



**FORDER COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION
ASSOCIATION**

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

NEWSLETTER

July – August 2019

NOTICES/FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Coffee Mornings – see noticeboard/website for details

Film Nights – 13th and 25th September – see noticeboard for details

Creeky Crafters – 1st & 3rd Mondays, 10:30 – 13:30

Summer Fete – Sunday 14th July (See details below)

FCCA Meeting Minutes 8th July 2019

1. **Apologies** : Jenny Pilgrim, John Hooper, John Lidstone, Mave Hall, Dave Salt
2. **In attendance:** Tony Parry, Carole Brown, Rebecca Pearce, Lyn Vickers, Bryan Baker, Viv Crabb, Gil Jeffries, Jenny Jeffries, Joe Hall, Roger Fursier, Sam Tamlin, Pat Salt, Keith Rawlings
3. **Minutes of the June meeting**

Error: Accountant’s Report for 10th June 2019 was reported incorrectly. Below are the actual figures.

Income since last report (6th May)

Mooring Fees	£1,104.00
Films (2) (gross) £81, £54	£ 135.00
Donation	£ 10.00

	£1,249.00

(Mooring fees received but not yet banked £1,596.00)

Payments

Film Costs	£ 78.00
Donation to Great War Committee	£ 100.00
Plants for village	£ 7.95
Electricity	£ 57.04
Wares	£ 7.70
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	£ 250.69

- 4. Filling vacated committee places:** Nigel Crabb approved as becoming a trustee. Rebecca Pearce volunteered to take the role of Treasurer if a Minute Secretary can be found to take her place. Rebecca will shadow John Beale for the time being to see how things are done.
- 5. Summer Fete:** Carole would like to decorate inside the hall on Friday morning at 11am. Roger has offered to pick up tables – Barry Jones has requested a pick up at 4pm. Tables to be kept until the following Friday. Justin Leigh is coming to open the Fete. Carole prepared to provide a lunch for him. Someone will be required to tell where the St John's Ambulance should go. The band are coming.

Plan of Gazebo is needed. Which goes where? How many tables required. BBQ has two tables. Richard has the BBQ. John has the utensils.

Jenny Gilbert will help with BBQ and Bryan will do the cooking.

Donations for the bake stand including garden fruit will be welcome.

There is a shortage of raffle prizes. All donations welcome to Pat or Mave.

Bryan asked if free hotdogs should still be given to the band. Each year the band are paid £200 to come and they get hotdogs and tea given to them. The band members don't get paid as the money goes to buy instruments. 50 sausages will be donated so they can still be given free to the band.

Continue to give the band a free hotdog. Carried almost unanimously.

6. Accountant' Report

Income at 8th July 2019

Mooring Fees	£1,569.00
Coffee Mornings	£ 40.00
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	£1,636.00

Payments:

Rent (Antony Estate)	£ 62.50
Grass Cutting (x 4 cuts)	£ 200.00
Boiler Service	£ 105.00
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	£ 367.50

7. **Mooring officer:** Nothing to report
8. **Conservation officer:** Milk deliveries would be greener. Milk and More, and Green Cow Dairy suggested. (Mills Milk deliver but use plastic bottles).
9. **Environment Report:** Climate Emergency has been declared widely. There is general concern over plastics and how best to recycle things like old credit cards. Should they be returned to source to be recycled? See Environment Matters below for answers.
10. **Coffee Mornings:** see notice board for dates.
11. **Creeky Crafters:** Work ongoing to make things to sell at the fete.
12. **Neighbourhood Watch:** increase in malicious calls and voicemails purporting to be from HMRC. Exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

Microsoft computer scam has just started again.

A man in a white van was observed trying to take two dogs, in the village. Could possibly have come from Plymouth.
13. **Correspondence:** Pat Salt read out a letter from Sue Stannier to Pam Parsons, that was forwarded to her for interest as she now lives in the house Sue once lived in, 60 years ago. In the letter she discusses problems over development that the whole village had to fight against. She was instrumental in setting up the conservation area and cottage listing. A quote given from the letter; *“No Saltash Council can now turn the creek into a rubbish dump as was once proposed.”*

Rebecca to forward the thank you letter that has been received from the Great War Committee to John.
14. **AOB:** Planning application 19/04599 Broadmoor development site – an application to discharge various outstanding elements has been submitted. It has not been sent to

Saltash Town Council. It does not cover all reserved matters. It does have a schedule for construction which is broadly 100 houses per year for ten years.

There is a time limit on comments. It is so vague and so sustainable drainage officer has said there is not enough information to comment on and so has asked for more detail.

Thanks due to two people for repairs to the sea wall. Ian summers did it and David Salt did the other work. Overhang by the oak tree is quite substantial.

Verbal permission was given to remove the tree branches but nothing written. Who is responsible for the bank. If it is an unadopted road then the landowners are responsible. The Council is therefore responsible. The road from the highway is not registered to anyone. Perhaps people should stop parking there. New permission needs to be sought to make the trees secure. Need to decide who will do it and Warren will ask a tree surgeon for a quote.

For safety, parking must be at your own risk. Ask Cornwall Council to look and find out. Tony will ask Sam Tamlin.

Roger Fursier – question on last meeting. David was thanked for cutting grass in the orchard. Someone was going to speak to Daryl to give a price for cutting the orchard £15 per cut. It is rough ground. Can he cut every other time?

Agreed. He cuts the undercliff twelve times a year. So this would be six times. If we are going to bring on the wildflowers it will be cut twice a year. Roger will speak to him.

Film – 24th July is Fishermen's Friends.

Is there a plan to do anything to the road between Forder and Burraton Coombe? The potholes have been filled. It is decades since it was top dressed. It is apparently on the list to be done in 2019-2020.

The road has a 30mph sign and it is far too fast. Can it be reduced?

It is very dangerous for dog walkers and children etc. Tony will discuss with Sam Tamlin.

Lyn: Good news – the post box will be painted. Any news on the dog poo bin? New spot by the telegraph pole where the road splits to either side of the creek.

Ask David Yates and he will take it up with the appropriate authority.

BBQs put into the poo bin. It was alight and Warren kindly put it out. Children using the creek put their rubbish in the poo bin. This could have set fire to a car. Bins are too small for what they are now being used for. You may get a combined poo and rubbish bin.

Marianne – people should take their rubbish home with them. We don't want to encourage people to keep creating rubbish.

At least children are keeping the beach clean.

John: Ramp for the disabled is beginning to rot and needs looking at. Roger will look at it.

Lynn - Would it be possible to ask people not to bring electrical goods into the hall. Unless they have been tested, due to potential fire risks.

There once was a list of do's and don'ts for the hall but lately it has become a friendly thing. Marianne will look into it.

15. **DONM:** 9th September, 7:15pm (**please note there will be no meeting in August**).

Meeting closed, 20:26

Environment Matters

I catch myself laughing at an article by Caitlin Moran in the *Times Magazine* in which she appraises her history of insect slaying. In truth it is no laughing matter. My hysterical malaise is due to the contrary news reporting of the mass extinction event currently underway. If the cocktail of toxins and chemical suppressants we have released since Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* was published in 1962 were not quite enough to kill most living entities, global warming will do just as good a job as the natural order and balance of things goes completely out of whack. July, the hottest month on record globally, should be a wake-up call to us all. Yet daily, species are literally dropping like flies. Few people appear to me to be concerned. The Newspapers suggest that climate activists are extremists that need to feel the full weight of the law, while noting the Swiss Alps are being covered with reflective blankets to save glaciers from melting. Happy to report on Greta Thunberg's globe-trotting under sail, and the plastic-filled ocean she will be cutting through to reach the next important summit, the main media outlets are also busy debating the merits of paper straws in milkshakes, whilst completely missing the point that a widely available 750 calorie, branded milkshake, in a take-away cup, is the last thing our obese nation needs at the 11th hour (see the Leonardo Di Caprio film for more information). But this brings my focus back to local matters. On a trip between Forder and Burraton I can now reliably pick up an average of five discarded milkshake cups. They should be humming with wasps and insects, eager to explore their sticky contents, but I can pick them up without encountering a single invertebrate. Something is very wrong. We can choose to campaign against littering or go further and change the way we live.

At the last meeting credit cards and milk bottles were scrutinised for recyclability. As was pointed out, it would not be good to have a local dairy delivering only to one house in the village. Much better if most people opted into a delivery service that uses glass bottles, to make the delivery round as efficient as possible. Let me know if you are interested in doing this.

We all have a lot of cards in our wallets and in the main they are made of carcinogenic PVC, which should be recyclable but due to the number of additives in a card, and the presence of micro chips and signature strips, unless you want to make them into something like jewellery or a key fob, the only place for them to go is into the general waste stream. In Cornwall this will go to incineration. Though I see burning plastics as an almost like-for-like swap for other fossil fuels we might burn for energy, they are full of toxins (see mass extinction above) and I don't know how efficient incinerators are at 'scrubbing' their exhaust emissions. There are alternatives to plastic cards. Hand-held electronic devices can be used. However, I don't know how many people in Forder have embraced this technological advance. And of course, your device uses energy and isn't 100% recyclable either. It strikes me that to keep things local, we could try bringing back a simple barter system. I doubt you will get served under the golden arches but having a fully functioning and successful local exchange system would be the ultimate form of sustainability.

Rebecca Pearce