

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 5 April 2018

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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*Residents Working Together*

**Present:**

<b>Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Roger Hobbs – Planning Secretary</b>
<b>Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary</b>	<b>Peter Bickley - Treasurer</b>
<b>Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor</b>
<b>Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution</b>	<b>Mrs Vanessa Stern - Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Mike Steel – Webmaster</b>	

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

SS welcomed committee members attending and SRA members Mrs Sally Bowler, Mr Guy Morgan and Mr John Newman.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Mr Richard Bramall and Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

3. **Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018.**

Approved and signed by SS.

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

None.

5. **Further discussion of A27 proposals.**

Various emails have been received along with feedback on the events of the meeting of 21 March 2018. Mr Jon Allin has asked whether he could have a list of the email addresses of members, and it was agreed that this could not be provided for data protection reasons. MS said that a link could be sent to members both to see the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting and to provide the means for members to access the link to Jon Allins' email if they wished to. It was felt that we should support him even if we could not endorse all his views. The leaflet he had printed and which was distributed to local residents certainly got many peoples' attention, and the map showing one proposed route had already resulted in a property sale falling through. SRA member John Freeman suggested three committee members could vet all incoming emails on the A27 before sending them on to members but it was agreed that the link would be sufficient.

On the question of liaison with Jon Allin's email collection, opening the link proposed would not mean an email was added to his list automatically. This would only happen if an email was sent to him. John Newman asked where information was available for residents to see what we as an association were doing about the A27 question, and RH said that this could be seen from the minutes of the meetings, available as a link from the website or on the noticeboard.

RH said that the brief for the consultants was to put all possible scenarios on the table so they could be discussed and either rejected or taken forward in the second sift. The northern routes should be included in this so that they could be shown to be unsuitable by proper process if this is indeed appropriate. John Newman asked whether anyone else could now join the discussion group and whether SRA was represented. RH said that no-one else could now join, and that he or SS attend the discussion meetings. RH said that it was possible a northern route could be the best in terms of traffic relief but worst environmentally. If a southern route was chosen, traffic would find a route through the existing roads to the north of the city, ie through Lavant, to avoid the roadworks during construction, and drivers might continue to use this route once they had discovered it. RH said that the poor design of existing roundabouts on the A27 contributed to the slow traffic flow. RH said that the priority for upgrading the A27 was the improvement of traffic flow, particularly commercial, on the trunk road, not the easing of congestion on roads from the south accessing the A27, and the brief for consultants SYSTRA reflected this. All options were therefore included in their report, initially irrespective of cost or environmental impact, so all could be considered and either carried forward or rejected.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Treasurers A/c

Lloyds Bank £4,618.19 including money held on behalf of Network of Chichester Residents' Associations £75.10

Interest bearing A/cs

Lloyds Bank Business instant access a/c £0.01

United Trust Bank notice 40 days at 1% £10,291.76

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

397 members at present. Some payments are still outstanding in the form of standing orders not fulfilled. VS to chase.

7a. **Data Protection**

New legislation has now come into force whereby data can only be collected where this is deemed to be really necessary. We do already comply in this respect, but there is no longer 'implied consent' to the use of data. Data collectors must list what they will do with any information they gather. A new form needs to be sent to all members for them to sign to give consent to their data being used. Files containing members email addresses should be password protected. SS asked that MQ, MS and VS liaise to devise a form which could be included in the summer newsletter.

8. **Webmaster's Report**

The number of hits on the website in February was 394, rising in March to a record 548 due perhaps to the Extraordinary Meeting on the A27 question. SS asked MS what was being done to create a link to Jon Allin's email information following the Extraordinary Meeting.

9. **Planning Matters**

**10 properties at Maddox Cottage.** RH reported that this was not yet determined because of questions on the footpath giving access to the new Co-op store. SRA have objected to the development, as have Lavant Parish Council. Difficult levels on the site have been cited as problematic, but have been overcome on other sites with similar terrain.

**Former St Wilfrids Hospice Shop.** Change of use is being sought to create a gym in the building. SRA will not object.

**Rew Lane.** Flint cottage. SRA has already objected to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment on the rather narrow site. SRA does not normally object to a 'one-for-one' development, but this property is not in keeping with its neighbours. RH said that residents can ask for the application to be 'red carded' so that it has to appear before the whole planning committee for a decision.

PB asked whether there were any deviations to the second approved plan for the work currently being undertaken on the former womens' refuge premises in Fordwater Road, whereby a large balcony had been added to the proposed development. RH to check and report.

10 **Newsletter**

MQ asked whether it would be acceptable for the next newsletter to be produced in the middle of July, a little later than normal, as she was away in early summer. It was agreed that this was in order. She asked what would happen about the Chairman's Report which traditionally appeared on the front page of the newsletter. SS said that she hoped a new chairman would be in post by that time, but this would be confirmed at the next meeting. An advertisement asking for volunteers to help the Lions Carol Float collection would be included in the newsletter. DM to include an article on the Goodwood Airfield and possibly something on the 100year anniversary of the RAF.

11. **Goodwood Liaison Report – Dennis Martin**

DM reported that the Festival of Speed will take place on 12-15 July this year. Nothing new was reported on the airfield or race track, but it was reported that following the GRRC event of 17/18 March, no complaints were received concerning noise levels. The fireworks were considered to be excellent.

12. **AOB**

John Newman reported that there was a voluntary working group doing maintenance on Centurion Way, although he considered this to be the duty of WSCC. He also commented on the parking in Summersdale Road from residents of Graylingwell. MQ said that her daughter lived on the development and was only given one parking space, so it was inevitable that residents had to park in the street outside their area. JN also commented on the water flowing down College Lane following the recent heavy rain, but this is an ongoing problem and outside the SRA area. Potholes were again mentioned, and the advice here was to contact LoveWestSussex to report them.

VS asked whether items could be included in the agenda for the next meeting to start looking for a speaker for the next AGM, funding for additional street trees in the SRA area and an increase in the fees for the use of the SRA notice board for advertising by local groups. VS to speak to Derek James on the last point. VS also commented on the use of white plastic bollards in Clay Lane in Fishbourne to deter parking on verges, and asked whether these could be used in The Drive to help protect the area where the footpath starts. RH said that it would be better if Highways installed bollards in case someone ran into them. He suggested contacting LoveWestSussex on the matter.

SS reported that she still awaited a reply from the Church Secretary on dates for the SRA to use St Michaels Hall for our meetings. She to chase.

13. **Date of next committee meeting – Thursday 31 May 2018.**

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