



Minutes

Minutes of the Havre des Pas Improvement Group meeting held on Thursday 10 August 2023

<p>1 Welcome and apologies Chair: Deputy David Warr Present: Deputy Tom Coles, Deputy Sam Mezec, Deputy Beatriz Poree Apologies: Constable Crowcroft <i>[Minutes by Elise Wetherall.]</i></p>	
<p>2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023</p>	
<p>The minutes were hereby approved.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising</p>	
<p>Deputy Warr read the following update from the Constable:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SC is grateful to the SOJP for the various steps they are taking to improve the security around the Lido, and he will ask the St Helier Honorary Police to do all they can during the coming months although they are heavily committed to other events such as Battle. 2. In response to questions raised about funding for the Havre des Pas area, South Hill and La Collette Gardens SC clarified that the States Assembly approved his amendment to the last Government Plan to allocate extra funds from 2024 for urban regeneration including HDP. He expects to see this in the Government Plan next month, especially in relation to the proposed work on South Hill Gardens, coloured lighting along the promenade and the historic trail. All the items were consulted on and agreed during the Parish’s Village Improvement Scheme work with WSP. 3. SC agreed with the point made in the previous Minutes about the States paying every year for parks in other Parishes to be improved and maintained but not in St Helier. SC confirmed he has been campaigning for years to get the Government to redress the unfairness of St Helier’s position in respect of revenue funding of parks, toilets and other public amenities, so far with no success. 4. SC added a comment about the new lifeguard shelter, saying that as always, no consultation was held with the Lido, the Parish or the HDP Improvement Group. He said that it is no wonder residents question the purpose of the meeting when the Government simply do what they like. 5. Finally, SC expressed his gratitude for the excellent minutes both to Elise who writes them and Annie who circulates the monthly packs for the group. <p>Other issues arising from previous minutes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Good Egg has been waiting 4 years for lighting where they are. Is anyone able to give an update on when the lighting issue will be resolved? • The location of the lifeguard cabin raised concerns that when lifeguards are inside, they cannot see round the corner. There were concerns the guards spend 	

	<p>too much time in the cabin although some residents strongly disagreed with this concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Warr was challenged on his vote against funding for improvements in the HDP area. He explained that what he voted against was an amendment to the Island Plan which ring fenced £1m for improvements for which there was a lack of resources. Instead, he voted in favour of another amendment which spread the funding over a three-year period so £300k would be awarded in 2024, £350k in 2025 and in 2026. The deputies present confirmed that a meeting has not yet been organised with Liberty Bus. 	
<p>4 Update from the Police (Andy Buxton (AB) – Community Police Officer)</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB confirmed that he had been present at a meeting with Mark Davey, maintenance manager for Jersey Property Holdings (“JPH”) and had recommended a number of updates required at the Lido. He confirmed that the CCTV on the outside of the premises operated by the Lido was now broken and that getting it fixed required subcontractors which could take some time. He confirmed it was very unlikely anything would be done for this summer, but he is hopeful for March/ April next year. He explained that Mark Davey was unaware of any previous requests from the police about CCTV, but he seemed to be helpful and cooperative. The requested updates were for the lights to be fixed on the boardwalk, the camera lenses to be cleaned, additional floodlighting especially for the roof and the rear of the Lido, the positions of the cameras to be looked at and for the servers to be fixed. AB confirmed that they had only had one report within the last month which was some foreign exchange students on the roof. Their college was spoken to. AB confirmed that patrols had been scaled back as the police were needed at other sites. Residents confirmed that they have noticed a change this summer and were encouraged to keep reporting any issues so that the police could monitor the situation. Connor Burgher thanked Andy and his team for being so proactive and confirmed that they had been looking at bike racks and additional signage for the board walk to stop bikes coming down. A resident suggested a public webcam that people were able to check. AB confirmed that the police do not have a dedicated officer who watches the CCTV, so they are reluctant to put up anymore cameras. When an incident is reported then the cameras are looked at. AB confirmed that the Lido staff are very good at reporting issues. He also confirmed that the CCTV camera automatically turns to the Lido between 8pm and 2am. Marcus confirmed that he can see from the Lido’s cameras that there have not been the same large gatherings as in previous years. AB confirmed that the repeat offenders who have caused issues at the Lido previously have moved on to new areas. The residents expressed that the atmosphere has definitely changed, and it is nice to see visitors and residents enjoying food and drink at the Lido. They also expressed that the Lido staff were very good at dealing with any issues. 	
<p>5 Update from IHE (Deputy Binet)</p>		
	<p>No update was received. To be added to the next agenda.</p>	
<p>6 Update on the Havre des Pas Seaside Festival (Connor Burgher)</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB confirmed that resident’s letters had been sent out today with the exception of Havre des Pas Gardens and the last Marrett Court building. The last of the letters are expected to be distributed within the next day or so. It was requested that Greenwood Terrace be added to the letter drop as a cul de sac of HDP Gardens. 	

- CB confirmed that the Traffic Management Plan was now available to view on sthelier.je and that if anyone has a property with parking within the arena then they should get as close to their property as they can and then a marshal will safely escort them to their property.
- CB explained members of the group had been emailed about taking part in organising beach games and we are really keen to get people signed up to help.
- CB went on to confirm that the following entertainment has been booked for the weekend: Free bouncy castles, Jersey Water Polo Association matches in the bathing pool, the Jersey Youth Service zorbs and inflatable archery, DJ stage run by Craig Alder and the main stage run by Third Above Entertainment.
- CB further explained that there are a number of other activities that are in the process of being finalised which are Glide CI and their fliteboards, Jersey Beach Volleyball Association, a costume competition for children (pirates and mermaids) and resident run community beach games.
- CB confirmed that so far, we have 17-18 stallholders confirmed but we expect more last-minute bookings.
- CB finally explained that the Parish is investing significant resources into keeping everyone safe and to minimise disruption. This will include security on all exits at kick out time to manage disruption throughout the side roads as customers leave the arena.

7 Any other business

Richard Le Sueur confirmed that they have been waiting 22 weeks for JPH to sign the consent for the retrospective planning application for the screens. Mark Davey has been appointed as maintenance manager for the JPH properties. Jay (Manager at the Lido) and Andy (police) met with Mark Davey who said during a walk around of the Lido that nothing has ever been recorded as requested maintenance at the Lido and that they will complete any maintenance that needs doing. However, this then changed to there being no budget for maintenance at the Lido because the limited budget JPH has had to be spent on other properties. Therefore, any maintenance will have to come out of next year's budget. They also can't complete maintenance in the summer due to tourists or winter due to the weather so painting of the outside of the building is likely to happen in the Spring. It was confirmed that this is not the first time a response like this has been received from JPH and the residents would like to put forward an FOI request to get to the bottom of what is going on.

Residents requested an update regarding the Lido steering group and called for an initial meeting. Marcus said that the response from JPH so far is that they do not like steering groups. SC has been asked to provide an update at the next meeting. Residents are keen to publicise the issues to gain support and funding for the pool.

A request was made that the Seymours be contacted to provide an update on what the plans are for Residence de La Plage.

An update on the reopening of Pier Road was requested. Deputy Warr confirmed that there has been no update and that they are trying to get the demolition of the damaged surrounding buildings over the line.

Concerns were raised over plans for 41 flats on the Express Auto Parts site. Residents were advised to look up the planning application online and submit their comments.

It was requested that SC provide an update on concealed exit/ entrances signs at the next meeting.

Marcus ended the meeting by saying that the Lido had been accredited in an international book available on amazon called sea pools, where the Lido has been included in the 66 most amazing sea sanctuaries.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 September 2023, 6pm at the Lido, Havre des Pas