



## **FORDER COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**

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***“caring for the community: protecting the environment”***

**NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL - MAY 2017**

### NOTICES / FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

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### **Minutes of FCCA Meeting- Monday 24th April 2017.**

PRESENT: David Salt (acting Chair), Roger Fursier (acting Minute Sec.), John & Marianne Beale, Sandy Parry, Joe Hall, Pat Crawford, Carole Brown, Jenny Pilgrim, Cllr Bob Austin, Pat Salt, Sam Tamblin (Prospective councillor), Marty Vincent, Keith Rawlings, Mark Wakelin, David Yates.

1. APOLOGIES: Tony Parry, Phyllis Crawford, Derek Pilgrim, Andrea Cohen, Mave Hall, John & Jan Lidstone

2. MINUTES of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March approved (signed as an accurate record)

3. MATTERS ARISING.

a) Saltash Community Flood Forum. Nothing further to report.

b) Defibrillator ... Tony has asked the local 'First Responder' to come to the May meeting to give an overview of the costs and requirements: if we go ahead and get one, it will need an electrical power supply, and will need to be mounted in a prominent position in the village ... suggestions welcomed.

c) Repairs/surfacing of path on east side of creek ... nothing to report

d) Sea wall repairs ... nothing to report.

f) Replanting of area at head of creek (east side). Marty Vincent explained that the area in question was planted some 20 years ago on completion of the culvert but has now become a problem with maintenance and overgrowth. There is also a drain under the road which has collapsed. Her request was twofold ... first for permission to remove the existing vegetation (which may well be necessary anyway for repairs to the drain) and then to position low maintenance planters, probably on a gravel bed to promote natural drainage/soakaway. She would welcome physical assistance. Proposal broadly supported, volunteers for a working party requested. Jenny commented that the shrubs close to the village seat on the west side need cutting back too.

g) Commemorative seat in Orchard. The Miller family would like to erect the seat in June: they are happy with the location suggested (close to the service road overlooking, and within the boundaries of, the orchard: material will be brown or dark green plastic made from recycled polythene bag material, so maintenance free). Any comments/observations should be addressed to Roger, not John Miller.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT -

Income since last report	
Interest	£15.42
Film Night (gross)	<u>£52.00</u>
	£ 67.42

Expenditure since last report

Film Fee and Memberships (To C-Fylm)

£30.00

Donation for hire of <i>Projector</i> (x2)	£20.00
Grass cutting (x2)	£70.00
Calor gas refill	<u>£62.76</u>
	<i>Total</i> £182.76

5. MOORING OFFICER'S REPORT. Moorings invoices for 2017/18 are going out ... 2/3 done. Three applications have been received from residents, apart from our usual waiting list; hopefully these will be allocated shortly.

Moorings licencees are reminded that they are required to keep their craft and moorings in good order: several boats are in poor, neglected condition. Boat owners are asked to remove seaweed from their mooring lines regularly, to prevent the lines floating and becoming a hazard to other boats entering and leaving moorings.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Two boats damaged at Cargreen. Usual warnings about locking sheds, garages, boats, outboards, equipment and vehicles ... there has been a recent spate of thefts from vehicles.

**POST MEETING NOTE: On Tuesday night (25/04) the FCCA hall was broken into, and our PA equipment stolen: the glass in the south door was broken and the door opened using the manual 'fire escape' knob. This has now been changed for a key lock, so new 'fire escape' procedures will have to be followed**

7. and 8. CONSERVATION and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' REPORT. Nothing to report.

9. PLANNING. Nothing significant. The Council has not received a planning application for any tree work in the area beyond the Undercliff, where several trees have been marked.

10. Saltash CIC report: A second monthly market is being held following the closure of the Crocodon market. REMINDER: Hopper service to Derriford is currently not attracting enough passengers to make it viable long term: it will continue for the time being, albeit with timetable adjustments. Anyone wishing to use the service is advised to check current situation with staff at No 4 Fore Street (848348). The report in the press of its imminent termination was not correct. More volunteer drivers would help to spread the driving load ... again contact No 4. **'Use it or lose it'** is the message

#### 11. RECENT EVENTS

Film Night 24<sup>th</sup> March .. 16 members watched Bridge of Spies.

Coffee morning April 8th. Thanks to Jane.

Creek Clean up Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>: an encouraging general lack of rubbish collected: a possible advantage of 'keeping on top of the problem'. It was proposed that next year the clean-up should take place perhaps a month earlier as this year a lot of vegetation made it difficult to see rubbish.

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Fete June 4th: Carole and her group have been working on the arrangements:

Justin Leigh had been asked to open the fete, but in a very friendly letter said that he had a prior engagement so could not do it.

Plant Stall – so far no one has offered to run the stall ... volunteer(s) needed.

Donations invited for Tombola, Plants, White Elephant, Cakes, Books, Raffle.

Carole suggested that we could start holding wine and cheese evenings.

Pat C suggested that the village should put strings of Christmas lights along the road. Residents could be encouraged to have their own external lights to provide more variety.

13. No significant correspondence

14.AOB.Bob Austin said that the wooden steps leading up to Churchtown Farm on the east side of the creek will be undergoing maintenance shortly (5<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> May) ... contact Bob if you are able and willing to help.

Tree work in Conservation Areas ... Roger reminded the meeting that there are strict rules regarding **any** cutting work on trees whose trunk is more than 75mm (3") in diameter at a point 1.5m (5ft) above ground level. Members are advised to follow the correct procedure (and if in doubt, contact the Council) **before** doing any trimming of such trees (there is the risk of a fine of up to £2500/tree)

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **May 15th** at 7.15pm