

Minutes of a meeting of the Harve des Pas Improvement Group held at 6pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at the Lido, Harve des Pas

(Minutes taken by Deputy Coles)

Chair: Beatriz Poree (BP)

Present: Tom Coles (TC), Andy Jehan (AJ), Cindy Skinner (CS), Steve Fitzgibbon (SF) & Ollie Brewster (OB)

Apologies: Sam Mezec, Simon Crowcorft, David Warr, Marcus Calvani, Sarah Burns, Andi Mallet, Janine Slous, Jason Maindonald, Mary Gillen, Sandra Routier, Carmel O'Connor

Approval of the Minutes from 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The minutes were hereby approved with no corrections required.

Matters arising:

No matters, in connection with the minutes were raised.

Update from the Police:

Community Officer Alex Guelper (AG) introduced new police officer Andrew Houiellebecq, who is in training and currently serving within the Community unit.

AG confirmed that the SOJP had started their planning for this years summer season, applying lessons learnt from last year and hopefully will be more proactive in the area.

Residents pointed out that there has been people drinking in one of the shelters early on Sunday mornings, for the last couple of weeks, AG made a note and would report it back, indicating that a patrol would pass the area on Sunday morning to investigate.

It was mentioned that litter in the shelters was starting to become an issue, as the bins are outside of the shelters rather than inside. AJ took a note and would take this up.

During the most recent bad weather, the roller doors on the changing rooms have been damaged and they will no longer close. Residents are worried that this might lead to vandalism and wanted the police to be aware, as it is out of sight from a drive-by patrol. AJ took a note and would take up the issue with the door.

Residents indicated that there is an issue with cars driving south bound on Green Street. It was clarified that cars should only be traveling north bound unless they pulled out of after the southern side of the traffic calming measures. It was questioned which way people were to turn when they pulled out of Greenwood Court/Marrett Court Road, as there was no signage. There were concerns over the new Limes Development, being just after the restriction point on cars traveling south, and whether people would simply cut this restriction. AG & CS said they would work on covering some patrols and create a presence in the area, AJ would investigate the signage.

## Update from IE Officers

SF handed out a booklet, included with the minutes, which highlighted the investigation works, risk profiles and areas of priority to improve sea defences.

SF spoke of the timeline for the Sea defences project, which started in June 2023, construction should begin in 2028, with this section being completed by 2033(ish). There will be consultation, with residents, in June 2024 to discuss the options and establish which is the preferred.

The defences are designed to cope with 1 in 100-year type events, for context, when Victoria Avenue wall was damaged, that was considered a 1 in 8 year event. AJ confirmed that HdP is priority 1, as potential damage and forced relocation of residents were the most severe.

Questions were asked about the involvement of planning, SF confirmed regular conversations were taking place and hoped that this wouldn't be an issue.

OB spoke about the South Hill Park and La Collette Garden. Previous plans were halted, due to lack of funds, however, since Storm Ciaran, funds have become available through the public realm budget.

Plans are now moving forward, based on the work commissioned by the Parish of St Helier and their consultation with the HdP Improvement Group.

OB confirmed that there are a number of issues that will need to be overcome, being a grade 2 listed area and site of archaeological and ecological interest. Meaning the site will need careful restoration.

The sites will have better planting and tree management, AJ said that lighting would be provided but it will be low level. There are working going on to investigate a public toilet, rather than the closest being on the promenade.

Currently, the plan to link the 2 sites will be a pedestrian crossing of some kind. Though the feel of the 2 areas will be linked by matching street furniture.

Richard Le Sueur questioned the boundaries used in the plans, OB confirmed that the section missed was part of SoJDC's planning obligation agreement (POA) for the South Hill development and would be part of their plans.

The question was asked about the Skate Park, OB confirmed that there was no skate park in this plan. AJ confirmed that there were plans to come forward for Fort Regent and that it is likely that there will be a skate park there instead.

## Any Other Business

TC mentioned that Thorn Cottage on D'Auvergne Lane, a property that is very run down, that day received planning permission to be repaired and brought back into use.

Questions were raised about the car park owned by Seymore Group and its planning application, residents acknowledged that there were a number of public comments, TC confirmed that if that was the case the application would come to the planning committee.

Express Electrics site, TC has not seen an application but would check and keep an eye out for it.

Sovereign Car hire site, unfortunately, TC has no knowledge of where that application is currently.

Liz mentioned the corner of Green Street and Harve des Pas being dangerous and doesn't like the crossing. The light on the old Sea Forth has not been replaced and its quite dark – AJ to take this away.

It was pointed out that the next meeting is 1 week earlier, due to Liberation Day being on the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, 6pm at The Lido, Harve des Pas