

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 31 May 2018

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Roger Hobbs – Planning Secretary
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Peter Bickley - Treasurer
Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor	Richard Bramall – Assistant Planning Secretary
Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Vanessa Stern - Membership Secretary
Mike Steel – Webmaster	

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

SS welcomed committee members attending and SRA member Mr Ray Carter.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin and Mr Dennis Martin.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 5 April 2018**

Approved and signed by SS.

3a. **Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below.**

VS said that she had spoken to Derek James who looks after the SRA notice board concerning the charges for items being displayed. Commercial concerns are charged £5 per month and others at the discretion of Mr James. On the matter of the verge by Hackets Rew in the Drive, VS said that she had received correspondence from Tony Tibbett who agreed that although the verge was damaged, it did not represent a health and safety risk so no funds were available to repair it. He agreed to monitor it.

4. **Further discussion of A27 proposals**

SS reported that she and RH had attended the latest BABA27 meeting as well as previous ones. SS and RH had had been assured, when talking to Systra that they were not proposing the route to the west of the motor circuit and terminating at Portfield, contrary to the report in the Chichester Observer. Other routes were discussed generally, one being the mitigated northern route excluding a junction on the A286 and going from Temple Bar to Fishbourne. RH said that all discussion of the northern route always talked about environmental matters, pollution and land-taking, which could be the best basis for any objection on the SRA's behalf. RB reported that he had visited the record office and looked at the OS map of the area which definitively showed all the footpaths, bridleways, cycleways etc entering the city, a total of 23 access points, all of which should be maintained if a northern route was chosen. The WSCC's own brief states that these routes should be kept open. Also the River Lavant needs to be considered. RH said that 'value engineering' will be applied to any design agreed, which could lead to compromise between design and construction depending on budget restraints. Developers renegotiate planning conditions with CDC, the planning authority, during the planning process which can result in a dilution of the original community benefits. WSCC have put forward a report that states that both a northern or southern route would be acceptable, but the fact that there is equal agreement for both does not mean there is consensus. The majority of WSCC members do not live near Chichester so they have no direct interest in where a new road is built. WSCC, CDC and Gillian Keegan must show there is consensus or their bid for funding will fail again. Four alternative options are to be put forward following the SYSTRA report. MQ asked whether the southern route would involve underpasses and flyovers and RH said that it did. RB said that objection on the grounds of the environmental impact is our strongest argument against a northern route. PB said that the Duke of Richmond would surely wish to ensure the best design on environmental grounds if the route was to pass close to his estate. It is essential that the view from the SDNP would not be compromised by the construction of a northern A27 route and the SRA will use every effort to ensure that this is not compromised. SS said that there was a WSCC meeting on 4 June at County Hall at 2.15pm which we can attend but not speak at. RH to write to the cabinet member for highways to express our views, a copy of which will be made available for the website. He will ask where the consensus for the proposals to be put forward has come from, as it was not apparent at the BABA27 meetings. There is also a CDC meeting on Friday 8 June which RH and RB will attend and at which we can speak, preceded by a cabinet meeting which we can attend but not speak at. RB asked how we should present our views at the meeting, and he is to liaise with RH on this matter.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Current A/c

Lloyds Bank Treasurers A/c

£4,573.29

Interest Bearing A/cs

Lloyds Business Instant Access a/c @ 0.05%

£0.01

6. Data Protection

Forms have been distributed to all members to obtain their consent for their data to be used for SRA matters. On the SRA website, MS has put the privacy policy and how the data is processed. MQ has also designed a form for new members which includes a standing order section as well as a form to give permission for the use of data and also one for use for change of address, phone number and email address. RH queried the statement on the form which states 'information for the sole use of SRA' and it was confirmed that all information gathered is solely for SRA use and will not be passed to any other organisations. RH asked what the procedure would be if not all members returned their forms. MQ said that a reminder would go in the next newsletter, and if forms were still not all received then we would address that at the time.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

VS reported that there were currently 427 members, and that more emails had now been recorded following the return of the data forms.

8. Webmaster's Report

MS reported a new record in May for hits on the website of 749, possibly in response to the information on the A27 situation. 3 emails have been sent out, on the A27 and the emergency committee meeting. MS said that it would be a good idea to have a second person to send out emails to cover for holiday absence, and he to liaise with MQ on this matter.

9. Planning Matters

RH reported that he had objected to the proposed development of 21 Lavant Road on behalf of the SRA, as this property is a very attractive Arts and Crafts house and it would be a pity to see it demolished. During the CDC's conservation area review, CDC agreed to appraise Summersdale Area at the same time as they appraised Graylingwell.

Unfortunately CDC have not had the resources to devote to the appraisal and therefore to make a decision whether to include parts of Summersdale in the Chichester Conservation Area (CCA). The problem is that until this work is undertaken and a decision made as to whether to include Summersdale in the CCA, then properties sitting on large plots will be vulnerable to developers cherry picking those sites and there is little the CDC can do about it as they are neither listed nor within a CCA. SRA can collaborate with Chichester Society to put pressure on CDC to complete their CCA appraisal and make a decision whether or not to include Summersdale. RH reported that there were no other significant planning matters.

SS said that a house in Maplehurst Road was up for sale and that this was a property which had fenced land to the front against planning restrictions concerning this for the estate. She to speak to the selling agents, who will then be obliged to mention this to potential buyers.

10. Newsletter

MQ said that as she is unavailable at the end of June that material for the next newsletter should be forthcoming as soon as possible. RH to submit copy on the ongoing A27 situation, and DM has promised an article on the Goodwood Motor Circuit. MQ invited more articles as soon as possible, and will include one on the return of data forms. A photograph of the upcoming party SRA is sharing with Rousillon residents can also be included, and an article on potholes and delamination of roads in the SRA area.

11. Goodwood Liaison Report – Dennis Martin

SS reported on behalf of DM, who sent his apologies. There have been strong complaints about planes flying over the north end of The Drive. No response to DM's email, but he will persevere.

12. AOB

SS showed members leaflets and distribution cards on a litter picking initiative. Litter bags are available from CDC, and full bags can be put out with household waste. It was agreed that the committee would have a litter picking day, and Saturday 28 July was chosen. The meeting place was agreed to be outside Augusta Court at 10am, with members to bring their own gloves. JL suggested coffee and cake afterwards, location to be agreed.

It was agreed that a decision on suggestions for a speaker for the next AGM would be discussed at the next meeting. VS said that the seat donated by SRA outside the One Stop shop was in need of a coat of varnish, and PB agreed to investigate.

MQ asked whether a decision had been made on the matter of a new chairman. SS asked RB whether he was happy to be considered, and he is to liaise with her on the matter with a decision to come at a later date.

13. Date of next committee meeting. Thursday 26 July 2018.

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