

# Winter News 2022/23



*Hardy New Year dippers and walkers*

## **Autumn General Meeting was cancelled**

Despite our best efforts to organise our annual Autumn meeting in November, no-one from BCP was willing or able to attend to answer questions from our members.

Several senior officers were approached as was the portfolio holder representing the seafront but no-one was available.

This was very disappointing and as a result we were compelled to cancel the event as without responses to questions the whole point of trying to hold the council to account was lost.

## **Protesters at Branksome Chine**

Members from all beach hut associations impacted by BCP's decision to increase beach hut rents by above inflation rates annually over the next five years.

This news story reached some national papers as well as local media.

With depressing news everywhere in January there was not much to be happy about when members from our local beach hut associations gathered on New Year's Day to protest against BCP's decision to go ahead with their planned increases to our rents.

We are all aware of BCP's precarious financial situation partly due to their mismanagement and ill-advised plan to 'sell-off' the beach hut stock. As a result tenants must pay the new rates, which rise above 40% over five years, or surrender their tenancies.

PBHA has opposed this decision at every opportunity regrettably to no avail. Budget proposals were approved at Full Council on 10th January.

We will keep you apprised of news and updates as they occur.

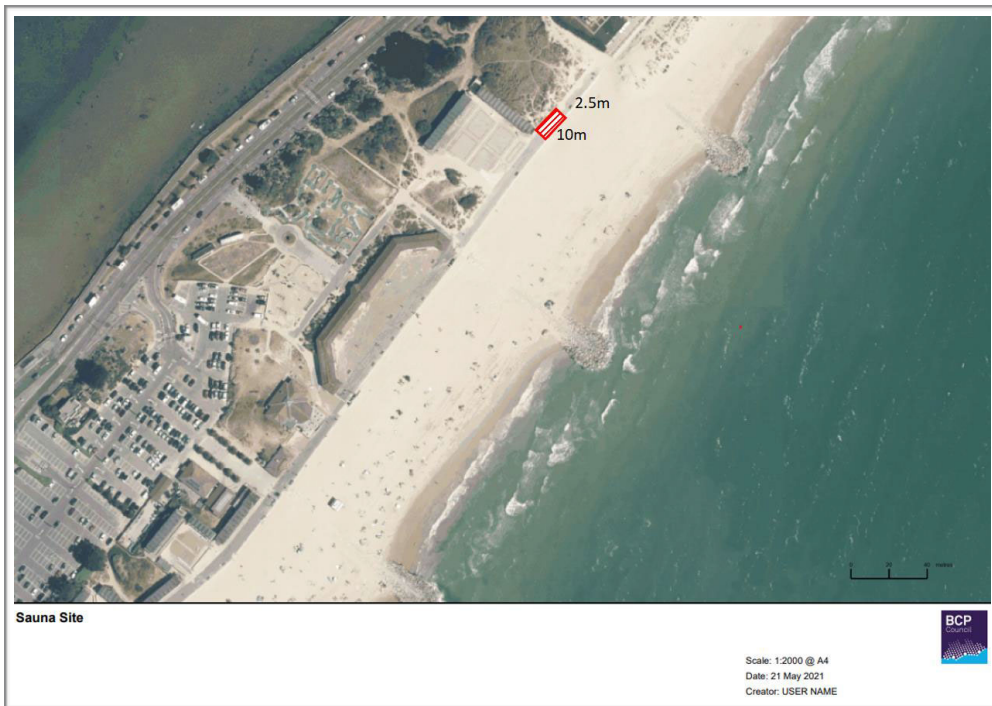
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There is a legal requirement for a local authority to advertise the disposal of land (*etched in red*) consisting or forming part of an open space. The Council is now advertising its intention to lease the sites (for a beach sauna) and a copy of the Disposal notice is below. The Council will then consider any objections or representations received to the proposed disposal submitted by the date specified in the Disposal notice.

Please note that BCP Council would retain the freehold ownership of the land and would be the landlord under the proposed lease.

**NB For information only - Objections to this had to be submitted by the end of November.**

For more information visit <https://bcpseafontprojects.net>

### Rockwater restaurants

Plans to refurbish the Sandbanks beach cafe (below right) have been delayed due to the discovery of nesting sand lizards near the site. A revised plan has been submitted to the planning committee but as yet no start date has been announced.

Meanwhile, at Branksome Chine work has begun to clear the former Branksome Beach cafe/restaurant ready for the new premises to be constructed with a planned opening in the spring.

Takeaway kiosks remain open throughout the winter for hot drinks and snacks.



## News from the committee

The committee met in December and members were disappointed that despite protestations from all four beach hut associations raising objections to BCP's planned rent rises over the next five years, it appeared that Cabinet had approved the recommendation. Full Council in February will present the budget for 2023/24.

Our Social Secretary, Yvonne Hartwell announced the date of the summer social event at the Branksome Dene Room to be Monday 26th June.

Tony Mullins, our Treasurer advised that annual subscriptions are now due for 2023. £5 is a nominal fee for members to be kept regularly informed of news from BCP regarding their tenancies.

## Summer Social event



**Please save the date - Monday 26th June**

**BBQ/ Fish & Chip supper**

**Branksome Dene Room.**



## £18 million government fund to 'transform the seafront'

Daily Echo reports in January announced that the government are granting BCP Council £18.2 million of levelling up funding to transform the seafront. Closer inspection of the detail revealed that the funding prioritises infrastructure repairs to Bournemouth Pier and the East Cliff with improvements between the West Cliff and Boscombe Pier for more power and water services and 5G infrastructure.

The only element of the fund which affects the Poole seafront is for seawall repairs at Hamworthy Park.



**Spot the deliberate mistake!**

## Public Space Protection Orders - Have Your Say!

BCP has launched a consultation on proposals to protect open spaces including the beaches. Residents and other stakeholders are invited to complete a questionnaire to register their opinions on a number of proposed measures to strengthen BCP's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, to protect and enhance the beaches, open spaces, car parks and highways during the peak summer season.

Your views are required on a number of subjects including a ban on overnight camping and sleeping on the beach, lighting of open fires and a ban on barbecues. The consultation closes on February 19th.

Visit [haveyoursay.bpcouncil.gov.uk/pspo](http://haveyoursay.bpcouncil.gov.uk/pspo) for more information.

### POOLE BEACH HUTS ASSOCIATION

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting is to be held on 14th March 2023  
at 7pm

East Dorset Lawn Tennis Club, Salterns Road, Poole.

Refreshments will be provided on arrival.  
Guest speakers will be invited to speak on topics of interest.  
We look forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

**If anyone would like to serve on the committee next year please let me know. We are urgently seeking to elect a new Secretary.**

Bob Lister  
Chairman

## Annual subscriptions for 2023 are now due



Our treasurer Tony Mullins would like to remind members that your £5 subs are now due to renew your annual membership.

Please contact Tony by email [tmullins196@gmail.com](mailto:tmullins196@gmail.com), with your name, home address, most importantly your hut number and location and your email address.

Please send a cheque made payable to Poole Beach Huts Association or a BACS transfer to our account with Lloyds Bank.

New members are always welcomed so please encourage new and neighbouring tenants to join us.

Sort Code: 775024 Account : 32480860.

For more information about the Association visit [www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk](http://www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk) or contact

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