

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 27 October 2016

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
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison
Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary	Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution
Mike Steel – Webmaster	Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin– Without Portfolio

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH welcomed committee members, and residents Sue Wilkinson member of staff and Des Hodnett, resident of Augusta Court. RH reported the sad death of committee member Hannelore Thomas after her battle against cancer, and gave information on the funeral arrangements.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Received from Mary Quiney and Andrew Birch

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2016**

Approved and signed by RH

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

The progress of the bus shelter and seat on Lavant Road was raised. RH to contact City Council for update.

5. **Chairman's Report**

Whitehouse Farm. RH reported that the CDC Planning Committee met, and again deferred their decision. The only issue left unresolved was the lack of a southern access road to the site from day one. Members and the local community were not satisfied that the developers had provided a clear reason as to why they had not yet secured a southern access to the site. The existence of a ransom strip being the problem was denied by the developers. The developers had offered a non-binding undertaking to create a construction road after the erection of 125 houses. Members and local residents argued that most of the main heavy plant movements would be made when the development was first started so at least a construction road should be constructed from day one. This would enable the development to be built without heavy lorries passing through a conservation area in the centre of Chichester. Members also asked why WSCC did not compulsorily purchase all the land necessary to build the western access road. No reason was forthcoming. RH intends to attend the next committee meeting and report back on proceedings.

RH and SS previously took part in a workshop organised by WSCC and their consultant Parsons Brinkerhoff. The Consultants have produced a report for stakeholders to comment upon. There are four main areas that the report deals with. On and off street parking, improvements to facilities for walking and cycling, improvements to encourage bus usage and schemes to reduce the amount of through traffic "to not through". Following a discussion RH will circulate the report to members for their further comments. RH will then collate our response to the WSCC. There are some radical proposals which could adversely affect our residents if they are not introduced sensitively. Park & Ride had been considered but the consultants considered in Chichester it was appropriate for the Christmas period but too expensive to roll out for the rest of the year.

Conservation Area Assessment. RH reminded members that CDC had recently reviewed their 5 year Conservation Area Plan. During the consultation period many residents commented that they considered areas in Summersdale worthy of conservation status but these were not, so far, included in the plan. This was recognised by CDC members who agreed, at their committee meeting of 6th September, that Summersdale would be included in the assessment study that was due to assess the Graylingwell area. It is intended that the timing for this assessment study will be raised at a meeting of the CDC's historic building meeting on 7 November. RH to report back on the resolution.

Seats and Benches at the Amphitheatre on Centurion Way. Ian Smith, a previous SRA Chairman, is keeping in touch with Adrian Blades the project manager and Lavant PC on this matter. The first wood samples for the benches were not of suitable quality and were rejected, but a further source is being investigated. The committee agreed it is better to have the works done properly rather than rush it through and be dissatisfied with the final results.

Cycleway Outside Wellington Grange. The introduction of the cycleway had gone quiet again and as a result of chasing Colton Care we received a fulsome response. The works had been delayed by reasons outside the control of CC relating to the smugglers stone. This required CC to change their agreed designs and re-submit further plans to the CDC who have agreed the changes. CC is now out to tender on the contract and hope to start work shortly. They also said that without the problems arising from the smugglers stone the cycleway would have already been delivered.

Anti-social behaviour at a premises in Ferndale Road. A number of residents had complained to the University about the anti-social behaviour that they were experiencing from that property. The university and our local PCSO were proactive. They visited the premises and discussed the problem with the students. The complainants have reported that since then there have been no further problems. Thanks go to the university, Sussex Police and the students themselves who have responded with consideration. AS-B reported that this year students who currently rented properties in the Winterbourne Road were very considerate.

18 Lavant Road. A plan showing the proposed development of the site was to hand, and showed three dwellings on the site, a bungalow to the rear of the site, and two larger houses fronting Lavant Road. This proposal replaces a single dwelling that currently occupies the site. RH and AB met with the developer to discuss the proposals before the application was submitted. He is the same developer who built the new properties in Chestnut Avenue. RH and AB considered that the new development, whilst increasing the density, would still be in keeping with the appearance from the road and the quality of the development would be a welcome addition to the housing stock in the area.

Comme Ca. An application has been submitted for the construction of 7 dwellings on the site. The old building has been left to deteriorate and is probably beyond economic salvage for a restaurant. The committee felt it was a shame to have lost the restaurant, which was of high quality but agreed that the proposal for seven smaller residential units is probably what is required in Chichester. There was some concern about access details for some properties and the committee will be writing to the CDC commenting on those matters but would not be objecting.

Grow Chichester. RH asked whether anyone visited any of the sites around the city. No-one did, apparently.

NMP. Gillian Berry, with regret, wanted to resign her position as our representative on the NMP after attending their meetings and being an active participant for many years. RH asked that MB pass on a heartfelt vote of thanks for all her valuable inputs and reports, they have been greatly appreciated over the years. Carolyn Steel has offered to take on the role as she already represents Maplehurst on the Panel. RH asked MS to pass on his thanks for taking on the role for the SRA.

Speaker for the AGM. The committee discussed a number of possible speakers and RH agreed to contact, the one who the committee felt would provide a talk that would be interesting to our members, to see if they are available. SS would provide RH with the contact details.

Newsletter Articles. RH asked for more contributions to help MQ preparing the newsletter. VS suggested that we approach Andrew Berriman who has written articles on the history of Chichester to see if we can put extracts from them in our newsletters. SW asked whether something about Augusta Court could be included, such as information on their twice monthly Dementia Cafes. It was suggested that this could be mentioned on the website, after the newsletter had been produced. An article in the last newsletter on a shell house had been queried by a resident and it was suggested that MQ could interview her. RH asked DM if there was any historical information on the airfield. DM agreed to investigate.

6. **Treasurers Report.**

Current a/c

Lloyds TSB Treasurers a/c £2,753.81 after DD payment of £109.27 to Arun DC for Summer newsletter.

Balance includes £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents Associations (RAGE 2 is now £nil)

Interest bearing a/cs:

United Trust bank 40 day notice at 1% (reduced from 1.25% wef 1.10.16) £10,065.83

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access £0.01

As we have a good level of funds, it was suggested that some more trees should be bought, along with our contribution to the seats and benches in Centurion Way amphitheatre.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

Currently 446 members, including 9 who had not paid their membership fee. New members were welcomed from the new development of Roman Fields, one of whom has said he would like to attend SRA meetings.

8. **Webmasters Report**

A quiet month as MS has been away on vacation. There were 235 hits on the website in September.

9. **Planning Matters,**

AB not present, but no new matters reported other than the two items of interest discussed in the Chairman's Report.

10. **Updates from Representatives.**

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison. DM asked whether any members were disturbed last Thursday by noise from the race track. None were. A complaint had been received but DM had been assured by the track management with recorded data that noise was kept within agreed levels. A meeting is to take place in November with the new airfield manager to discuss Article 52 agreement regarding the change of flightpath.

b) Sue Spooner – NCRA update and Graylingwell. SS reported nothing from Graylingwell and no NCRA meeting at present, probably best until the question of the A27 improvement is finalised in case a meeting became acrimonious.

11. **AOB**

Des Hodnett reported that the pavement outside Augusta Court was in poor condition and difficult for residents to push their mobility supports to the bus stop. RH agreed to contact WSCC. TO asked whether the planning application for The Cherries is progressing. RH to investigate. MB asked how much time would elapse between the printing of the next newsletter and the AGM. Ideally this would be 28 days. SW asked whether members could suggest groups of young people who might like to visit Augusta Court, for example Brownies, Cubs etc. to do cookery, first aid house orderly for their badges, or just interact with the residents. It was suggested that this could go in the newsletter. RH suggested visits by theatre members. SW said that anyone can visit Augusta Court to befriend residents, and AS-B said she would enquire whether children from Parklands School might visit the residents to hear them retell their historical experiences.

12. **Date of next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 24 November 2016.

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