

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2018

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Mike Steel - Webmaster
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Peter Bickley - Treasurer
Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Roger Hobbs - Assistant Planning Secretary	Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin – without Portfolio
Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary

1. **Welcome to members attending**

SS welcomed all committee members attending, and SRA members Richard and Diana Bramall and Mrs Janet Johnson from the Roussillon development.

2. **Apologies for absence**

None

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 4 January 2018**

Agreed and signed by RH as chairman at the date of the meeting.

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

None

5. **Chairmans Report**

SS reported as Vice Chairman in the absence of a Chairman. She told members of the sad and sudden death of Trevor Owen. RH asked whether a date for the funeral was known, and SS to keep in touch with Mrs Owen on this point. She has written to Mrs Owen on behalf of the committee to express condolences. SS welcomed Richard Bramall who has offered his services as a committee member and possible future chairman. The committee voted to co-opt him onto the committee. The committee also voted for RH to become Planning Secretary and RB to be Assistant Planning Secretary. SS said that she had received a letter from Mr John Williams of Harberton Crescent who has put together some suggestions for a credible northern route for the proposed improvements to the A27 in the event of it being put back on the agenda. RH said that he had responded to this, but as SRA has a mandate from members to oppose a northern route, it was not possible for him to support any proposals in favour of it. RH said that he had attended BABA27 meetings and although consultants SYSTRA had said all options were still available, this was taken to mean all southern route options. SS asked RH to keep the committee informed of any further developments he had knowledge of.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Bank balances

Current:	Lloyds Bank Treasurers A/C balance	£4,553.29 including £75.10 NCRA monies
Interest bearing:	Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access A/C	£0.01 negligible interest
	United Trust Bank 40 day notice @1% p.a.	£10,029.76

The cost of items for the AGM was £124 for food, £200.68 for drinks, hire of the hall £30 and donation to Chichester Harbour Conservancy £25. A small correction to the copies of the 2017 accounts has been made. The item for newsletter printing represented in the accounts as a creditor at £110 has now been received in the sum of £101.14. PB reported that Cllr Len Macey has agreed to be the new Accounts Examiner as Carlos Santander is standing down, and proposed a vote of thanks to him for his service over the years.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

396 members have paid their subscriptions, 19 standing orders are outstanding and 23 members who pay in cash are yet to do so.

8. **Website Webmasters Report**

MS reported 367 hits to the website in January. The section of the website giving information on the A27 situation has been updated. An email was sent to members with information on the AGM and two-thirds of recipients opened it. Two people have unsubscribed. MS reported that the system will "clean an email address if there is a permanent reason an email cannot be delivered, such as a typo in an email address, server problems or an outdated email address. MS to conduct a spring clean soon and will inform VS if any members are removed.

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Planning Matters

RH reported that permission had been granted for 3 houses on the site of The Haven in Chestnut Avenue. SRA objected to the development. Warendell, off Plainwood Close, now has outline planning permission. VS said that markers had been put in which could indicate the line of an access road. MQ said that the road from the site was supposed to be from Plainwood Close. Flint Cottage in Rew Lane has an application for a one for one development, albeit a large property. Although SRA does not usually object to a single dwelling, SS asked RH to check that it will be in keeping. VS Asked whether damage to footpaths by developers construction vehicles causing puddles could be reported to WSCC. RH suggested writing to Chris Dyer in the Highways Department, and also using the LoveWestSussex website. VS asked whether the redundant phone box outside Wellington Grange could be removed.

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Newsletter

MQ asked for articles for the next edition, and various items for articles were put forward. MQ to follow up in two months' time. Mrs Janet Johnson from the Roussillon development said that she was organising a Secret Garden Trail on 24 June between 2pm and 5pm at Roussillon with open gardens and afternoon tea, and funds raised going to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. The committee welcomed the idea to involve Roussillon with the wider community and suggested ways to publicise the event. It will be before the next newsletter but MQ will include a report on it in the newsletter.

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Debrief of AGM 15 February 2018

SS asked for feedback on the speakers and whether the meeting was too long. Although some were considered to have spoken for a little longer than their allotted time, the information they all gave was of interest to SRA. The guest speaker from the Harbour Conservancy was considered to be most interesting and well received. MS asked whether next years' AGM could be other than in half term week.

11.

How to continue without a Chairman – possible scenarios

SS said that although she is in the role of chairman tonight, she has not taken on the role. A wide-ranging discussion followed on whether the chairmanship should be shared by committee members on a rota basis, or whether SS as vice-chairman should steer the meetings but not have to make a chairman's report on the various items raised by SRA members but delegate this to the relevant committee members following the emails received. It was generally felt that a shared chairmanship would be difficult to implement. One of the main functions of the committee was to report on planning matters so the chairman's report would largely be to comment on this. VS asked whether replies to queries directed to the chairman were replied to by email or letter. RH said that generally a letter was sent, and there is a letterhead template for this use. SS said that there should be a list of committee members emails for internal use so that queries raised by members specifically for them could be forwarded.

12.

Updates from Representatives

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

DM reported that recent changes at the aerodrome were reported on in November, ie helicopters and the airstrip returning to its previous location. The next meeting was 17/18 March, and SS asked whether this could be put on the website. MS to implement this, along with the other main events at the track.

13.

AOB

SS asked whether the Traffic Regulation Order outside the One Stop shop in The Broadway had been put in place. This has not been done, but since the opening of the new Co-Op store in Lavant Road, the traffic outside the One Stop has eased. VS said that the traffic entering and leaving the garage at the Co-Op store was mainly on Saturdays, and that other garages in the area were starting to compete on price. SS asked whether there was any news on the use of 4x4 vehicles on Fordwater Road on the track, and on the creation of a permissive path on the road into Lavant village from the airfield direction. VS said that planning permission was being sought for the barn on the roadside at that point, which would trigger the application for the permissive path. SS asked whether SRA was to have the talk offered by the police on avoiding fraud and scams, and asked MQ to follow this up. PB suggested this as an article for the newsletter. The talk could coincide with another event in St Michaels Hall, such as the afternoon club. VS to contact the organiser to discuss. RH suggested joining with Rousillon and using their community hall. Richard Bramall commented on the number of cars parked in Summersdale Road. RH said that parking in the Graylingwell Development was so strictly controlled that many residents had to park in the adjoining streets. One vehicle had been parked for 3 months, and ASB suggested reporting it to Operation Crackdown. RB to action. RH asked whether a garden or street party to celebrate the royal wedding on 19 May should be held, perhaps joining in with other areas such as Rousillon or Graylingwell, and asked ASB whether she would be willing to help with organisation again. She agreed that she would. It was agreed that to join with other groups, provided they were in agreement, was the best option. JL asked whether the minutes of the AGM of 15 February 2018 could be signed by RH as he was chairman at the meeting. These were agreed and duly initialled by RH.

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Date of next Committee Meeting

Thursday 5 April 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.