**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ST HELENS POINT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 4TH MAY, 2014 AT HILLCREST CARAVAN PARK.**

Meeting Opened at 10.30am.

**Present:** Duncan and Ann Taylor, David and Jean Brigden, Buck Emberg, Peter Ronald, Peter Werner, Tony Lawson-Brown, Ann Rath, Janet Smith, Debbie Napier.

**Apologies:**  Cathy Crosswell, Bill Napier, Steve Lidster, Judy Thomas, Angela Reid, Margaret Osborne, John Berridge.

**Minutes of the last meeting** had been circulated by email. Moved by Ann, seconded by Janet that they be accepted. Carried.

**Inward Correspondence.**

1. Margaret Osborne re a meeting about our proposed barbecue near the Stieglitz playground, hopefully to be built with a combination of input from Council, the Lions Club and us. I forwarded it to our Committee.
2. Landcare re membership renewal. I forwarded it to Steve who will pay it.
3. Katie Clegg, saying the Council has been awarded a grant to upgrade the intersection of St Helens Point Road and the Tasman Hwy, which will incorporate the Lions Park including the relocation of the existing carpark. Work will start in the near future.

**Outward Correspondence**.

1. Katie Clegg asking for seaweed beach cleanups to be extended from the Stieglitz boatramp to the north end of Stieglitz beach at Akaroa lagoon. (The existing cleanups have only been tendered for 500m north of the boat ramp).

**Treasurer`s Report.**

Bank balance stands at $3907.28. This includes $60.35 profit from our Easter sausage sizzle and some new memberships. Moved Steve, seconded Janet that it be accepted. Carried.

**Business Arising from February Meeting.**

1. We participated in the Clean Up Australia campaign and collected rubbish from our area. Many thanks to those who participated. A downside was the inefficiency of the organisers who didn`t get our kit to us until after the event. Luckily Chris had supplies from last year, so we managed OK.
2. We held a successful sausage sizzle at the Stieglitz playground on Easter Saturday and gained some new members . Welcome to you all.
3. An item was published in the Coastal Column inviting people to this barbecue.
4. A subcommittee is to be formed at Peter Werner`s suggestion, to involve BOD, Parks and us. Moved Peter Werner, seconded John Berridge. This committee will report back to our meetings.
5. A self-inking stamp has been ordered from Vistaprint.

**Subcommittee Report** was presented by Peter Ronald. Details as follows.

A meeting was held with Peter Ronald, Peter Werner, Debbie Napier, Chris Hughes and Mark Shelton. Three areas were covered.

1. Upper Akaroa. Track and local drainage.
2. Track from Stieglitz boat ramp to Beauty Bay.
3. Track from Stieglitz boat ramp to Akaroa Point. The Council is responsible for the track

The group is waiting for Lionel Pool to return, and a meeting will be organised when he does.

**General Business.**

Duncan and Ann attended a meeting with Margaret Osborne about the proposed Stieglitz BBQ. She indicated that Council and the Lions Club are interested in helping us and that she will put an application for some funding into next year`s Council budget.

Steve had drawn up a prospective plan for a BBQ layout near the playground at Stieglitz. Copies were passed around.

Debbie wants the Council to be responsible for the track all the way to Akaroa Point.

Council will mow to the end of the bollards. We want Council responsibility extended for this area. Parks will still have ultimate authority for this area.

Peter Ronald suggested putting seaweed on the problem areas of the track and covering it with dredge spoil from Pelican Point. Maybe use our money for this.

Boobialla is an increasing problem along the track. Buck compared it with rice grass on the Tamar River. Debbie suggested we help with boobialla eradication.

A new boat ramp is to be built next to the existing one at Stieglitz, funded by MAST and to be maintained by Council.

Buck said we should support prospective councillors who support our area.

Buck complained about unleashed dogs on the beach. He said Police and Council weren`t interested. Three dogs belonging to a doctor at Akaroa are roaming alone on the beach and in the neighbourhood. Debbie suggested people affected by this should contact Council individually. Buck said he will take up a petition in the area and take it to Council.

Duncan urged people to encourage their neighbours to join our Association

A letter to be written to Des Jennings about the lack of a footpath along St Helens Point Rd in the area from the Caravan Park heading north.

**Meeting Closed** at 11.30am.

**Next meeting** to be in the usual place at Hillcrest at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd June, 2014.