

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (SRA)

'Residents Working Together'

Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 16th FEBRUARY 2012

Venue: St. Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Members and Guests. The guests included:

The Mayor of Chichester, Cllr Tony French, WSCC Member Mike Hall, District Cllr Simon Lloyd-Williams, District and City Cllrs Tony Dignum and Peter Budge, and City Cllrs Barbara Rees and Derek James.

The speaker, Cllr Richard Plowman, Chairman of the Friends of Priory Park PCSO Karen Turrell.

There were no press representatives.

2. Apologies for Absence

From Andrew Tyrie MP, Cllr Peter Evans, Committee Member Vanessa Stern, and SRA Members V. Porter, A. Stiles, J. Shapiro, D. Meriton, Eileen Pankhurst, C. Santander, Mr & Mrs J. Green, Mr & Mrs Pattison and Mr Ashby.

3. Minutes of AGM on 11th February 2010

The Minutes were accepted as a true record through a unanimous show of hands.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced the committee and thanked them for their individual contributions and all the support they give him. Michael Berry is standing down as Minutes Secretary although he hopes to remain on the Committee overseeing the Newsletter distribution. The Chairman thanked Michael for his hard work and support. The Chairman welcomed new committee members Roger Hobbs and Trevor Owen. Roger has offered to take over as minutes Sec. and Trevor as Assistant Planning Sec. He also thanked Dennis Napier, who stood down earlier in the year, for his support.

He thanked Gillian Berry for representing the SRA on the NMP.

The Chairman summarised some of the events of the year which for once were not all planning related matters. For example the Committee had debated at length the '20's Plenty' campaign for a blanket 20 mph speed limit throughout the City (details of these discussions can be found in the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30th June 2011). The 20's plenty campaign has now been debated at the South Chichester CLC and will be the subject of a full public consultation.

The SRA remains neutral on the introduction of Sunday car parking charges.

On planning and development issues, he detailed progress on Graylingwell and Roussillon Park. He highlighted that proposals have come forward from Coleton Care to build a 72 bed nursing home on the Southwest corner of the former barracks site. There has been public consultation and a response is awaited. Three smaller parcels of land

within the barracks have been sold for development. One site opposite the One Stop Shop is causing possible concern as it is currently a green open space.

The Chairman highlighted changes to the planning policy adopted by CDC in 2011 which allows development on sites that abut the SPA. This is particularly relevant to the Summersdale area and the Chairman felt that this was a charter to developers to target land in this area. Already there is a registered charge on land known as Raughmere Farm, Lavant which is land in the strategic gap between Summersdale and Lavant.

Lastly, the Chairman asked if members wishing to receive news updates by e-mail, and they are currently not doing so, would they please let us have their e-mail addresses.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer explained the Accounts in detail and there were no questions from the members present. The Chairman thanked Peter Bickley for his work throughout the year. The meeting unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report and adopted the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2011. Proposed by Mrs M. Whitehead and seconded by Mr M. Berry.

6. Election of Officers

At this stage in the proceedings the Vice Chairman took the chair and announced that Mr Jeremy Hunt was prepared to continue as Chairman and that there were no other nominations. This was supported unanimously by the Committee. Mr Hunt was elected unanimously by the Members. Proposed by Mr D. Martin and seconded by Mrs G. Berry. On election Mr. Hunt returned to the office of Chairman and as there were no proposals for new committee members from the floor, he proposed to elect the existing Officers and other Committee members en bloc.

Vice Chairman: Mrs Sue Spooner, Treasurer and Assistant Minutes Secretary: Mr Peter Bickley, Membership Secretary, Mrs Vanessa Stern, Newsletter Distributor: Mr Michael Berry, Planning Secretary: Mr Andrew Birch, Goodwood Liaison: Mr Dennis Martin, Newsletter Editor: Mrs Mary Quiney, Webmaster: Mr Michael Steel, Minutes Secretary: Mr Roger Hobbs, and Assistant Planning Secretary: Mr Trevor Owen.

Proposed by Mrs M. Whitehead and seconded by Mr J. Newman.

All were elected unanimously.

7. Election of Independent Examiner

Mr Carlos Santander did not wish to continue for another term as IE due to other commitments. Mr John Wilford has volunteered to take his place. Proposed by Mr M. Berry and seconded by Mr A. Birch. Mr Wilford was elected unanimously.

8. Other Resolutions - None

9. Guest Speaker

Richard Plowman, Chairman of the Friends of Priory Park, gave an interesting potted history of the Park through the ages which explained why the Park was important to the local community today. He acknowledged that underfunding had occurred over the last 30 years and that there was now a need for urgent action to improve facilities. These included the cricket pavilion, the location of the children's play area, the hockey club and other associated buildings. A master-plan had been prepared, and for its ambitions to be

realised external funding was being sought together with contributions from various users. These are in advanced stage of negotiations and further developments will be reported back to members when they become available.

The Speaker answered some questions and a vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice Chairman, Sue Spooner.

10. Open Forum

Councillor Mike Hall was invited to address the meeting. He encouraged the SRA to band together with other local groups and elected bodies to defend the green strategic gaps that border the City boundary. There were a number of issues that needed to be considered, in particular transport modelling. There had already been a considerable level of large scale development in the northern sector of Chichester and there has not been any highway infrastructure improvements arising from any of this. He also mentioned problems on the A27 and at the Apuldram water treatment works, neither of which has been adequately resolved.

Cllr Derek James spoke briefly about the work of the Neighbourhood Management Panel. One particular problem was parking outside the One Stop Shop. However, there was strong support from the floor of the status quo which demonstrates that more thought needed to go into the solution rather than merely passing the problem onto neighbouring residential roads which were already beginning to experience all day parking pressures.

Cllr Tony Dignum spoke briefly of the inadequacy of not having an agreed LDF and how this left Chichester open to being picked off by developers as it was not currently meeting the housing allocations in the South East Plan or the revised numbers of 330, or 305 houses proposed subsequently by CDC.

Mr. John Newman, member, commented on the state of the roads particularly College Lane; cycling facilities in general but in particular at the Northgate Roundabout which disappears into a mud patch when it rains; and parking on Summersdale Road. Other issues raised the closure of public toilets in Chichester by the CDC. Overgrown hedges on Broyle Road were also mentioned as an irritation to pedestrians.

11. Closing the Meeting

The Chairman then invited all members to remain and enjoy refreshments with their friends and neighbours. He then formally declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

R. M. Hobbs 18.02.2012