

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

NEWSLETTER
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A message from our Chairman, Jeremy Hunt

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter for 2013.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year in mid November does seem rather early! Perhaps I should explain.

We like to deliver the winter edition early in the New Year, not only to give you something to read on the long winter nights, but also to give you plenty of notice of our **AGM and annual social gathering**. This meeting is now an established date on the calendar and it is always a great pleasure to have an opportunity to chat to many of our members. The meeting this year is on **7th February** - earlier than usual. For more details, including news of our exciting speaker, please see pages 4, 5 & 6.

Now, back to my explanation of wishing you all a Happy New year in November. Because of the early AGM and the Christmas break we need to get our copy to the printer by mid December. To achieve this our poor long suffering Editor, Mary Quiney, has to beg and cajole us to get our contributions to her by late November so that she can set it out ready for printing and still manage to prepare for Christmas! On behalf of all our members I would like to thank Mary for producing such an excellent newsletter.

I would also like to thank Michael and Gillian Berry who for many years have been organising the distribution of the Newsletter. A big thank you also to Michael's 'Team' of distributors, without whom this Newsletter would not be in your hands now. Long may they continue!

I would also like to mention Ray Carter who last summer masterminded our first entry into the 'It's My Neighbourhood' section of the **RHS Britain in Bloom competition**. We were **thrilled to win a Level 3 award at our first try**. Our contribution also

helped Chichester win a Silver award in the Large Town Category. Thank you to Ray and to those residents who kindly helped out on judging day. Let's aim for a level 5 Award next year!

Unfortunately there is not enough room to mention all the Committee Members by name. On behalf of the Members I would like to thank them all for their hard work and continuing support.

Specific planning issues are covered elsewhere in the Newsletter but I feel that I must make reference to one recent application, the development of the Hunters Rest site. Sadly we lost the fight to stop this development and we are now fighting against a **proposal by Taylor Wimpey to build 92 homes in the Lavant Gap** (see separate RAGE2 article on page 3). All this has come about because the CDC do not currently have a Core Strategy in place. The implementation of the new Core Strategy, originally planned for May, is not now due until October 2014. In the meantime we soldier on under the CDC's Interim Statement - Facilitating Appropriate Development. We believe, with others, that this document is just a charter for developers to cherry pick pieces of land on the borders of the Settlement Policy Areas for development. However, the recently updated FAD policy gives us a glimmer of hope. It now states: **'This document provides justification to allow us to refuse inappropriate development'**. Let us hope that all those involved in planning decisions back up these words and refuse **'inappropriate'** development, wherever it is.

Well sadly I have run out of space! so I would like to sign off by wishing you all a very.....

Happy and Healthy New Year.

Planning Matters

12/02772/FUL Extension and alterations Lavant Road Surgery to form larger pharmacy/dispensary

The Lavant Road Practice submitted a retrospective planning application for the **alterations** to create the retail pharmacy adjacent to the surgery. The SRA is concerned that **due process** is followed and requested that the application is amended, to include the required **change of use** from the former **Dispensary use**, serving rural patients to an **A1 retail consent, (with planning conditions)** to serve the adjacent surgery and therefore reflecting the current use. The SRA is not opposed to the development of the Pharmacy, however it is concerned by an open retail use being established which could in the event of the surgery relocating, be exploited to create a larger retail store. Many neighbours have been concerned by the impact that limited car parking at the surgery and the full pharmacy service will have on increasing waiting times- also attracting a much wider clientele, resulting in local roads being more congested and drives being blocked. The SRA wishes to ensure that CDC and West Sussex County Council Highways fully understand the impact of the application and that any planning approval restricts the use of a retail pharmacy, for the longevity of adjacent surgery use.

12/03670/FUL Extensions and alterations Chichester Rugby Club Wellington Road

The Rugby Club have submitted a planning application for a major extension and refurbishment of the Club house. The SRA will be considering this application, which will much improve the existing building and facilities. The SRA wishes to ensure that the successful and busy Rugby club remains a good neighbour, whilst concerned by car parking on match days and during Sunday morning junior rugby.

12/01551/FUL 72 bedroom Care Home - Land at corner Broyle/Wellington Road, Roussillon Park

The SRA has objected to this application on grounds of proximity to an adjacent house, seeking further design modifications. The CDC have yet to make a decision due to various traffic reports. Having been submitted in April, final approval is expected shortly.

Coming Soon!

Broyle Road/The Broadway- 18 houses/flats

The SRA have received preliminary details of an application from Lowdness Limited, for **18 houses and flats on the north west corner site of Roussillon Barracks**, comprising the former Barracks tennis courts, children's play area and the green on the corner of The Broadway and Broyle Road. This land was sold off earlier this year by the Ministry of Defence and will be in addition to new housing being developed on the main Barracks site by Zero C. The SRA will be considering the proposal which is served by an access from the Barracks site and from an entrance opposite One Stop, serving 4-6 properties. The SRA is concerned by the visual appearance from Lavant Road and the apparent lack of awareness of the applicant to the Tree Preservation Orders on the trees on the area of green facing The Broadway. Lowdness will be submitting a planning application very shortly.

Planning decisions

12/01599/FUL The installation of a 15m high phone mast with cabinet, Summersdale Road.

The application for a second mobile phone mast on Summersdale Road/Bloomfield Drive has been **refused** by CDC on grounds of being within a Conservation area and adjoining an area specifically designed for wildlife displaced by Graylingwell development.

12/00008/FUL Land to the South of Tudor Close (rear of 5 Lavant Road)

This application for two dwellings was refused by CDC earlier in the year. We now wait to see if the applicant will appeal or perhaps come forward with new plans.

12/01157/FUL 12 Brandy Hole Lane 2 new dwellings

Application approved to demolish existing house and replace with two dwellings. An application **12/04055/FUL** has now been submitted for an **amended application**.

RAGE2 - Residents Against Greenfield Encroachment

Land North of Keepers Wood - Planning Application 12/03178/OUT

In case you are unaware, in August last year Taylor Wimpey submitted an outline planning application for 92 residential units on Land North of Keepers Wood, land which forms an integral part of the strategic gap between Chichester and Lavant.

The application will be decided by the time you read this as it is **due to go before the CDC Development Control Committee (North) on Wednesday, 19th December 2012.**

The excellent news is that the Planning Officer's recommendation to the Committee is to **refuse the application**. We hope that the Committee will have agreed with the recommendations and refused the development. If it is refused it is not necessarily the end, Taylor Wimpey might well decide to go to appeal. If so, the fight will go on and your continuing support will be essential.

If however the application was approved then it will have been a very sad day for the cause of so called 'localism'. It will mean that in future none of the 'green and pleasant' land surrounding our City will be safe from the ravages of developers.

Unfortunately we have to go to press before the meeting so, hopefully, by the time you read this you will be aware of the result. If not then **the result can be found on the CDC website as well as on the SRA notice board.**

Whatever the result, RAGE2 would like to thank the huge numbers of residents of both Summersdale and Lavant for their steadfast support. Being able to contact so many by email has been a great advantage. Our most grateful thanks must go to the RAGE2 Committee who have worked tirelessly to try to stop this development. Thanks also to the team of speakers who put forward excellent arguments for retaining the Lavant Gap.

Let us hope it will be good news by the time you read this

Goodwood Aerodrome and Motor Circuit Report

Circuit:

The new noise monitoring equipment is proving very effective: the more rapid response enables the marshals to identify offenders and deal with them. Compliance has markedly improved, to the extent that the Consultative Committee resolved to meet only once per annum instead of twice. Your representative opposed this but requested that monitoring results continue to be reviewed twice per annum and reported. Additionally, there is an option to call special meetings if circumstances require it.

Aerodrome:

In response to pressure from the SRA and others, the management of pilot discipline regarding take-off and climb-out is being improved. This is through more positive briefing, better maps and displays, together with more positive follow-up of the complaints hot line. (see below). We are satisfied that the new Manager takes this matter very seriously.

An application to renew the provisional new planning consents granted to the Motor Circuit in 2010 is likely to be submitted by the GRRC in the next few months.

The Complaints Hot-line is 01243 755162. Your message is recorded and, if you give your number, Goodwood undertakes to phone back within 2 days or so after they have checked through. If this does not occur Dennis Martin would like to hear from you on 01243 536496.

More Trees for Summersdale

Broyle Road - opposite Roussillon Park:

New houses were built in Broyle Road; grass verges appeared outside.

"How nice it would be to have some trees!" the local residents cried.

"A line of them would really improve the Northern approach to the city,
It would slow the traffic driving through and generally look pretty."

Giles Lamb persisted through the years - giving much time and toil.

But who would dig through the tarmac beneath and put in some new soil?

Thanks to **Andy of ZeroC** - they dug and filled the holes.

And **Graham from WSCC** supplied the trees and poles.

(And the SRA liaised between those involved...)



*Andrew Trim, (ZeroC Project Manager),
Jeremy Hunt, Giles Lamb and
Graham Mundie, (Arboriculturist at WSCC),
with the Ornamental Pear trees in Broyle Road*

Ferndale/Maplehurst Green:

In 1977, when Bovis built the housing,

A silver birch was planted to celebrate the jubilee.

And so in 2012, after diamond carousing,

The residents decided to plant another tree.

They wisely asked **Rosemary** to supervise the case.

And, thanks again to **Graham**, a Field Maple tree's in place.

(And the SRA helped with funds...)



*Graham Mundie and
Rosemary Richard,
residents and members of the
SRA Committee with the
Diamond Jubilee tree*

Annual General Meeting

including a Guest Speaker from the CFT

7:30 pm on Thursday 7th February 2013

at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

All members are welcome to attend (you can join on the night); we normally have good representation from our local politicians. The agenda and minutes of last year's meeting are on the following 2 pages. Members wishing to bring a **resolution** to the AGM should submit it in writing to the Chairman at least **7 days** before the meeting. Any resolutions received will be published on the SRA notice board by the letterbox outside One Stop in the Broadway.

The AGM will be followed by a **social gathering with free drinks and canapés**

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

'Residents Working Together'

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.30PM
at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road

Please bring this document with you. Additional copies will not be available at the meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM on 16 February 2012. (Abbreviated minutes attached; a limited number of copies of the full minutes will be available at the meeting).
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts for year ended 31 December 2012
5. Election of Officers, (namely - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2, Planning Secretary, Assistant Planning Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Goodwood Liaison, Newsletter Distributor), and other committee members *
6. Election of Independent Examiner
7. **Guest Speaker - Sarah Mansell, Campaigns Director of the CFT**
8. Other resolutions **
9. Open forum

* Nominations to the Committee or for any Officer post may be made by any member provided it has the consent of the nominee. Nominations can be made at the meeting but it is helpful if they are submitted in advance to the Chairman. We are keen to appoint new and younger members to the Committee.

** If you wish to propose a resolution please send it in writing to the Chairman at 3 Brandy Hole Lane PO19 5RL (or to admin@summersdaleresidents.co.uk) at least seven days before the meeting so that it can be published on the SRA notice board next to the One Stop Shop.

The AGM will be followed by our usual social gathering with drinks and canapés. All members of the SRA are cordially invited to attend. New members are always welcome and can join on the night.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

SRA membership subscriptions were due on 1 January. It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order. If you have not paid, or wish in future to pay by standing order, please send the enclosed form to: the Membership Secretary - Mrs Vanessa Stern, 15 Selham Close, Marchwood, Chichester PO19 5BZ preferably before the AGM.

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2012

Welcome

62 Members and 8 guests attended. Guests included the Mayor Cllr T. French, WSCC Cllr M. Hall, CDC Cllr S Lloyd-Williams, CDC and City Cllr T Dignum and Cllr. P Budge, City Cllr D. James and Cllr. Mrs. B. Rees and Guest Speaker R. Plowman.

Minutes of AGM on 10 February 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Chairman and Treasurer's Reports

Reports submitted to the meeting and copies available on request. Accounts approved.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following members were elected unanimously:

The Chairman: Jeremy Hunt

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Sue Spooner

Treasurer and No. 2 Minutes Secretary: Peter Bickley

Newsletter distributor: Michael Berry

Planning Secretary: Andrew Birch

Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin

Membership Secretary: Mrs Vanessa Stern

Newsletter Editor: Mrs Mary Quiney

No. 1 Minutes Secretary: Roger Hobbs

Webmaster: Michael Steel

Assistant Planning Secretary: Trevor Owen

Election of Independent Examiner

Mr Carlos Santander retired and a new Independent Examiner, Mr John Wilford, was elected.

Guest Speakers

Mr Richard Plowman, Chairman of the Friends of Priory Park, gave a presentation on the history of the Park, why it was important to the local community and proposals for future improvements. He took questions afterwards.

Open Forum

- 1) Cllr. M Hall encouraged the SRA to band together with other local groups and elected bodies if it wanted to defend the green strategic gaps that border the City boundary.
- 2) Cllr. T. Dignum, talked on the inadequacy of not having an LDF and the effect that could have of future development pressures in the neighbourhood.
- 3) Cllr D James spoke briefly about the work of the Neighbourhood Management Panel.
- 4) Member Mr John Newman commented on local issues including the state of local roads; poor cycling facilities; closure of CDC managed public toilets; and overgrown hedges in Broyle Road.

Conclusion

The Chairman closed the formal meeting at 9:10 pm. Afterwards, many members stayed for the social occasion.

Neighbourhood Management Panel & Policing News

Late night noise from students. Some of you may have experienced difficulties with students late at night, and we have established a contact with the University. **Chloe Woodward** is in charge of these matters, and a member of the Neighbourhood Management Panel, and she has responded to a request for her details to be available to SRA members. If you have anything to report, please take note of the date, time and general circumstances.

"We are very happy to take complaints directly so that we can get the details quickly and can therefore act, (but accept that individuals may wish to contact police etc at the same time for immediate relief etc).

As well as dealing with any problems resulting from students travelling home after the bar we are also able, (and very happy), to assist with any students making general noise within their properties - (late night parties/music etc) - if residents feel ignored/disrespected when making their own representations".

Contact details for Chloe Woodward
direct phone number: 01243 816128
email: C.Woodward@chi.ac.uk

Speeding on Lavant Road. This should be improved when the change to the speed limit to 30mph is in place, from 40mph now in force. The funds are there, so hopefully it will be done fairly soon. It is always difficult for the police to find places where they can safely employ their speed cameras.

Bicycle thefts. We are all asked to make sure that bicycles are well locked up and kept in a garage if possible. A large number of the stolen bicycles are unsecured whilst visiting shops etc.

Bogus callers seek out the elderly and vulnerable, often convincing them that an unnecessary job such as guttering or the resurfacing of a driveway needs doing or selling items of jewellery, ornaments or antiques at the door will benefit the home owner. They then pressurise and intimidate the home owner to extract large sums of money.

Protect yourself from the Bogus Caller, remember:

- **No** bank will ever ask for your personal details or PIN numbers over the phone
- **Always** check ID properly - check their number matches the phone book
- If you suspect something isn't right, **call us on 101** and let us know
- **Lock** your back door when answering your front door, and always use a chain
- **Protect your neighbours** - if you have a vulnerable neighbour or friend, ensure that they know what to do
- **Protect your family** - ensure that your elderly or vulnerable relatives do not become a victim. Help them to secure their property. Fit door chains to prevent people talking their way in. Block unknown numbers from phoning their homes.

Contact details for PCSO Steve Bingham
mobile number: 07917 720650
email: steven.bingham@sussex.pnn.police.uk

e-mail alert Are you receiving e-mails from us?

If not, we either don't have your e-mail address or the one we have is incorrect.

If this is the case please let us have your current e-mail address.

e-mail us at membership@summersdaleresidents.co.uk

The importance of this service has been demonstrated recently by the use we have made of it in sending out updates on the planning application to build in the Lavant Gap.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Don't delay, send us your details today!

Membership Matters

If you do not already pay by standing order, there is a form inserted in this newsletter for you to complete and send with your payment. You can use it to set up a standing order if you wish. Membership is £5 per household, per year and is open to anybody living in any of the roads in the Summersdale area.

If you have a neighbour who is not a member, and who wishes to join, a form can be downloaded from our website. Go to <http://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk/membership.html> to display the form which can then be saved or printed. Alternatively, ask them to contact the membership secretary - (see details below)

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Dates for diaries 2013

Committee Meetings	Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall		
Wed 9 January	Moving Motor Show 11 July	For other information please go to our website
Thu 7 February (AGM)	20th anniversary Festival of Speed 12-14 July	www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk
Thu 21 February	Glorious Goodwood 30 July - 3 August	We will also try to advise you of any urgent matters by email, (see page 7), as well as posting information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway.
Thu 11 April	Revival Meeting 13 -15 September	
Wed 5 June		