

HERBRANDSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 27TH JULY 2022 7PM IN VILLAGE HALL
MINUTES

39/22 Agenda item : Sandy Haven slip way bollard.

Present : Cllrs R.Owens, T.Roberts, A.Forrest, N.Coles

Clerk D.Davies.

Apologies : Cllr M.Galdo, D.Philpin

Members of the Public Present :

A.Allen, L.Thomas, J.Tree, E.Davies, G.Parkes, R.Varns, C.Varns, D.Hooker

Cllr R.Owens welcomed everyone to the meeting , called to discuss concerns from the public about the bollard recently placed at top of Sandy Haven beach slip way by the Community Council.

He explained the reason for the community council deciding to place this at the slip way was for the safety of the public visiting the beach. The council had received a large number of complaints over the past few years, about anti-social behaviour of members of the public driving on the beach. Therefore 2 years ago they had placed signs asking the public not to park on the beach. These had been ignored and complaints had continued so the council made the decision to place a removable bollard on the slip way. This was after the council had discussions with local police, Pembrokeshire County Council representatives and National Parks. The bollard was approved and purchased by the National Parks and put in place by Herbrandston Community councillors. Keys were purchased to enable the bollard to be removed and distributed to all emergency services. 1 key was purchased for the owners of Sandy Haven caravan park and another for the Sandy Haven Mooring holders for all their members to use. A sign was placed at the bollard informing the public that they could request access by calling a mobile number. 3 members of the Community Council held the remaining 3 keys.

Cllr R.Owens then invited the public to speak ;

G.Parks . Cars should not park on beach as could cause accident with children. He didn't feel that bollard with keys would help but suggested building a new slip way.

A.Allen. Fully supported the decision by council to place the bollard there for the safety of the public. She felt that the Community Council had the interest of the community at the heart of this decision.

J.Tree As a boat owner with a Mooring he highlighted to the council that he paid fees to both the Crown and Port Authority and therefore should have full access to the beach. He felt that the Council should have discussed this issue with the Boat owners and given keys before this was put in place. He stated that he was not against the placing of the bollard on slipway as it offered protection for boat owners' property but requested keys be issued to each mooring holder.

L.Thomas Supported what J.Tree had said and explained to the council that there were elderly people owning boats and therefore needed to be able to drive onto beach to transport items for their boats. Asked who owned and looked after the slip way , chairman replied saying that the slip way was maintained by PCC and National Parks with their good will but the Community Council will contact Land Registry about ownership .She stated that there was approximately 30 members to the boating club and that the council could be issued a list of these individuals. She felt that a key box was not a good idea and requested all mooring holders to be issued with a key which she would be happy to pay for.

E.Davies Explained that some years ago he had a canal boat and keys were issued to all owners , a similar situation to this one. He also agreed that the bollard offered security for his possessions and told council they had experienced vandalism to items , theft and dinghy's set adrift .He stated he was happy to pay for a key but requested a key to every mooring holder that need full access to the beach.

C.Varns Asked how she could get access to the minutes from Community Council meetings. Clerk explained these were posted on Pembrokeshire County Council official site along with a paper copy held by herself , available to any member of the public requesting to see them. Meeting agenda were also published on the official online site and also paper copy placed in village notice board.

D.Hooker Had concerns how the logistics of calling for the bollard to be removed was going to happen . Cllr explained that keys were held by 2 councillors and clerk who would remove bollard for anybody giving notice to launch a boat. She was also concerned that residents were not told about this or asked for their views before the bollard being put in place. She suggested minutes to put on the village Facebook page.

R.Varns Told the council he had 20 years' experience in a similar situation to what the council had done. Members to a boating club at a lake had paid for a key each to access their boats and it worked well.

Cllr R.Owens thanked everybody for their ideas and said that as the chairman was not present today the council would hold a further meeting to agree any final decisions. He then closed the meeting

FOLLOW UP MEETING MONDAY 1ST AUGUST IN VILLGE HALL 7PM

Present ; Cllrs M.Galdo , R.Owens , A.Forrest , N.Cole

Clerk D.Davies

Apologies Cllr D.Philpin, T.Roberts.

Cllr R.Owens gave a brief over view of the public meeting. Councillors were pleased that there had been no real objections to the bollard being put in place. In fact there had been some positive feedback about the protection for the boat owners possessions. Main concerns raised from the public was that they had not had information before the bollard was put into position, and that the mooring holders wanted better access.

Councillors agreed that if they could be issued with a list of mooring holders from the Port Authority then keys would be made available to all members. The cost to the council for purchasing keys £10 each, would need to be covered by the individuals and they would all need to sign a declaration prepared by the councillors at this meeting.

Clerk asked to email S.Ashton, Commodore of the Mooring holders boating club with this outcome and attach the declaration for his members to sign.