

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING on 8 January 2014
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Committee members present: Sue Spooner, Acting Chairman (Deputy Chairman & CRAG liaison), Peter Bickley (Treasurer & Minutes), Michael Berry (Newsletter Distribution), Trevor Owen (Assistant Planning), Mary Quiney (Newsletter), Mike Steel (Webmaster) and Vanessa Stern (Membership)
SRA members not on committee present: Ray Carter, Carlos Santander, Norman and Gerald Smith

1. Welcome to members attending

All were welcomed.

2. Apologies for absence

Roger Hobbs (Chairman), Andrew Birch (Planning), Janet Leonard (Minutes), Dennis Martin (Goodwood).

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 28th November 2013

Agreed and signed as an accurate representation of meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below

None.

5. Vice-Chairman's Report

- (a) **Local Plan: Old Place Farm:** MS reported that he was photographing the floodwaters for the website to emphasise that it is a flood plain.
- (b) **Maddoxwood** (adjacent to Summersdale Garage): reported as under offer, by whom unknown.
- (c) **Rousillon Park visit:** comments by SRA delegates about the absence of greenery had been noted by ZeroC. The puffin crossing would be built once a certain number of dwellings was completed.
- (d) **Otway Road:** an application had been made to fell a tree behind the keep.

6. Treasurer's Report

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's account balance £2,635.52 of which RAGE2 £241.66; Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c (interest rate negligible) £531.95; United Trust Bank 40 day notice (interest 1½%) £8,000.00. The 2013 accounts (income & expenditure a/c and balance sheet) were tabled and agreed. It was agreed to transfer £1,000.00 to the Fighting Fund. John Wilford, Independent Examiner, would be reviewing the accounts and the accounting records for 2013. The accounts would be put to the AGM for approval. It was agreed to put another £1,000.00 on deposit at UTB using as much money as possible from Lloyds BIA a/c with the balance from T's a/c. **PB**

7. Membership Secretary's Report

428 members on the books.

8. Planning

- (a) **CDC Local Plan:** AB had submitted comments on behalf of SRA.
- (b) **Otway Road and land opposite One Stop Shop (17 units):** AB had submitted comments on behalf of SRA. WSCC Highways had raised no objections to exit opposite One Stop Shop, which raises the question of whether they had visited the site. All were asked to object. **ALL**
- (c) **Land adjacent to 117 Croft Mead (two detached houses):** Norman & Gerald Smith, 117 Croft Mead provided background to their application to build on their land on which there is a covenant that it should be used as a garden. The family bought the land in 1986 from the council. Neighbours had circulated around the neighbourhood a suggested letter of objection which many had forwarded to CDC as an objection. However the letter was inaccurate, eg Summersdale Copse

is not designated 'Ancient Woodlands'. The committee apologized to the Smiths for having not replied to their emails and it was arranged that TO would visit on 10.1.14.

- (d) **Land at Tudor Close (one four bed house):** objection. TO
AB/TO
- (e) **Cherries Respite Centre, Summersdale Road:** it was noted with regret that it was closing.
- (f) **Cherries, Fordwater Road (extension):** no overlooking of other properties, so no objection.
- (g) **5 Broadway (extension):** no objection.
- (h) **10 The Lane (extension):** to be considered ex-committee. TO
- (i) **Applecot, 12 Brandy Hole Lane:** in the light of previously-noted concerns about overlooking Rummars, it was agreed to check the planning conditions. TO

9. **Winter Newsletter - Mary Quiney**

A final version was tabled. All congratulated MQ on newsletter's looks and content.

MQ reported that printing had been undertaken by Arun District Council whose rates were very reasonable. In response to a request from MB for distributors, both CS and NS volunteered. New volunteers from committee and wider membership are always welcome – please apply to MB. ALL

10. **AGM Thursday, 13th February 2014**

It was agreed that MQ helped by SS and VS would do the food and PB the drinks.

11. **Updates from Representatives**

- (a) **Goodwood - Dennis Martin:** DM had reported to SS that there had been no recent developments.
- (b) **CRAG - Sue Spooner:** SS reported that RH would represent SRA on 20.1.14. Challenges facing local primary care (see item 12(a) below) will probably necessitate CRAG involvement.
- (c) **Website - Mike Steel:** all congratulated MS on website's looks, functionality and content. Dropdown menus went live 19.12.13. It was confirmed that, to preserve privacy, committee members' phone numbers are reported only in the newsletter, not on the website. It was agreed to change recipients of incoming planning emails to AB and TO and incoming admin emails to RH and SS; recipients to agree between themselves on a case-by-case basis who would reply. MS

12. **Any Other Business**

- (a) **Challenges facing local primary care:** Carlos Santander tabled a paper and reported that owing inter alia to number of new houses and the fact that numbers of patients per doctor at local surgeries is already high compared to UK averages and doctors cannot not register new patients, Lavant Road and other local surgeries which cannot build more consulting rooms will be unlikely to be able to cope with demand. Exacerbated by 'did not attends' (= people not attending appointments). Suggested: work weekends, take on more doctors, consultations by phone or email. Move of Lavant Road surgery to land adjacent to St Richards not viable owing to rent wanted by NHS. It was agreed to set up a sub-group comprising Carlos Santander, Vanessa Stern and Mary Quiney to take forward. CS, MQ, VS
- (b) **Graffiti in Summersdale Road:** its speedy removal was noted with approval.
- (c) **NMP (= police liaison) meeting on 21.1.14:** MB reported that Gillian Berry will represent SRA.
- (d) **Floods outside One Stop Shop:** it was noted with approval that this appeared to have been solved.

13. **Date of:**

AGM - 13th February 2014.

Next Committee meeting - 27th February 2014.

Any members of SRA are welcome to attend any committee meeting, especially if they have any relevant issues they wish to raise.