

Newsletter 2013 January

The incoming committee of The Wilderness Ratepayers & Residents Association held its first committee meeting of the year at the Fairy Knower Hotel on Wednesday 9th January, at which the following portfolios were allocated:

<u>Office Bearers:</u>	Pieter Naudé - Chairman,	Phillip Parsons – Deputy Chairman
	Niel Viljoen – Treasurer,	and Vanessa Hau-Yoon - Secretary
<u>Portfolios:</u>	The portfolios were allocated as follows:	
<u>Budget, Rates & Taxes:</u>	Pieter Naudé, Phillip Parsons & Neville Ewing	
<u>Economic Development:</u>	Pieter Naudé and Trevor White	
<u>Tourism & Business Signage:</u>	Paul Nicholas	
<u>Sanral & Transnet:</u>	Neville Ewing	
<u>Town Planning:</u>	John & Marie Callanan & Phillip Parsons	
<u>Services: Electricity, Water, Sewerage & Refuse:</u>	Pearce Johnston	
<u>Environmental:</u>		Neville Ewing
<u>Traffic, Local Roads & Pavements:</u>	Hugh Pharoah	
<u>Safety, Security, Emergency Services & Law Enforcement:</u>	Hugh Pharoah	
<u>Neighbourhood Watch:</u>	Hugh Pharoah	
<u>Communication & Liaison:</u>	Phillip Parsons & Vanessa Hau-Yoon	
<u>Treasury & Admin:</u>	Niel Viljoen & Vanessa Hau-Yoon	
<u>Community Projects:</u>	Colleen Simons	

Concern was expressed about the non-transfer, to date, of the telephone for the new Wilderness Tourism premises in George Road. Confusion also reigns over the rules for walking unleashed dogs, which is not permitted on municipal property. Sanparks, however, have issued a notice headed “Code of Conduct for People Walking with Dogs on Beaches and in the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park”, stating that dogs must be under voice or signal control at all times, and dog handlers must always carry a leash. Furthermore, dogs must be leashed if the handler is unable to control the dog or if it is vicious. The notice contains many other rules and regulations but concludes that dogs are allowed east of NSRI (with some timing exceptions) up to the steps in front of the newly named Pearl of Wilderness, and some areas of Kleinkrantz. Dog owners are requested to obtain a copy of this notice from Sanparks for clarity.

WRRA wishes to thank Paul Nicholas for his hard work towards the recent installation of Wilderness History panels on the Sanral wall behind the Caltex Garage in the village. Take a look! Another exciting WIP development is the Village Monitor Project which the business community needs to get involved in if it is to become a sustainable initiative. 2013 looks to be an exciting year for Wilderness.