

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2013

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present: Roger Hobbs (Chairman)

Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman)

Michael Berry (Newsletter Distribution)

Mike Steel (Webmaster)

Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)

Mrs Vanessa Stern (Membership Secretary)

Trevor Owen (Assistant Planning Sec)

Mr Peter Bickley (Treasurer/Minutes Sec 2)

1. Welcome to members attending

RH welcomed SRA members attending Mrs Hannelore Thomas, Mr John Gaff and Cllr Jeremy Hunt attending both as a SRA member and as the local WSCC Member.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Mary Quiney, Dennis Martin and Andrew Birch.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 25 July 2013

The minutes were signed as seen with no amendments.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairmans Report

Revival Meeting at Goodwood. RH tabled the programme of the classic aircraft flying at the show. One complaint had been received about the event from a resident in the Maplehurst Road area. JH reported that 5 days un-silenced racing was allowed each year at the Goodwood circuit. Goodwood had announced 2 extra days to be held on 29-30 March 2014.

20mph speed limit. No further comments had been received concerning the introduction of the blanket 20mph limit. The committee had observed many drivers ignoring the new limit. A review of the scheme is programmed to be carried out in 6-9 months time. The new green cycle lane painting was discussed and it was hoped that the effect of narrowing the road would help slow traffic. The committee felt that Lavant Road would benefit from a random police speed enforcement session.

New White Lights. RH attended an exhibition by SSE. The general comments that the SSE had received were that the new lights were popular although some people found the light intrusive into bedrooms. SSE are able to introduce filters to reduce this effect. The lights are currently dimmed in the early hours but the intention is that they are to be turned off completely between 12-30am and 5am.

Roussillon Barracks site. RH reported a meeting with the new Stirlands site manager Roddy Scott and was shown round the site. The works were still on programme as tabled at the last SRA Committee meeting. The site manager had offered to give SRA members a tour of the site when the development was further advanced, and RH will arrange the visit in approximately 1 months' time. VS asked whether a controlled crossing was still intended to be installed across Broyle Road at the southern end of the site. RH confirmed that this work was programmed towards the end of the development. The cycle path along the southern perimeter of the site is also programmed for the latter stages of the development as part of the planning agreement.

Singing for Health. An article was included in the SRA newsletter regarding the SfH programme and RH reported that this may have helped encourage about 20 new members to join the choir. The choir is now open to anyone who wishes to join and not just members of the Lavant Road Surgery.

Bertie's Café. RH visited the café which was located in the first floor of the rugby club. A-boards are being used to advertise the café and these have been located on the Highway at the junction of Wellington and Broyle Roads. The SRA are not objecting to the café but feel that the 'A' boards on Broyle Road are on the Highway and do need a licence. 'A' boards are considered unsightly and do create problems for the blind or partially blind pedestrians and their proliferation, within a residential context, should be discouraged. JH has sent an email to CDC about the large café sign under the rugby club sign, which requires planning permission. CDC will investigate.

Chestnut Avenue. Permission for the construction of 1 detached and 2 semi-detached homes had been granted on the Whiteeaves site as reported at the last meeting. Since our last meeting a further plot adjoining the property has become available. The developers are now proposing a revised application for a development of 5 detached houses covering both plots. SRA has no objection to the new design as it was in keeping with the appearance of existing properties nearby, and was considered to improve the streetscene. The demolition of White Eaves is due to start on 23 September and building of a detached property on White Eaves would start in October whilst the new planning application was considered by the CDC.

Daffodil Field. Mike Hall, Nick Reynolds (Chairman and Vice Chairman of RAGE2) Councillor Jeremy Hunt local WSCC Member and RH attended a meeting with CDC to see how RAGE2 and SRA could support CDC in the appeal against their decision to refuse planning permission on the Daffodil Field Site. It is likely that both RAGE2 and SRA will speak at the inquiry. It was considered important that as many people as possible, who are opposed to the development, should attend the planning inquiry on 26-29 November to show the strength of the public opposition to the proposal. A public meeting is being organised to inform residents of the inquiry procedure and how they can help.

Speaker for the AGM. Sarah Mansell of the Chichester Festival Theatre has agreed to speak again at the AGM to give members an update on the Tent in the Park and further progress on the theatre redevelopment. Other speakers were discussed and the Community Police Officer Karen Thurrell would be contacted to speak on local crime issues. The Committee thought that those speakers together with the AGM business would be sufficient and ensure enough time for SRA members to meet and socialise after the business.

6. Treasurers Report

PB reported as follows:

Current a/c	Lloyds TSB Treasurers a/c	£1,4128.40 including £360.45 rage 2
Interest bearing a/cs	Lloyds TSB Business instant access a/c	£8,531.37
	Nationwide Treasurer's Trust	£38.85
	Nationwide Business Investor	Nil

At the last meeting, a new higher interest account with United Trust Bank was discussed, and this is now in place. It was agreed that £8,000 should be put into this account, taking the 40 day notice option at an interest rate of 1.5%.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

VS reported 425 paid up members. RH suggested that standing order forms are provided when canvassing potential new members in areas such as Roussillon barracks. VS to provide a list of people whose membership had lapsed and also of existing members so any leaflet drop canvassing material is not delivered to them. JH suggested that former members whose membership had lapsed could be canvassed when the newsletter is delivered.

8. Planning

Comme Ca. TO showed details of the planning application submission which proposed to add a second floor to the existing single storey section of the building to provide accommodation, with some additional building to the rear. The designs were thought to generally improve the elevations of the building and the SRA does not propose to object.

Transition Chichester propose to create a community garden in Oaklands Park near the archery club area.

JH reported that an application had been received for the development of **44 Brandy Hole Lane**. He also asked whether SRA intended to object to the development of a property with access between **5 & 7 Lavant Road**, which could be considered to be infill development.

Local Plan submission. Objections to the revised Local Plan must be received by 9am on Monday 16 September. AB had read the latest changes and reported that the changes were only minor in the context of Summersdale. Some minor boundary changes have been made to the eastern boundary at the White House Farm site to create a larger landscape buffer between the new development and the existing residential development. The Westhampnett development area has been reduced, the employment land removed and the number of dwellings reduced to 500. A welcomed addition to the plan was that the protection given to the Chichester harbour area had been strengthened. AB will provide a submission to the CDC.

9. Newsletter

MQ asked via RH that we should be advised that the deadline for articles is 27 November for the next edition.

10. Updates from Representatives

a) **Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison.** No update

b) **Sue Spooner – CRAG.** RH attended a meeting to discuss the local plan and how resident associations could be involved directly with the district council in shaping the outcomes. CDC commented that it was difficult for them to engage directly with each RA as each one has its own agenda to promote and they were non- elected bodies. However, they are willing to meet with CRAG to discuss their issues. The SHMA update was discussed but the CDC had found the figures to be fairly robust. The CDC were aware of the danger of ribbon development along the whole south coast. Given the geographical restriction of the harbour to the south and the national park to the north, development to the east and west along the A259 corridor was one of the few options available. The preferred local plan concentrates on housing need up to 2029. At the end of 2029 the area is likely to be facing the same problem of delivering further housing need development for a further 15 year period. There is a danger that this development will be incrementally tacked onto the edge of existing settlements without any coherent masterplan and the opportunity to look at the whole area holistically would be lost. The CDC was now proposing a reduction from 40% to 30% in affordable housing allocation. A community levy would be charged on the new developments to reduce the impact of new developments on the existing community by improving the local infrastructure, such as roads, schools, healthcare etc. A reduction in the affordable housing allocation may release funds for other local infrastructure improvements.

c) **Mike Steel – Website.** The website is up to date with the 2 fees for hosting now paid for the year at £23.94. During July and August, 2,000 hits were recorded on the website, with the notice board the top hit. An email about the daffodil field site was sent out, with 60% of the recipients opening it.

11. Any Other Business.

Michael Berry reported that the next NMP meeting was Tuesday 17 September, Gillian Berry will attend. TO asked whether the question of life membership of SRA had been considered. The Committee considered life membership inappropriate.

12. Date of next Committee meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 October, 2013 at St Michael's Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The Chairman and members of the Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to any members of the SRA who would like to attend any of the committee meetings, especially if they have any relevant issues they wish to raise.