

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 1 June 2017

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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*Residents Working Together*

**Present:**

<b>Roger Hobbs – Chairman</b>	<b>Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution</b>
<b>Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary</b>
<b>Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison</b>	<b>Andrew Birch – Planning Secretary</b>
<b>Ryan Stratton-Baldwin (representing</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor</b>
<b>Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin) –</b>	<b>Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Without Portfolio</b>	

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH welcomed committee members, and also residents Ray Carter, Keith Osterloh, Mrs Janet Johnston, Mrs Kate Withnall and Des Hodnett.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Peter Bickley, Mike Steel, Trevor Owen and Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 6 April 2017**

DM noticed a heading was missing for Centurion Way. The minutes were amended accordingly. DM also asked in AOB Jeremy Hunt was to supply the results of the WSCC 20 mph Study. RH said that we had not received the study report and would contact Jeremy. The minutes were then approved and signed by RH.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered above.**

The committee expressed their thanks to PB who had done a superb job in refurbishing the notice board. It was now a credit to the SRA

5. **Chairman's Report**

**Friends of Brandy Hole Copse AGM.** RH and VS attended the AGM and VS is now on the FoBHC committee as a representative of SRA. The group has active volunteers who work on Wednesdays and Thursdays maintaining the copse and its boundary hedges. They now have a 5 year management plan in place and work through an action plan to deliver it. The copse is recognised as an asset to the Summersdale area SS asked whether the SRA had given the money agreed at the last meeting to the group. RH said this has not yet been done as we wanted to attend their AGM to see what our donation would be used for. This would be for essential maintenance of tools and £100 would now be donated. As a separate topic the coppicing work at Plainwood Copse is now largely complete. It looks a bit bare at the moment but the stumps are already growing new shoots. As a benefit of getting the light into the ground there was a superb showing of bluebells this year. MQ will put an article in our forthcoming Newsletter. VS provided MQ with a contact.

**A27 improvements.** The New Mayor of CCC has asked for views from local groups on the A27. RH wrote saying that SRA had undertaken a members consultation which showed a clear opposition to a northern route and the environmental damage that would have. The Committee could also not support any of the options for the southern route as they could have severe environmental effects in that area and would be intrusive to those residents. Hopefully something more acceptable to the whole of Chichester's community will come out of the ongoing workshops. RH has written to Louise Goldsmith's secretary requesting the date of any upcoming meetings on the subject. PB and MS also expressed their wish to be involved in these workshops which should provide good SRA attendance if others are unable to attend for any reason.

**Augusta Court.** An invitation has been given to SRA members and residents to attend an open day on Friday 16 June at 2pm to meet residents and learn more about the facility.

**SRA Meeting date change.** The meeting of 7 September is now brought forward to 31 August.

**Centurion Way.** The benches are now in place, but the tables are yet to be installed. RH reported that he had received a flyer from the South Downs National Park authority informing us that a cycle/pedestrian link from Centurion Way to West Dean village is now open enabling people to get down to the village shop, café and West Dean Gardens.

**Cycle Way in front of Wellington Grange.** No tangible progress. RH has contacted Cllr Tony Dignum on the matter as WSCC and CDC have agreed the work should be done. SRA are suspicious that the CDC will give up and not pursue the link, but it was agreed that this would not be allowed to happen.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Treasurers A/C Lloyds	£3,819.43
Business Instant Access A/C Lloyds	£0.01
United Trust Bank	£10,189.86
No expenditures in the period.	

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

441 members, 24 not yet paid, quite a few of these via standing orders which had failed to come into force. VS to send notes to these members asking them to chase their banks.

8. **Website Webmasters Report**

In the absence of MS, RH reported that due to technical difficulties, no statistics were available. Items on the A27 situation and the NMP meeting will be updated. Carolyn Steel will attend an NMP meeting on 6 June 2017. If anyone has any policing issues for Carolyn she will raise them for us.

9. **Planning Matters.**

Two new main items of interest.

**8 Fordwater Road.** Planning permission is being sought for the construction of a block of 7 flats on the site of the former womens' refuge. SRA to object on the grounds of over-development of the site, inadequate parking resulting inevitably in increased on-street parking in the immediate area and inappropriate development for the area.

**22 Lavant Road.** A revised application has been made to demolish the existing single dwelling and replace it with two detached properties on the road frontage and three mews style properties to the rear, increasing the number for the site from the original plan for three dwellings to five. SRA will object on the grounds of over-development of the site.

10. **Great Get Together Summer Event Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 10am to 2pm All Welcome**

Ryan Stratton-Baldwin reported on behalf of Alison Stratton-Baldwin. The children's entertainer Nick Clark has been booked and will appear from 11am to 1pm. He will set up a tent for his performance. **The whole event is scheduled to run from 10am to 2pm**, and visitors will be asked to bring their own food plus some more to share. The road closure has been obtained, and will cover the period 10am to 2pm. AS-B to source signage for this. TO is to ask the residents within the road closure area to park their cars elsewhere for the duration of the event. St Johns Ambulance is to provide two advanced first aiders, and will bring dummies for the children to practice bandaging and CPR. A decision on a bouncy castle has not yet been made. Bunting will be provided to decorate the area. The tables and chairs will be set out in the road for the food. Advertising flyers are being prepared and will be sent to MQ for printing. It was agreed that 400 A5 and 10A4 flyers would be printed, although MQ would check printing costs.

12. **Newsletter**

RH asked MQ for a deadline for copy for the next newsletter, and 12 June was given. MQ to include articles on the Brandy Hole Copse, planning information, A27 update, information on the summer event, and the work being carried out around the streets by Virgin Media.

13. **Updates from Representatives.**

**a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting and recent follow up meetings**

A quiet period at the aerodrome due to upgrading of runways, with light aircraft only on the north runway giving less overflying of the corner of Summersdale and resulting in only one or two complaints. The runways will be back in use in July. There was nothing to report on the motor circuit.

**b) Sue Spooner – Graylingwell.**

No consultation meetings to report.

14. **AOB**

SS said that PB had asked whether it would be possible to approach Goodwood Estate concerning creating an extension to the footpath inside the hedge line on the road into Lavant so that walkers can enter the village entirely on footpaths rather than running the gauntlet of traffic on the last section of the road. RH said that the current path which runs behind the hedge to Fordwater road was not an official footpath, just a permissive path. The same facility would be ideal leading into Lavant. Goodwood Estate might consider it as a gesture of good neighbourliness to provide a permissive path to compensate for disturbance to our members caused by the race track and airfield activities. RH to enquire.

MB asked for a date for newsletter distribution, and MQ said the weekend of 7 July would be suitable.

SRA member Des Hodnett said that the manager of Augusta Court would welcome more interaction with the community at the facility. The gardens are to be improved for residents, and she would like to open this up as a community project, with any help members could give most welcome. An item can be included in the newsletter to promote this. Augusta Court has meeting rooms which SRA could use. He also said that congestion in the area from pick up and drop of from Fordwater School would be added to when the new Busy Bees day nursery opened, and asked whether SRA had any views on this.

15. **Date of next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 27 July 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm