to send in an objection as soon as possible, as everyone is agreed that this would be an abysmal overdevelopment of an attractive site in a prominent position. The Secretary was asked to object on behalf of this committee.

She also reported that several local residents had attended a Council meeting where the future of the Cliff Railway was discussed. Three options were proposed, Closure, keeping it going and finding upwards of £500,000 over the next three to five years to maintain it or putting out for private tender. We made it quite clear that closure was not an option! This now goes before the Executive Committee.

Cllr. Jennings, who was at the meeting said he was impressed by the number in attendance and the three speakers who gave a good account of how strongly we felt about this essential commodity. This was a good example of how we can all work together to achieve our aims. An Hotelier also mentioned at this meeting that by October 1st, not only was the railway not working, the flags had been taken down along Babbacombe Sea Front. This does not encourage late season visitors. It was hoped that when the decision was made, the railway would be open, if not all the year, at least earlier and later in the season.

Paul Hammond Torbay Neighbourhood Watch coordinator said there was a meeting at Paignton Community College on 31st October in which all were invited to express their views on issues affecting their community. He also reminded us of the Halloween "season" at which there were always some problems with the Trick or Treaters using eggs, flour etc to pelt those houses that refused to give anything. Posters were to be issued to all retailers selling these things, asking them not to sell to young people if they thought this was the reason for the purchase. He said T & T meant Trick or Treat not Taunt and Terrorise.

Nita Brass reported that several seats had been vandalised on Petitor fields, the Councillors present would report this.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 19TH 2004 6.30 P.M. ST MARYCHURCH TOWN HALL