

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2015

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs – Chairman	Andrew Birch – Planning 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 Mrs Hannelore Thomas, Derek Marsh and Mike Pragnall.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Mrs Vanessa Stearn

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 23 July 2015**

Approved and signed by RH

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

None

5. **Question and answer session with Tony Dignum, Chichester City Council Member for North Chichester Ward and Chichester District Council member for Chichester North**

Mr Dignum thanked SRA Committee for inviting him to attend the meeting. The local plan is now in place. In agreeing the plan the inspector instructed the CDC to review the plan within a 5 year period to get closer to the Objectively Assessed Housing Need (OAN) numbers. At which time there should be more clarity with regards to the increased capacity of the A27 and the waste water treatment plants. He outlined where the funding for the council's expenditure comes from and their spending priorities. He discussed the possible improvements to the A27 including a route north of the city and the relative costs. He was hopeful that the Council tax levels would not need to be raised in the foreseeable future highlighting the favourable financial position that the council finds itself in, with income streams including New Homes Bonus, the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Section 106 agreements. He was keen to take loss-making some services out of council direct operational control. The museum was discussed and TD expressed a desire to reduce the ongoing cost of that operation on the CDC budget. Possible improvements to the city centre environment were discussed together with other potential development sites within the city. Civic pride would receive extra attention, and an Enterprise Gateway project is proposed. The impact of the Local Plan on the Summersdale area was briefly raised, this included developments already ongoing and the additional Old Place Farm and White House Farm development.

Additional questions were welcomed by Mr Dignum and a few are highlighted below. DM asked how the housing requirement in the council's area was determined. TD that the OAN was provided by Central Government. CDC had consultants working to assess the ability to deliver the OAN as part of the review that will be needed within 5 years. Chichester has very low unemployment and there is capacity for new inhabitants to live and find work in the district. RH asked whether there plans for the cattle market site as the market looked to be failing there and the car parking spaces lost on a Wednesday and Saturday were valuable both to the CDC and the community. TD said that there had been consultation on whether the market should stay in its present location or be moved into East and North streets. The result of this is due shortly. MQ asked whether the Community Infrastructure Levy rather than the new homes bonus could be used to fund new GP surgeries. TD thought that CIL funding or NHB monies could probably be used to fund surgeries but would investigate. AB said that the PCT was able to fund new surgery premises in the past but no longer exist, having been replaced by the Clinical Commissioning Groups. It is the CCG that might be able to fund the new surgeries now. RH asked whether the CDC would continue to fund the Festival Theatre. He said that the current CDC funding ran to 2017 and further funding decisions would take place nearer that time, but felt that the theatre was a great asset to the community. He considered that the Council Tax represented good value for money and was the lowest in the county. The Committee thanked Mr Dignum for addressing the meeting and answering the many questions tabled.

6. **Chairman's Report**

Rugby Club. This is now nearing completion with the external work finished and the internal work progressing as funds become available. The club had been active in managing car parking on match days, and the improvements to the car park gave an additional 50 more parking spaces, all of which should reduce pressure for parking in Wellington Road. MQ asked whether committee members could visit the new facilities RH to follow this up.

Lavant Road Surgery. RH met with the practice manager. No further news is to hand on the progress of their application for funds to increase the premises. RMH to write to Andrew Tyrie

Air Displays at Goodwood Revival. A schedule of flights and times is now on the notice board.

Reports of a jet aircraft 'buzzing' the airfield was discussed, no one was aware of the occurrence. DM reported good co-operation with the management of the airfield and that pilots who contravened the flight path arrangement were spoken to.

7. **Treasurers Report**

Current A/c

Lloyds TSB Treasurers A/c £1,790.57 including £241.66 RAGE2 and £75.10 Network of Chichester 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

8. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership is now 422 paid up members, 3 life members and there are 8 non-payers who have been emailed with some success. A few members have been lost due to moving from the area or sadly died. A few new members have been recruited, including one from the new houses in Chestnut Avenue and an enquiry from a new house in Roman Fields.

9. **Website Webmaster's Report**

290 members have visited the website, and an email has been sent out concerning the flights at Goodwood.

10. **Planning Matters**

A quiet month regarding planning applications, with no new schemes to report on. The Cherries in Summersdale Road has an application lodged for change of use to a children's nursery, but, under planning law this does not constitute a significant change to its previous use.

11. **Newsletter**

Nothing to report at present.

12. **Updates from Representatives.**

a) Dennis Martin – Liaison. Dealt with under Chairman's Report and in AOB.

b) Sue Spooner – NMP, NCRA Update and Graylingwell. Nothing report.

13. **AOB**

Comme Ca. No further information was available on the possibility of the site being redeveloped for residential use. RH to investigate to see if a definite answer could be found on the future of the building.

SRA member Derek Marsh said that as pilots often did not follow the fly-out route from the airfield, would it be possible for them to have a briefing by the control tower before they took off to ensure the correct route was followed. DM said that they were given this briefing when they checked in and there was a notice on the runway telling them to turn right, however the fly-out corridor does skim the corner of the Marchwood Estate.

14. **Date of next committee meeting**

Thursday 15 October 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.