

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 October 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)	Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)
Mike Steel – Webmaster	Peter Bickley - Treasurer
Michael Berry – Newsletter distribution	Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH thanked all committee members attending, and welcomed SRA member Ray Carter.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Andrew Birch, Mrs Mary Quiney and Trevor Owen.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2015**

Approved and signed by RH.

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

None

5. **Chairman's Report**

RH recognised that much of the previous committee meeting was given over to a question and answer session by Tony Dignum. The feedback from Committee Members had been very positive. TD would be willing to visit again in the future.

A27 Realignment. This has not progressed. Consultations on the proposed alignments are now due early next year rather than at the end of this year.

Whitehouse Farm. CDC has asked for more information concerning waste water treatment and highway access to the site. WSCC the highway authority does not consider that it is not realistic to commence the development with access solely from the north of the site. WSCC have control of the land to the south of the site, so it would be possible for the developers to agree access with them so that there is a north and south entrance at the commencement of the development. PB asked whether the school would be redeveloped, but RH said that he thought only the playing fields would be affected.

Rugby Club redevelopment. MQ had asked at the previous meeting if the committee could visit the rugby club and see the result of the recent works, and perhaps consider it as a venue for our AGM. Unfortunately due to the slow flow of funds a lot of the internal finishes were still to be completed. They would rather we visit when those had been completed and that the venue would not be ready for our AGM in February. There has been no complaints from Wellington Road residents concerning the parking problems but there have been unconfirmed reports that some rugby spectators were parking in the Roussillon site on match days.

Summersdale Road. A complaint has been received about congestion in this road, especially between the Broadway and Wellington Road when the Fordwater School is turning out. RH has investigated the parking situation but solution is not easy to arrive at. Removing the parking on the east side of the carriageway would impact on residents and encourage parking to migrate to other roads. A survey of the length of road indicated that there are plenty of pulling in places for vehicles to pass it just requires drivers to abide by the Highway Code. It is difficult around most primary schools in West Sussex during the peak school times. WSCC have commissioned a road space audit on three areas – Wellington Road, Summersdale Road up to The Broadway and Winterbourne Road. Street parking now extends a considerable way up Winterbourne Road some of it is construction workers vehicles from Roussillon others maybe from Graylingwell and some from the University. The Cherries site is designated to be an 88 place nursery and this will add to the congestion. Increased parking charges in the city may have encouraged more people to seek street parking further out of the centre.

Trees. 8 new trees are to be planted by CDC, 3 in Chestnut Avenue 3 in Highland Road and one each in The Drive and The Broadway. MB asked whose responsibility it was to care for them. RH said that in his experience of highway trees provided young trees were given good care in their first year, they generally thrived thereafter. Some residents had taken it upon themselves to tend newly planted trees outside their homes, and these were growing well. SS said that one of the trees planted on the corner of Highland Road and the Broadway is leaning at an angle. RH to investigate. RH also said that new sites for additional trees would be identified.

Lavant Road Surgery. NHS England has contacted the surgery asking for information on their current usage. The surgery are hopeful that things will move forward soon. The surgery have complained to NHS England for the delay in responding to their proposed works submission.

Community Infrastructure Business Plan. Now published for limited consultation. A list of schemes has been put forward for consideration, including cycle routes, a running track and concert hall at the university, a possible new school to the west of Chichester, a new medical centre to the west of the city, a contribution to the A27 realignment and improvements to St Michael's Hall to meet the needs of the local population. RH said a copy of the business plan – 218

pages – was available to be seen, but given the size of the document it might be best viewed on the CDC website. RH asked whether members had any suggestions for items to be considered under the plan in the SRA area.

Dates of forthcoming events at Goodwood. The dates in 2016 for the Festival of Speed are 23-26 June, and 9-11 September for the Revival meeting. The Goodwood Members day will be 19-20 March.

6. **Treasurer's Report.**

Current a/c:

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's A/c	£1,771.57 including £241.66 RAGE 2 and £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents Associations
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Interest bearing a/cs:

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1.5%	£9,937.46
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Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access	£0.01
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7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

427 members and 3 life members, and 7 non-payers. A notice has been put on the noticeboard to encourage new members. One new member from Chestnut Avenue has been recruited, with an enquiry from the new development known as of Roman Fields. It was suggested that although Roussillon has its own residents association, it might join with SRA on matters outside its own particular development.

8. **Website Webmaster's Report.**

262 people visited the site in September, the same as August. No emails were sent out.

9. **Planning Matters.**

AB was not present, but it was a quiet time for new planning applications. DM asked about the progress of Comme Ca and requested contact with CDC to seek information on the current situation. RH offered to contact CDC but it is unlikely that they will have any information on the cause of the delay to the progress of the works. RC said that the University had sought permission for a temporary car park on their sports field as they had lost their car park.

10. **West Sussex Minerals Local Plan: Autumn Update**

RH had received an update on the WSMLP. The sites are undergoing more study, especially with regard to flooding and access. Sites which will not be needed during the life of the plan will be removed from the document so that land is not blighted. A draft plan is proposed to be produced early in 2016. The SRA should automatically receive a copy as we are on their engagement database. SS asked whether 'oil and fracking' was included in the plan, and RH said that there was mention of it in the plan.

11. **Newsletter.**

MQ was not at the meeting. VS asked whether an article could be included about street trees.

12. **AGM 18 February 2016**

RH asked for suggestions for a guest speaker for the AGM. Katie Bourne the Police and Crime Commissioner was suggested, and it was agreed that RH should approach her to speak.

13. **Updates from Representatives.**

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting. Some complaints had been received from local residents concerning aircraft noise, and one resident had written to Mark Gibbs, General Manager of the airfield and had received a reply which DM read part of. A stronger approach will be taken to ensure the use of fly-out routes is adhered to and that pilots, who do not make the required early right turn after take-off, are reprimanded. DM said that the competency of pilots and weather conditions affected the ability of pilots to make this manoeuvre and that the fly-out route in fact clipped the edge of the Summersdale residential area and Marchwood. DM said that he wanted to see evidence that the air traffic controllers were documenting breaches of the use of the fly-out route. RH asked MS whether the telephone number for complaints to the airfield for aircraft noise and incorrect flight path was on the website. MS to check. DM suggested a meeting with Mark Gibbs to get his assurance that he was doing all he could to get pilots to adhere to the rules.

b) Sue Spooner – NMP, NCRA update and Graylingwell. SS attended an NMP meeting, and parking was on the agenda. The altercation regarding ball games on the green at the junction of Ferndale Road and Maplehurst Road was mentioned. If a ball does damage to property, it can become a police matter. Crime continues to be generally low, with some minor thefts of cycles. The police intended to keep an eye on the University during fresher's. Some low level crime was reported in Graylingwell from people coming in from outside. RC had seen high speeds recorded on the College Lane speed indicator, with some students driving as fast as possible to gain the highest score on the display. The police have issued cannabis warnings, and some arrests have been made. Chichester North will retain the local PCSO. No meetings of the NCRA have taken place.

14. **AOB**

None.

15. **Date of the next Committee meeting.** Thursday 26 November 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.