

Minutes of the telephonic meeting of
Noetzie Conservancy Owners Association

held at
17h30 on
Thursday 5 August 2010.

Present

Nick Taylor - Chairman **NT**
Cathy Shimmin - Treasurer **CS**
Julie Gosling **JG**
Santi Den Boestert - Conservancy **SdB**
Penny Suckling **PS**
Carl Metelerkamp **CM**
Wendy Dewberry - Secretary **WD**
Eion Brown **EB**

1. WELCOME

NT Chairman welcomed the members to the 6th telephonic meeting of the 2010 Committee.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of Previous meeting

NT the minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1. Building and Development

3.1.1. HEADLAND Development

JG not yet spoken to Mike M-Brown of Knysna Municipality regarding NEMA (National Environmental Management Act) vs ECA (Environmental Conservation Act) application w.r.t. Headland development. NT has summed the situation up in the Winter Newsletter.

JG to Action

3.1.2. House Visser Erf 72

NT reports that he has yet to receive an updated plan from the architect for Dr Visser's house. **WD** reported that according to Kate Southey of KM, the Municipality sent out a specialist who agrees and stands by original decision of requiring a Geo technical Report before issuing an OSCAER permit. (Outeniqua Sensitive Coastal Area Extension Regulations). This refers to intentions to excavate.

3.1.3. Don Lindsay Access Road

Don Lindsay has met with Pezula Home Owners, neighbours who have issues about breaching of security to their fenced Private Estate. They require a gate and security camera.

PS suggested we get the full report from Don himself.

PS to Action

3.1.4. Erf 84

EB reports that he heard that Ian Henderson has submitted plans to move the Municipal Lavatories Southwards in order to consolidate the property.

3.1.5. Erf 80 House Robinson/Thompson

Eion reports that the plans and the 3D model are incongruent in crucial areas. The main issue was the two-storey building plans on the Headland where the Guidelines stipulate single story dwellings.

Other points are :

- Roof and decks over the building line on South side
- Excavations down to create a platform will require retaining walls which need to be reflected on the plans.
- Excavations on North side (road) are at 2 m plus. Driveway does not work properly.
- Soak away would be improved by turning pipes 45 degrees.

we NT asked EB to submit a draft response on behalf of NCOA. JG suggested get the architect on site.
Copy of Plans to be sent to CS

EB to Action

3.2. Conservancy

3.2.1. Tree identification and naming

In process.

3.2.2. River parking area

SdB still not received copy of letter for permission to cut vegetation which was apparently issued to Steve Getliffe. NT called for closure in this issue. The point about getting proper permission has been made. In the meantime, George has been instructed by Henry Loubser to cut the tree (Hard pear?) above his house because it is blocking the sun.

3.2.3. Alien clearing

SdB has received a letter from SANParks to say that there is no budget this year for a full alien clearing up the Noetzie River. However, they will repeat the 2009 approach in collaboration with Pezula and Noetzie Home Owners. NT said that he will attempt to get teams up the River to handpull alien saplings over December.

3.2.4. Water testing

WD collected river samples and submitted to Dr Brian Allanson for the Winter test. The results were given in the newsletter. They are summed up as follows: 3 samples were taken; the harbour result was very low, as was the one taken in the reeds below Gilliomee's house. (less than 10 cpu's per

100 ml). Note that 100 cpu's is considered the safe cut off for recreation levels. The river mouth has opened, and a sample was taken from the river at the place where the river begins its flow, opposite the Municipal lavatories. The result here was a surprising 107 cpu's per 100 ml. Suggestions were that this high result could be from further up river from a biolytic system, form animals or seepage form the Municipal lavatory. NT and JG suggested more tests be done to get a clear picture an mitigate. NT also would like an article about water testing for the next newsletter.

WD to Action

3.2.5. Monkey problem

NT suggest very strong water pistols like the ones at Julie's house. . They seem to work. Meanwhile, the monkey issue was added to the Winter Newsletter. Owners and tenants are urged to be vigilant and educate others on the dangers of feeding monkeys.

3.2.5. Water Course Management at River Houses

CS reports that over the dry season she believes that something happened, because all of a sudden during this last heavy rain a spring has erupted under Derek Bond Smiths house on the river. Water was spouting out of the air vents under the house. JG reckons that it could be caused by the continuous dumping of garden refuse by George in the watercourse. This has been an issue for years. EB suggested that Derek construct a berm to divert water away from his house . WD urged that professional opinion be sought to deal with the problem and to do the environmentally correct thing before people go digging slots etc. JG suggested we get Marietha Alant of SANParks on site for guidance.

WD to Action

3.2.6. Beach Driving Permit

JG reports that the NCOA beach driving permit expires in August 2010. CM states that NCOA applies on behalf of those concerned and is responsible to monitor and ensure its proper use. NT to draft a letter to Marine and Coastal Management to update the NCOA permit. JG to provide address.

NT to Action

3.3. Finance and Managerial

3.3.1. Payment of Accounts

CS reports that payment of annual subs has been relatively good, with only the usual list of defaulters outstanding – All Chesterfield Holdings erven, Pallent, Lowen, Reid, Snyman, Rookan, Rumbalo, Scott, Visser... CS sent out an email requesting that the defaulters pay up.

3.3.2. Signing of Audit

Nothing to discuss

3.3.3. Record Keeping

NT to forward back-formatted minutes to Carl for posting on NCOA website before next meeting.

NT to Action

3.4. Municipal

3.4.1. Illegal Trading at Montrose

NT to meet with MMB of KM together with Pezula before the next meeting. The issue of all previous correspondence between NCOA, KM and Pezula regarding illegal trading at erf 67 which does not exist must be clarified and rectified.

3.4.2. Boom

Nothing discussed

3.4.3. Weddings on the Beach

No discussions

3.4.4 School Site

NT to find out whether the Knysna Municipality has, as claimed, jurisdiction over this piece of land. Does it fall within Provincial or Municipal control? A suggestion that NCOA attempt to get a 99 yr lease and manage it as part of our Conservancy. All agreed.

NT to Action

3.4.5. Application for Powers from Knysna Municipality

NT to write to KM thanking them for the written response to NCOA's request and accepting the position of having a legitimate voice when it comes to Building Plans at Noetzie. All agreed that having this letter from MR JB Douglas of KM in black and white is powerful.

NT to Action

3.4.6. Erven 32, 34, and 35.

Questions were raised as to the relevance of this issue to the NCOA. Julie pointed out that since all our correspondence to KM and Pezula regarding Pezula's illegal activities at Montrose refers to an erf 67, which does not exist. Rather, the Montrose erven are shown in the original forms, erf 32, 34 and 35.

3.5. Newsletter

All were thanked for their input.

NT suggested that all the Conservancy agencies like Cape Nature, SANParks, DWAF, GRNP, etc which affect us be explained in an article for the next newsletter.

JG to Action

4. GENERAL

4.1. History of Knoetzie

Committee agreed to encourage people to submit histories and to attend

proposed recording evenings.

5. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

5.1. Carpark Signage

SANParks signs in the Carpark area – EB reports that 2 are in bad state. Julie offered to deal with it, since she was the one who organised and paid for the signs to be made and erected. NT suggested we get a quote and pay for it out of NCOA funds.

JG to Action

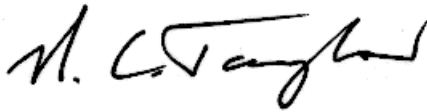
5.2. Pezula Canoe Trips

EB reports that it appears that Pezula has outsourced the canoe trip operation on Sanparks property. He says that the people are noisy and wonders if there are permit conditions, or permits at all involved. Eion will enquire with Andre Riley at SANParks

EB to Action

Date of next meeting : Thursday 2 September 2010, 5.30 pm

Approved as a true reflection of the meeting:



N. C. Taylor
Chairman