

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

"Residents Working Together"

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2006

Dear Member

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2006. We trust you had a good Christmas and wish you a prosperous New Year.

Dates For Your Diary

Our **Summer Party** will be held this year at the University of Chichester and the date is fixed for Saturday 17 June 2006. The evening will include a buffet supper, use of the bar and an optional tour of the College including the chapel and library. Details will be circulated nearer the time but numbers will be limited and the cost will not exceed £9.75 per person. Our parties have sold out for the last 2 years, so do book early – please contact the Chairman at 29 Harberton Crescent or on 531494.

A tour of **Brandy Hole Copse** has been fixed for Thursday 27 April 2006 in the evening commencing at 7 pm. Details will be posted on the SRA noticeboard next to the One Stop Shop nearer the time but if you want to come please contact the Chairman on 531494.

Committee meetings are arranged for this year as follows, all at 7.30pm at St Michael's Hall: 20 April 2006, 18 May 2006, 22 June 2006, 7 September 2006, 19 October 2006, 14 December 2006 and 4 January 2007; AGM 8 February 2007; cttee mtg 15 February 2007. All paid-up members are welcome.

Annual General Meeting - 9 February 2006

This newsletter serves as official notice for our AGM which will be held this year in St Michael's Hall on Thursday 9 February 2006 commencing at 7.30pm. The agenda is attached.

In Case of Emergency - From Paul Barnetson

What happens if you have an accident? Will your helpers know whom to contact? As most people carry a mobile phone these days, you may well have already added an "Emergency Contact" into your stored list of phone numbers. However, if you haven't, do please consider the following suggestion.

East Anglian Ambulance Service has launched a national "In Case of Emergency" ("ICE") campaign, with the support of Falklands war hero Simon Weston. Just store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you want to be phoned "In Case of Emergency". Then, in an emergency, ambulance and hospital staff will be able to find out quickly who your next of kin are, and be able to phone them. It's so simple - everyone can do it. Please do.

Proposed Lay-By in Summersdale Road

Your committee has supported a suggestion for a lay-by outside The Cherries in Summersdale Road as not only are parked cars blocking a busy road making it difficult for buses to pass but the length of road blocked is causing a safety hazard. The Head of The Cherries was in favour as well but unfortunately West Sussex County Council did not approve the idea. If you want to know why then please contact the Chairman on 531494.

Planning

Ref 05/04229/FUL: Extension of Mobile Phone Mast, Warren Farm House, W. F. Lane, PO19 5RU

An application to increase the height of the Orange Phone Mast at Warren Farm Lane/ Centurion Way has been submitted to Chichester District Council. The application is to increase the mast from 15 to 20 metres to allow for the installation of additional equipment to allow the mast to be shared with O2. The SRA is proposing to object; however you may wish to make your own objections to CDC clearly stating the above reference and marked Objection (see below).

Ref TBA: Sunrise Living Lavant Road: 86 Bedroom nursing home

The above application has now been submitted, although has yet to be registered and therefore no planning application number has been allocated.

Following the briefing meeting at St Michael's Hall on 8 December and having regard to planning policy the SRA is currently proposing not to object; however we shall be making strong representations for improvements to car parking, road crossings and design aspects when the full plans are published. You may wish to make your own objection and representations to CDC stating clearly the reference once it is allocated and marked Objection (see below).

Ref 05/03394: 8A Lavant Road - 8 Flats

The above application for eight flats has still to be determined by CDC. The application if approved will see the loss of 5 to 6 on-street car parking spaces currently used by patients of the surgery, due to a reduction in length of the lay-by in Lavant Road.

We have objected; however you may wish to make your own objections to CDC. If you would like to object, please contact the planning secretary of the SRA (Andrew Birch, tel 775342) for an update as the application process is well in progress – plans are expected to be submitted shortly – and matters may have developed further post the publication of this newsletter.

Objections ...

... to any Planning Applications should be addressed to Mr S Carvell, Head of Development and Building Control Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant, Chichester PO19 1TY.

For further information on major planning updates, monitor the SRA notice board adjacent to the One Stop Shop.

Other planning news

You may have noticed that a large property "**Meadowlands**" on the corner of Lavant Road and Hunters Way has been demolished. This is to enable the building of a block of five three storey townhouses.

The planning application for the **Vodafone** mast adjacent to Summersdale Court on Lavant Road has taken a further twist with CDC supporting the view that the original application was contrary to planning procedures. We are waiting to see whether Vodafone launch a legal challenge or submit a revised application. CDC have indicated to Vodafone that any revised application should be on a site further north of the original application. The SRA has been closely involved with the residents of Summersdale Court and The Drive who have been fighting this application for the last 12 months.

Finally we are awaiting proposals for **the Barracks** site which although vacant has still to be declared surplus to Defence requirements. The SRA is aware of attempts by Chichester City Council to list parts of the Keep and will support the listing process. The SRA will keep involved with any planning consultation on the future of the site.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7.30PM
AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL, SUMMERSDALE ROAD**

Please bring this document with you. Copies will not be available at the meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**
- 2. Minutes of AGM on 10 February 2005 (abstract attached). A limited number of copies of the full minutes will be available at meeting.**
- 3. Chairman's Report.**
- 4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 December 2004.**
- 5. Election of Officers (namely Chairman, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2, Planning Secretary, Web Master, Newsletter Editor) and other Committee Members.**
- 6. Election of Independent Examiner.**
- 7. Resolutions.**
- 8. Open Forum.**

- Nominations to the Committee or for any post may be made by any member provided it has the consent of the nominee. Nominations can be made at the meeting but it is helpful if they are submitted in advance to the Chairman. We are keen to appoint new, younger and female members to the Committee.
- If you wish to propose a resolution please give it in writing to the Chairman at 29 Harberton Crescent at least seven days before the meeting so that it can be published on the SRA notice board next to the One Stop Shop.

MEMBERSHIP

SRA membership subscriptions are now due. Please send this form with your household's remittance to Mrs Sophie Rudge, Membership Secretary, Appletrees, Chestnut Avenue, Chichester PO19 5QD or give to her at the AGM.

It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order. If you would like us to send you a standing order form for you to complete and return to us, please put a tick here If you are filling this in before the AGM, please call the Membership Secretary on 528632 to ask her to send you a standing order form for handing in at the AGM.

Herewith is our £2.00 membership subscription to SRA for 2005.

Signed:.....Name (please print):.....

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF A.G.M. HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2005

St. Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road

Introduction

Forty six members and eight guests attended the A.G.M.; included in the guests were A.Tyrie M.P., Colonel P.Watton O.B.E., members of the District and City Councils, Highways Department and Sgt. Robeson of the Chichester Police.

Minutes of 2004 AGM

Were agreed.

Chairman and Treasurer Reports

Reports were submitted to the meeting and are available from the Chairman on request.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following members were elected: Chairman D. James, Treasurer A. Deller, Membership secretary Mrs. S.Rudge, Minutes Secretaries M.Berry & P.Bickley also Newsletter Editor, Planning Secretary A.Birch, Webmaster C.Rathbone, Newsletter Distributor J.Ayling and other Committee Members Mrs. K.Gomez, Mrs. L.Heald, D.Martin, G.Wheatley (Goodwood Liaison), I.Wilson.

Independent Examiner: J.Yates.

Life Member: Past Chairman O.Evans.

Honorary Membership: bestowed on the positions of Principal of Bishop Otter College and the Manager of Augusta Court.

Resolution

Received from Mrs Heald a proposal that we make a donation to Tsunami appeal. After discussion it was agreed that the money go towards rebuilding a village in Sri Lanka.

Open Forum

B.Hopkins noted that there were vacancies for tree wardens in East Summersdale and West Broyle estates.

A.Tyrie spoke of Graylingwell development, A27 congestion, proposed increase in density of housing, National Park and Tetra masts.

Mrs. M.Dixon was concerned for the safety of the two large trees in front of the six houses in the new development in Brandy Hole Lane.

G.Torren was concerned for high density of new housing in Graylingwell.

D.Martin was concerned for travel to work from the Manhood peninsular associated with the new development plans for the A27, proposed by the County Council.

A.Tyrie commented that he believed the Barracks would continue in M.O.D. use.

Police Sergeant Robeson noted that the Chichester limited police resource meant no Community Support officers for Summersdale; six Chichester constables were on call!

Mrs.G. Berry was concerned that this limited resource would be needed for control of the extended pub licensing hours. Sgt. Robeson noted that supervision of hours was now in the hands of the District Council. Any extra staffing would reflect in extra Council tax.

M. Wyatt queried whether burglar alarms were routed through Police stations; it was confirmed that calls were now routed through a Call Centre.

Vodafone 3g mast proposed for north Summersdale but planning application not yet received.

Cold Calling, local problem of phones calls and tarmacking, residents should inform Police.

Members invited to visit and tour the Bishop Otter College in April and attend the SRA. June Summer Party at the Barracks.

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A message from Derek James, your Chairman

If you attended the AGM you will know that my term of office comes to an end next February 2007, in accordance with the Constitution. This may seem a long way away but now is the time to consider who will take my place in the Chair. If you have any suggestions or names of people who might be interested, please give me a ring on 531494.

Summer Party, University of Chichester

Tickets are now on sale for our party to be held at the University on Saturday 17 June 2006 from 7 pm. The buffet will be served at 7.30 pm and the optional tour of the College, which is highly recommended, will start at 8.30 pm led by the Vice Chancellor, Philip Robinson. The cost of tickets is £9.75 per person and they can be purchased from Derek James 531494, Linda Heald 787234, Sophie Rudge 528632 and Michael Berry 530208.

Wine and soft drinks will be on sale in the dining hall to have with your meal and the bar will be open during the evening. Dress is casual and there are good facilities for the disabled. As the students will have left by this time there should be sufficient car parking on site. A third of the tickets were pre-booked at the AGM so you are advised to purchase your tickets early.

Other dates for your diary

Committee meetings have been arranged as follows, all at 7.30pm at St Michael's Hall in Summersdale Road: 18 May, 22 June, 7 September, 19 October and 14 December 2006, 4 January 2007, AGM 8 February 2007, 15 February 2007.

Anyone from a fully paid-up member household is welcome to attend. The agendas are posted on the SRA notice board or call the Chairman on 531494 to let him know what items you wish to raise.

Brandy Hole Lane Footpath

You will be aware from the local press that we were very disappointed to learn that this vital improvement had been cancelled for the current financial year. However, I am pleased to report that due to pressure from our Member of Parliament, several of our local politicians, the SRA, the Brandy Hole Copse Group, and a good number of individuals, the project has now been reinstated to the current programme for 2006/2007. This will be an important safety improvement for the many people who use Centurion Way through Brandy Hole Copse.

One Stop Shop Community Notice Board

Many members will know that this board was removed by the One Stop National Company (not local) without any warning or consultation with the SRA who control the board on behalf of the many charities that use it free of charge. In its place there has been erected a large illuminated advertisement hoarding for which permission has been applied retrospectively, again by the National Company, not local.

We are in the process of negotiating with the National Company to re-erect the Community Board next to the Chichester City Council board and at the time of writing we are still awaiting a response. Meanwhile, we still have our own small notice board on the fence next to the pillar box for specific SRA notices.

Gravel Extraction

Members who attended the AGM will have heard Stuart Martin speak on the proposals for gravel extraction in and around the Lavant area including some areas backing on to the Northern part of Summersdale. Apart from the noise of machinery and a possible grading development plant, the increase of traffic through Summersdale for lorries to reach the A27 will be considerable.

Stuart has been keeping a careful check during the current consultation period and has attended meetings on our behalf. At the moment there has been a postponement of any action but various consultations are still taking place and papers are being produced. We will keep you informed of developments but meanwhile residents are asked to keep their eyes open for notices in the local press, consultation documents, etc. and let us know if you think anything is happening of which we should be aware.

Waste and Recycling Bins

We have been contacted by some members to ask if it is possible for residents to place their waste and recycling bins in an inconspicuous position if outside their property. We realise that in a few cases where houses front on to the pavement, this must be very difficult but we agreed with the members concerned to bring this point to your attention.

Planning update

Summarised below is the current status of major applications. Planning applications can be viewed on the CDC website or at the offices of CDC. For more details, see our notice board next to the One Stop Shop or contact Andrew Birch tel 775342.

Sunrise – 1-3 Lavant Road, White Lodge and 2 Brandy Hole Lane New application 06/01170/FUL

A new application has been resubmitted increasing the car parking spaces from 18 to 25. The plan also includes some changes to the rear balcony. However the issues on “bulk, scale, and mass”, highways and introducing a commercial use into a residential area have not been altered. The car parking remains minimal for the number of rooms and staff numbers envisaged. Although CDC received over 50 letters of objection to the original application, previous objections will not be taken into account and any objections will have to be resubmitted – the deadline is the next meeting of the council’s planning committee, which is 31 May. We have met the planning officer dealing with the application and expressed the concerns of the many residents who have written to the planning office, and intend to resubmit a formal objection to the new application.

**8 Flats – 8A Lavant Road
No 05/03394/FUL**

A revised application is likely to go to CDC planning committee on 3 May. The elevation to Lavant Road and adjacent properties has been improved but the density at 90 units per hectare will set a precedent well above the minimum threshold of 40 units per hectare required. The lay-by outside the Surgery will be reduced by 2 cars to allow for improved access to 8A.

**4 houses – 29 Lavant Road
No 06/01182/FUL**

Another application for the demolition of the house and construction of four town houses on Lavant Road. The gradual erosion of the streetscape of Lavant Road is now becoming a tide of applications. This application is currently out for consultation. The application is very similar in design to the five houses currently being constructed on the adjacent plot on the corner of Hunters Way and Lavant Road. We are currently considering a response to this application.

**12 Flats – 4-6 Graylingwell Cottages, Summersdale Road
No 06/00516/FUL**

This application, likely to go before CDC planning committee on 3 May, is for the demolition of two semi-detached houses (four dwellings) and replacement with a 3 storey development of 14 flats. Various issues on highways access have been raised. The density of 90 units per hectare is very high and could set a precedent for forthcoming developments on Graylingwell and the Barracks. We have objected on the grounds of density and highways.

Your voice counts

Any objections to any Planning Applications should be marked "Objection" and include the reference and be addressed to Mr S Carvell, Head of Development and Building Control Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TY.

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