

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2019

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Richard Bramall - Chairman	Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman
Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary
Peter Lines – Goodwood Liaison	Brian Quilter – Goodwood Liaison
Roger Hobbs – Planning Secretary	Mike Steel – Webmaster

1. Welcome to members attending, especially our guest

RB welcomed all committee members attending and SRA members Ray Carter, Jeremy Hunt and Rousillon resident Mrs Janet Duncton. He particularly welcomed guest speaker John Templeton who would address the meeting on conservation status for the Summersdale area. He also announced that Vice-Chairman Sue Spooner retired and thanked her for her service to the SRA with a gift of flowers. VS to take over her duties as vice-Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin, Mrs Mary Quiney, Mrs Pauline Sutton and Mrs Jean Goddard.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 30 May 2019

Approved and signed by RB

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

MS said that a SRA member had asked for a notification of an upcoming memorial service be put on the website, and that he had to tell the member that this was not possible, although only on the day of the event. He asked that if such requests were refused in future that proper notice be given to the person in question. Notices could be included but would be judged on a case by case basis, not put in regardless.

5. Planning Secretary's Report

154 Broyle Road. 2 houses applied for, refused on the grounds of overdevelopment. Revised plans submitted for one property which has been passed.

10 Lavant Road. We objected to the demolition of 3 flats to create 6 on the site.

19 Highland Road. Permission sought for a chalet in the rear garden. Refused.

Grey Cottage, The Drive. Permission sought for a summerhouse, dormers, associated road, decision pending, we have objected.

VS asked if a list of all planning items could be produced as had been done previously. RH to do. Ray Carter asked what our criteria were for objecting to planning permission. RH said we were in line with local planning rules, especially overdevelopment, and that it was important to take notice of the opinions of local people.

5a. Whitehouse Farm Development update

VS attended a recent meeting and circulated maps and information sheets via email prior to the meeting. Many local groups were represented and expressed concerns over the proposed changes to the roundabout at the junction of Orchard Street, West Street, Avenue de Chartres and Westgate. PS is keen to keep an eye on the effects the development will have and other developments within Chichester and will continue this on her return.

6. Treasurers Report

Bank Balances

Current A/c

Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c £5,141,60 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA

Interest Bearing a/cs

Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c £0.01

United Trust Bank 40 day notice a/c £10,394.58

Matters to consider

Making our money work harder

PB undertook to open a Redwood Bank 35 day notice account, AER 1.35%, minimum opening deposit £10k, but unfortunately this account has been withdrawn. The minimum notice period is now 95 days at 1.4%. He recommended having £10k in a notice savings account and £5k instantly available across instant savings accounts and treasurers a/c and asked whether committee favoured £10k earning 1% with a 40 day notice period or 1.4% with a 95 day notice period. A vote was taken and the 95 day 1.4% option was chosen.

7. Introduction to special section of meeting

Covered in item 1 – welcome to John Templeton

8. John Templeton talks about Summersdale as a conservation area

RB said that Summersdale was the only area to produce a study document which was sent to CDC in 2008 but that nothing had resulted from it, although other areas had been given consideration. Shortage of staff was cited as a reason for this slow progress and RH said that if staff levels were a problem then consultants should be appointed to help. John Templeton then addressed the

meeting. He is a local man and had previously worked as a town planner and designating conservation areas. He joined the Chichester Society in 1975. In 2016, Summersdale was checked for possible designation but nothing was submitted to the City Council. Two Conservation Officers have recently been appointed so now might be a good time to campaign for conservation status for Summersdale, as there is currently no protection for houses in our area. PB said that a new appraisal should be prepared as the previous one was 10 years old. RB said that he would like to become involved in the Chichester Society. JH suggested involving Richard Plowman as he is the member for Chichester North. RB to write to him on this matter, and also to liaise with John Templeton. RH asked if Richard Plowman could be invited to the next SRA meeting, and John Templeton and RH to attend the next Chichester Society meeting and speak to Richard Plowman on this point.

9. PC talks on speeding issues in the area

PCSO Jason Lemm addressed the meeting and introduced the concept of Community Speed Watch, whereby residents undertake to use hand-held speed monitoring devices to check the speed of motorists in their area. He showed the equipment used and explained that it had been in use in its current form for 3 years and is linked to a website which records the results of the checks. Training is given to residents who wish to participate. Residents can join an existing group or set up their own if there is a suitable location to monitor. There are 35 groups within the area. If a car is monitored travelling at 10% plus 2 mph over the speed limit, the registration number is recorded by the monitoring team – 2 people required, one to man the device and one to record registration numbers – and the information passed to the police. On the first occasion, a letter is sent to the driver. If there is a second incident, a second letter is sent. If there is a 3rd, a police officer hand delivers the letter. On the 4th, action is taken. Boxgrove has a very active group and saw a significant decrease in the need for letters to be sent after 4-5 months. The device is now calibrated to detect vehicles travelling over the limit in 20mph zones and also works on buses. There are 4 or 5 in the immediate area. VS asked if volunteers experienced aggression from motorists who realised they had been clocked, and was told that if people were told it was a traffic calming exercise that their attitude was generally acceptable. Volunteers can set up the monitoring equipment at any time during daylight and whenever they consider traffic might be speeding. RB asked SS to gather information to pass to MQ for the upcoming newsletter.

10. Membership Secretary's Report

434 members at present, a few people having moved or died. ~Some standing orders are still outstanding, probably the members who have now moved. Foxholme Mews is still not completely sold out, and a letter drop will be done when it is. RH asked whether there were sufficient leaflets available and VS and MQ liaise to ensure there are.

11. Webmasters Report

475 hits on the website in April, and 422 in May. Updates re planning are ongoing. Community bus information has been included. MS asked whether the chairman should decide on what should appear on the website and it was agreed that if a committee member had a particular item to be included, the webmaster could use his discretion. RH suggested that this should be kept to a minimum.

12. Goodwood Liaison Report

BQ and PL visited outgoing Goodwood Liaison representative Dennis Martin today and have made contact with the airfield committee and got the date of the next meeting. Maps of the airfield have been sent to MQ for the newsletter and for the website where a number to complain about excessive noise can be found. They also met Rob Wildebor, chief flying instructor at the flying school. SS said that she had received an email detailing the flights that will take place during the Festival of Speed and she to forward this to BQ and PL. A copy of this can be put in the SRA notice board. MS said that no overflying had been reported since 10 May as runway 24 is closed.

13a Graylingwell Footpath latest

As JG is away, no further information to hand at present. JH suggested we write to Roger Elkins, cabinet member for Highways at WSCC on the matter.

13b Winterbourne Playground

It was suggested that we might apply for funds under the crowd funding platform. RB asked if we could apply for funds on land we did not own, and a general discussion followed as to who actually owned, and had responsibility for, the playground itself. Hyde Martlett administer the housing in the area but did not build them. Taking responsibility for the playground involves maintaining and insuring it. Further information is required on ownership before we can proceed.

14. New SRA AGM venue search

SS and VS visited St Pauls Church and reported that the adjoining hall is no bigger than the current venue. The church itself is a good alternative, chairs can be moved to suit the event and there is a good sound system. Dates of availability were restricted due to commitment to other users. RB has written to the Duke of Richmond to ask if he would speak at the next AGM and awaits a reply so that dates can be tied in with hiring the church. The AGM should be held before the last day of February.

15. AOB

MB asked when the next newsletter would be ready. MQ is away at present so an exact date is not to hand yet. VS asked that the minutes and agenda be displayed in the SRA notice board, and JL said that they always were when they were finalised, although this did sometimes take a while if committee members were away. RH asked if the new bus timetable was in operation and if there had been any complaints. The new timetable is operational and no complaints would appear to have been received.

16. Date of next committee meeting – Thursday 25 July 2019.

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