

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 27 February 2014

At St Michael's Hall

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**Present:**

<b>Roger Hobbs (Chairman)</b>	<b>Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman)</b>
<b>Michael Berry (Newsletter Distribution)</b>	<b>Mike Steel (Webmaster)</b>
<b>Peter Bickley (Treasurer/Minutes Sec 2)</b>	<b>Trevor Owen (Assistant Planning Secretary)</b>
<b>Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)</b>	<b>Mrs Vanessa Stern (Membership Secretary)</b>
<b>Mrs Mary Quinney (Newsletter Editor)</b>	<b>Dennis Martin (Goodwood Liaison)</b>

1. **Welcome to members attending**

The Chairman welcomed committee members

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Andrew Birch (Planning Secretary)

3. **Minutes of meeting of 8 January 2014.**

Agreed and signed by Sue Spooner Acting Chairman

4. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered below**

Item 12a. VS held a meeting and prepared a list of questions for Jeremy Hunt WSCC Member to consider raising at the WSCC Social Care Select Committee meeting to be held on 13 March.

5. **AGM Thursday 13 February 2014 Discussion and Lessons Learned**

RH asked for a feedback on the AGM. Members felt that the balance of the content was about right. St Michaels Hall was at capacity with standing room only. The provision of chairs may be up to the number allowed for fire regulations RMH will check, the numbers may have been swelled by the news of Land North of Keepers Wood appeal decision. The new meeting room at Roussillon barracks visited but this was smaller with fewer chairs. Members felt the main speakers address was of the right length and the local subject content well received. The elected members from WSCC and CDC gave brief updates on spending plans and the progress of the Local Plan. RH asked for suggestions for speakers for the next AGM and suggested the practice manager or senior partner at the Lavant Road surgery. SS suggested Police Commissioner Katy Bourne. RH thanked all the committee members for their help at the AGM.

6. **Chairman's Report**

RH said that the dismissal of the appeal on the Land North of Keepers Wood was an excellent result. The inspectors' findings particularly relating to aircraft noise may help protect other nearby sites. The continuing wet weather was having a detrimental effect on the local road network. Members were encouraged to report potholes, broken street tree or other highway defects to [lovewestussex.gov.uk](http://lovewestussex.gov.uk). These will then get surveyed and repaired. DM asked for this information to be put on the SRA website. VS mentioned the damaged road surface in Brandy Hole Lane and the poor location of the temporary signing. WSCC are aware of the problem and will assess the damage once the water had receded. RH was interested in capturing some of the new homes bonus money for Capital Projects in the Summersdale area, there could be as much as £25k available and welcomed suggestions. It could be used for numerous small local projects to aid movement such as drop kerbs with tactile paving, pedestrian refuges, and bus shelters. TO suggested funds for street trees to replace those being lost to the weather. Ways to deter verge over-running was considered particularly at locations such as the One-Stop shop.

7. **Treasurers Report**

PB reported the funds were:

Current A/c Lloyds TSB Treasurers A/c £2,952.87 including £241.66 RAGE 2 (and £5 notice board Donation received)

Interest bearing a/cs

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1.5% £8,000

Lloyds TSB Business instant access Nil

At the last committee meeting it was agreed to add a further £1,000 to the UTB deposit account, and this sum will be made up of the entire balance of £531.99 in the business instant access a/c with the remainder coming from the Treasurers a/c. PB reported that a further £800 could be transferred to the UTB deposit account, leaving £500 in the Treasurers a/c, and it was agreed that this would be done.

8. **Membership Secretary's Report**

VS reported that at present there were 380 paid up members of SRA with 100 still to pay their subscriptions. RH asked all to canvas for new members, and SS asked for a supply of leaflets to distribute to potential new members and neighbours.

9. **Planning**

MQ presented copies of the revised plan for **Comme Ca** which showed a road frontage very similar to the existing buildings with additional development of accommodation for 6 bedrooms, mostly to the rear. SRA welcomed the building coming back into use and had no objections to the plans. The developers were currently in full negotiations with CDC planners to reach an agreed development. TO reported that the **Otway Drive** application was still being considered but there was no Highway Authority objection. **Land behind Lavant Road** in fill site now has planning permission. **Croft Mead** TO reported that it had been withdrawn pending further engineering reports. The latest programme for the preferred local plan is that it is proceeding to committee stage in April, and then sent to an external Planning Inspector in May, for an examination in public in Oct/Nov. If all goes well a decision would be made early 2015. Of two sites mentioned in the PLP as development sites, **Shopwyke** site had gained Planning Permission and **Old Place Farm** is currently in early discussions with CDC.

10. **Newsletter 'Lessons Learned'**

RH said that he had received very positive feedback from SRA members on the design and presentation of the newsletter. Members felt that the content and balance was right. MQ asked for suggestions for further content although did not favour a letters page. RH asked that contributions arrive in a timely fashion. MQ reported that this generally did happen although some planning information was late, but given the nature of planning issues, this needed to be topical and there was always likely to be late changes. MQ is to speak with Transitions Chichester. It was suggested that the reopening of the theatre could be included also, plus information on local car sharing clubs, and perhaps an update on and changes to the Lavant Road Surgery service.

11. **Updates from representatives**

a) Denis Martin, Goodwood Liaison. Nothing to report.

b) Sue Spooner – CRAG. SS reported that a new chairman was required. She also reported that the new travellers site in Westhampnett was considered to be too small. Car sharing clubs had been discussed and two vehicles are becoming available. The charges are in total £20 per month, with a minimum of 20 people required. Neighbourhood Plans – Chichester City Council were responsible for developing NPs and are considering whether to create a new NP. SRA produced a Neighbourhood Appraisal which the CCC has adopted and could be the basis of a new NP.

c) Mike Steel – Website. Increased interest was reported, with hits rising to 381 in February compared to an average of 200 last year. There is now a slide-show of photographs to view on the site, and these will be kept topical with members invited to submit photographs. E-mails regarding the AGM were sent and opened by 65% of recipients. E-mails to the chairman will now go to both RH and SS.

d) NMP Meeting – next meeting Tuesday 18 March. Members are invited to send any items for discussion to GB prior to that date.

12. **AOB**

VS asked whether SRA could have a new notice board. RH to investigate and report back.

13. **Date of next committee meeting – Thursday 10 April 2014**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.