**CANFORD CLIFFS LAND SOCIETY LIMITED**

REPORT of the COMMITTEE APRIL 2025

Your Committee has continued to keep itself busy during the year dealing with various matters arising within the Estate:

* 2025 marks the 100th anniversary of the Society in its present form. We are aiming to mark this by holding a celebratory party towards the end of the summer holidays and also by providing some enhancements to the equipment in the Pirate Park (the existing equipment having also been funded by the Society several years ago). It is likely that the new equipment will not be in place by the time of the proposed party but we do hope to be able to provide some sample pieces together with illustrative posters.
* Once again, we were pleased to provide the Christmas Lights in the Village. The cost increases relentlessly year-on-year by we were again very cheered by the support received from the local business community. Unfortunately, we continue to be dogged by technical issues surrounding the middle string of lights but we are still working on a solution. The switch-on party in the Village in late November was again a great success. We were joined by the Mayor and Sheriff of Poole, together with our two Ward Councillors. The Canford Cliffs Community Choir led us in a rousing selection of Christmas Carols to start the Festive Season in style.
* We continue to review all planning applications relating to properties on the Estate and we object where we feel this is appropriate.
* Despite the rejection by HM Planning Inspector of the original application for a development of seven luxury flats at 7A Spencer Road, a further application has been made. We have co-ordinated objections by many local residents and also retained a professional adviser to put our case for rejection to BCP Council. The matter is ongoing.
* We were pleased that the proposed plan for flats at 49 Cliff Drive (in respect of which we submitted a vigorous objection) was rejected.
* In Bessborough Road, we have removed the knee-high wooden barriers (many of which were rotten) and replaced these with strategically placed rocks at the roadside. The cost of like-for-like replacement of the barriers was, in our view, prohibitive. We feel that the rocks are at least as attractive a feature as the barriers and will provide the same level of deterrence to casual parking during the summer months.
* We have dealt with various challenges to our proprietary interests in the Estate.
* At the recommendation of our auditor, we are taking steps to engage with HMRC regarding the long-standing arrangement whereby our liability for Capital Gains tax on the fees received for covenant waivers is deferred.
* We have continued to provide flowers to the planters in the Village all year round as well as attaching replica poppies to the lamp posts to mark Remembrance Day.
* We are in the process of upgrading the Notice Boards in the Pirate Park and outside the old Post Office. However, we are experiencing some issues with the latter.
* Finally we would like to record our grateful thanks to our two Ward Councillors, John Challinor and Gavin Wright, for their active support throughout the year.

*April 2025*