

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 23 July 2015

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs – Chairman	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary
Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman)	Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary
Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)	Mike Steel - Webmaster
Michael Berry – Newsletter distribution	Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison
Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor	Peter Bickley - Treasurer

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH thanked all committee members attending, and welcomed SRA members Ray Carter & Mrs Janet Johnson.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Andrew Birch

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 28 May 2015**

Approved and signed by SS

4. **Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below**

None

5. **Chairman's Report**

Local Plan: CDC full council had agreed the Inspectors report and the new Local Plan is active. CDC now has a five year housing allocation. The Inspector deemed that the housing capacity as calculated by the Highway Traffic Model was flawed and stipulated that the LP be reviewed within 5 years. This is likely to result in pressure for CDC to identify more housing in line with the Objectively Assessed Need (OAN). CDC must also come more into line with national levels in the number of social and affordable houses built in the area.

A27 Realignment: recent press reports of a Chichester northern by-pass being considered. This is likely to be only one of a number of routes under consideration in a desk top study. Five scenarios are being considered; a northern by-pass; together with four improvement to the A27 on its existing southern alignment. RMH said there could be a case made for a western relief road from the new development at Whitehouse Farm through to the A286 north of Lavant, but no plans have been put forward for any route in the planning application. MQ asked whether a road could be built through the national park. RH said that it would need to go through the proper planning applications and there is likely to be local opposition to an A27 standard of highway particularly from the Goodwood Estate. MQ asked could grade separated junctions be constructed on the A27 southern by-pass roundabouts. RH confirmed that this would be considered as part of the study which is at an early stage, but the SRA would make comments when appropriate.

White House Farm development: RH attended a meeting concerning traffic calming held in Parklands. The proposals contained only very minor changes to the existing TC layout in Sherborne Road and Westgate and did not appear to add any further traffic calming benefit.

New Rugby Club building: Externally the building is nearly complete but internally there is still much to be done, and progress has slowed while further funding is sought. It is unlikely that the building will be fully completed by September when the season starts. The club want the facilities they have created to be more community focussed, with use by local people and organisations. MQ suggested that SRA might consider holding their AGM there as the current venue is becoming too small for the numbers who wish to attend. The rugby club has done well to remain in the higher league in its first season but parking on match days continues to be an issue. The club are actively trying to address this by putting cones out at each home match and encouraging supporters to use the North Street car park.

Trees: RH said that one of the new trees SRA had helped fund was loose in the soil as the stake supporting it was missing. He reported this and CDC who came out very promptly and replaced the stake so the tree is now secure. If new trees are looked after well in their first year, their long term survival rate is greatly improved.

Barracks site: RH visited the site. The number of lorries visiting the site has greatly reduced. The site manager agreed to reiterate the message to lorry drivers that they take the correct route along Wellington Road and onto the main highway network. Phase 2 of the development is complete and occupied, phase 3 is 95% complete and due to be finished in September. Phase 4 has commenced and is due to be completed in October 2016 and phase 5 will start in September/October this year with completion by the end of 2017.

Colton Care Home: On programme to be substantially completed by the end of 2015, with some minor internal work running over into early 2016 when it will then be ready for occupancy. The consensus was that it was an attractive building that improved the cityscape at that location and was a great improvement over what was there before.

Lavant Road Surgery: RH met the surgery business manager who reported that all the bids appeared to have stalled. They were encouraging people to write to the local MP. RH thought that the departmental spending allocations were still being worked through and once that had been completed future funding allocation to surgery improvements might be forthcoming. MQ asked whether money from CIL could be expected but RH felt this unlikely as surgeries are a business and are funded by the doctors themselves for the most part.

NMP: SS attended the last NMP meeting and reported that there were no significant reported crimes within the SRA area. The University has been proactive in managing students late night travel by arranging buses to take the students home in the evenings, either to halls or their alternative accommodation. This has helped to keep anti-social behaviour to a minimum.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Current A/C

Lloyds TSB Treasurers A/C£1,912.12 including £241.66 RAGE 2 and £75.10 Network of Chi Residents Associations Interest bearing a/cs:

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1.5% £9,937.46

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access £0.01

MQ asked whether we have to pay a charge for cheques issued. PB confirmed that we do not.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

SRA membership has increased to 429 members at present, made up of 3 honorary members, 75 paying cash, 336 paying by standing order and 15 who have yet to pay their subscription. It is hoped that the reminder in the newsletter will encourage payments to be forthcoming. The recent leaflet drop has brought in some new members.

8. **Website Webmasters Report**

The website received 272 hits in May and 243 in June. Some updating is to be undertaken to encourage more visits to the site. The fee for web posting of £23.94 has recently been paid and represents good value for money. No emails have been sent out since March of this year. VS said that she sends a welcome email to new members to thank them for joining SRA. We have two email addresses, with the admin address taking emails to SS.

9. **Planning matters**

AB sent an email to members attaching current planning matters, with no major new items to report. No planning application has yet been submitted for the land behind the **garage on the Lavant Road. The Barracks** site has an application in for the conversion of a plant room into a dwelling. This building was originally intended to house a communal bio-mass boiler serving the site but dwellings are now to have individual boilers. A pre-application is being considered for a property known as **Lever House** opposite Plainwood Close for 2 dwellings. The existing building spans the whole site and is of little architectural value; therefore the impact of two properties on the same site will be minimal. SS attended an exhibition at **Graylingwell** which showed additional building being added to the development on many previously unplanned areas. The disused hospital buildings to the south of Graylingwell Drive will also be demolished and the site built on. As there are existing structures there, this constitutes brownfield land.

10. **Newsletter**

RH thanked MQ for an excellent newsletter. MQ said that she was unable to get some information on the lack of progress on the Comme Ca site for the newsletter. SRA will watch this position closely. RH thanked MB for the timely distribution of the newsletters to all SRA members.

11. **Updates from Representatives**

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting

DM met with two liaison committees at Goodwood – the race track and the airfield. There is good co-operation between them and SRA. He reported that Goodwood are operating within the constraints of the planning permission for the 5 days of unsilenced racing they are allowed at the racetrack. Only 2 complaints were received from residents about the two day members' event in March this year. DM reported that sound monitoring had been commissioned during the 2 day event by Goodwood. The SRA has a copy of the report if any member would like to see a copy. The SRA made efforts to make residents aware the event was to take place which might have helped people make alternative arrangements. However, the noise from aircraft not adhering to the fly-out routes has been more of an issue of late. Residents can report excessive aircraft noise levels using a complaints line (01243 755162). Flights should be logged by the control tower and they should see whether pilots take the correct line after take-off.

b) Sue Spooner – NCRA Update and Graylingwell

Nothing to report

12. **AOB**

Quotations for the refurbishment of the noticeboards are expected shortly.

SS the Maplehurst estate was originally designed to be open plan with large areas of lawn that provided a more open vista. Some residents in Maplehurst Road had encroached onto what was supposed to be open areas by erecting fencing. As this to the side of the property and not ahead of the building line, CDC will not act. SS thought it was a shame that the open aspect was being lost to the other residents.

SRA member Ray Carter said that in The Broadway, residents were parking on the hardened road verge where they had access over it to reach their own driveways. RH to investigate.

Neighbourhood in Bloom. Ray Carter reported that not enough support had been forthcoming, but attending to our street trees would be a good start.

VS suggested that once or twice a year a group of SRA committee members could walk around Summersdale to review what was happening in the area.

13. **Date of next Committee Meeting. Thursday 10 September 2015.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.