

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25 February 2016

At St Michael's Hall

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*Residents Working Together*

**Present:**

<b>Roger Hobbs – Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary</b>
<b>Mike Steel – Webmaster</b>	<b>Peter Bickley - Treasurer</b>
<b>Michael Berry – Newsletter distribution</b>	<b>Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary</b>
<b>Mrs Hannelore Thomas – Member without Portfolio</b>	

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH thanked all committee members attending, and welcomed SRA members Jeremy Hunt and Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Andrew Birch, Mrs Mary Quiney and Dennis Martin.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2016**

Approved and signed by RH.

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

SS asked whether the figure of 20% for the amount of through traffic on the A27 was still correct. RH said that he had written to Highways England on this and other matters and the percentage deemed to be through traffic was now considered to be 30-40%. A brief discussion followed on what exactly constituted through traffic and at what point it could start and leave the road and still be considered 'through'. Between Fontwell and Emsworth was considered to be the least distance to be thus considered. JH said that the figure of 20% was from the original 2005 report on the road. RH said that he had not received a reply on further matters relating to the proposed route.

5. **Chairman's Report**

**Newsletter.** RH praised the quality and content of the latest newsletter and said that MQ has asked for contributions for further editions. JH suggested taking pictures of overgrown hedges and trees to encourage owners to keep them tidy. RH said that in the interest of neighbourly relations it may be better to send any pictures to LoveWestSussex who will take appropriate action. JH said that Brandy Hole Lane had some problems in this regard, and VS said that verges were damaged on the corner of The Drive at the entrance to the footpath up to Lavant. RH asked members for views on sending the newsletter to members by email, and a note to ask opinion could be put in the next newsletter. MS said that not everyone opened their emails, so not all recipients would read the newsletter. JL felt people did not bother to reply to requests such as this, so the numbers would not be easily determined.

**Goodwood Motor Circuit.** One complaint had been received following the last meeting at the circuit. A very prompt and detailed email was received from Motorsport Director Lloyd McNeill explaining how the event was run and the number of vehicles present together with noise level information. It was felt that Goodwood were attempting to be good neighbours and that SRA were keen to continue to liaise with them.

**Colton Care Home.** RH had sent an email to committee members concerning a proposed visit during week commencing 14 March. Not all members were available, but the best date for the majority was 14<sup>th</sup> March. RH to liaise with the care home and report back to members.

**Cycle Path.** JH said that originally the cycle path was proposed to run along the side of no. 9 Wellington Road however, during discussions the cycle path was to be relocated along the edge of the Broyle Road. Colton Care Home had now laid soft landscaping where the path was to go. JH read a section of a letter sent to CDC by solicitors acting for Colton that, after a site meeting with CDC planning staff, they had been informed "that due to the existence of a cycle way on Broyle Road and the retention of the Smugglers Stone in its current position, a cycle path will no longer be required pursuant to the Planning Agreement." JH said that this was public highway and that this decision needed to be made in consultation with WSCC as highway authority and had written the CDC asking for clarification.

**A27.** RH said that after discussion of the proposed routes at the AGM, no further information was to hand. The consultation period has been extended to 7 weeks. RH said that at the AGM, members had suggested that the SRA liaise with other residents association to get a broader opinion. It was suggested that residents associations in the more southern areas and the Manhood Peninsula may be more in favour of a southern route or upgrade of the junctions. VS said that there was a standard letter made available to residents when the RAGE campaign was taking place, and that a similar letter would be useful for residents to use to object to the northern routes. SS said that there was still a residue of the RAGE fighting fund left and this could be used to fight the northern routes plan. A donation could be made to the Chichester Deserves Better organisation. JH

said that the same objections that were put forward against the development of the daffodil field could be used against the northern routes.

**Minerals Local Plan.** RH reported no further news.

**Lavant Road Surgery.** Some progress has been made, as reported at the AGM. Consultants have been appointed to look at the proposals drawn up by the surgery and to help progress their bid for funding to expand the premises. Also that there was a site for a larger health centre being examined which could interest the Lavant Road Surgery.

## 6. **Treasurers Report**

Current A/c:

Lloyds TSB Treasurers A/c	£3,121.55 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 1.25%	£10,065.83
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Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access	£0.01
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## 7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

VS reported 348 paid up members, 50 not yet paid and 22 standing orders not yet come through. An email had been sent to chase up non-payers, resulting so far in 3 additional members paying.

## 8. **Website Webmasters Report**

MS reported that John Fielding had requested his report to be removed from the website as he considered it now contained inconsistencies. MS asked members to report any broken links from the website. 351 people looked at the website in January and 381 looked in February, 62% of the emails sent out were read, with 22 bouncing back. 238 email addresses were currently held. JH said he would send a link to the WSCC press release site for MS to add to the website. JH also reported that a meeting of the County Local Committee would take place on 22 March at the Chichester College concerning the A27 which could be mentioned on the website.

## 9. **Planning Matters.**

TO reported that no relevant planning applications had been submitted since the last meeting. JH said that the Festival Theatre had put in an application for a semi-permanent band-stand outside the main theatre for use from April to September, but was disappointed by the design. The site opposite the One Stop shop in the Broadway has started, with trees being removed. College Lane is closed today for sewer realignment. HT reported that she had received a reply from Chichester District Council concerning the Comme Ca building, which was falling further into disrepair. The letter stated that "Further to the above matter (Comme Ca) it has been noted that a preliminary enquiry application has been made. It is anticipated that this will lead to the redevelopment of the site and avoid the requirement for formal enforcement action. It is proposed that no action be taken at this time but that on determination of the current enquiry a timescale is sought from the owners of their intentions to make an application."

## 10. **AGM 18 February 2016**

RH thanked all for their efforts in making the AGM a success. The talk by Katie Bourne was well received. RH asked for suggestions for future speakers, and if members considered that any changes should be made to the format of the meeting. Approximately 90 residents attending the meeting.

## 11. **Updates from Representatives.**

**a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison.** No report. RH to stand in for DM at the next Liaison Meeting.

**b) Sue Spooner – NCRS Update and Graylingwell.** No meetings to report. JH said that as reported at the AGM, the land between Graylingwell and Winterbourne Road is now to be given over to WSCC to make a footpath as Hyde Martlett said that there was no commitment under the Section 106 agreement for them to do so.

## 12. **Any Other Business.**

MB said that there would be a NMP meeting on Tuesday 1 March. SRA member Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin said that there was a problem with litter being carried by the wind up from Winterbourne Road, mostly from what appeared to be student accommodation. She considered that the bins provided by many landlords were not large enough to take the amount of waste generated by a large number of students living in one property. JH suggested a meeting with the University Housing Officer may help. Perhaps walking round the area to assess the problem would be a useful exercise. AS-B asked whose responsibility verge-side rubbish was, and JH said that it was the District Council. If a large item is dumped on a verge, CDC will remove it. RH suggested a 'clean-up day' with a theme to engage people, and the LoveWestSussex site could be useful also in this regard. RH to investigate and report back to AS-B.

## 13. **Date of Next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 7 April 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.