

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

NEWSLETTER

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## A message from Jeremy Hunt, Chairman of the SRA

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter for 2010/11. It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the Millennium, and here we are already entering the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

Looking through a selection of SRA Newsletters from the past decade it is interesting to note some of the planning issues that have occupied our time. Back in 2000 we were already discussing Graylingwell, expecting development to begin in 2003 or 2004. Little did we realise that planning issues surrounding this development would still be ongoing in 2011!

The other major site that has been under discussion for many years is the old barracks. The site has now received formal approval (see 'Planning Updates') and it will be renamed Roussillon Park. Although there are one or two areas of concern, overall we feel that ZeroC's proposals should enhance the area.

Another site that has been bubbling away for much of the last decade is Hunters Rest. The development issues for this, together with the Summersdale Garage site, go back as far as 2002. We wait to see what proposals come forward for these sites.

Gravel extraction is still very much in our minds. The SRA was formed back in the early 1970s to oppose plans for a conveyor running from the Lavant quarry to the cleaning works at Portfield. Recently Tarmac tried to reopen the quarry, proposing to transport the gravel by road. Thanks to the work of RAGE and others, ably supported by many organisations including the SRA, these plans were rejected by the WSCC. However, we remain on our guard for any future applications.

Other, smaller sites have come up for development over the last ten years and we have had some

success opposing the ones that we felt were not appropriate for Summersdale. We hope you feel that the SRA's efforts to retain the special character of Summersdale have not been in vain. This 'special character' is very well summed up in *The Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal* - produced by Barry Aldridge on behalf of the SRA. We were very pleased that this excellent appraisal, which can be viewed on our website, was adopted as an annex to the Chichester Town Plan.

We now head into a new decade with a new Government. Knowing that planning regulations are to be decentralised and power handed back to the local communities, we will be using our best endeavours to ensure that the views of the association will always be well represented.

Lastly, one topic that has always aroused great interest over the years is the use of the Goodwood Motor Circuit. We are therefore delighted that a representative from Goodwood will be attending our February AGM to give us a brief explanation of the activities they intend to run and some reasons behind their new operational plans. We greatly appreciate this offer to come and talk and listen to us, and hope it will be of mutual benefit.

The business part of the AGM (Agenda on page 5) will be followed by our usual social gathering. We hope we strike a balance on the decisions we take but it is always helpful to hear the opinions of our members, even if they are critical! So what better way to spend a cold dark February evening than in good company, enjoying some excellent free food and drink, plus some lively debates and conversations?

The Committee wish you all a very Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

## Planning Matters

Since the last Newsletter several important planning issues have arisen .....

**Local Development Framework....** Following the decision in the High Court that the Secretary of State's decision to revoke the SE Plan was unlawful, the Plan has now been re-established as part of the District's Development Plan. The Government has, however, reiterated its intention to abolish Regional Strategies and housing targets in its forthcoming Localism Bill, and this should be a material consideration in planning decisions. The Localism Bill is thought unlikely to reach the Statute Book in less than a year and, until then, the District planners must be able to demonstrate and defend a 5 year housing land supply so as to resist speculative applications for housing on an ad hoc basis.

**Wastewater Treatment at Apuldram ....**The Environment Agency's Position Statement re capacity constraints , together with pollution concerns noted by the Harbour Conservancy Board, have led to other development restrictions. None the less, the two large development projects at Graylingwell and Roussillon Park continue as planned.

**Graylingwell .....** has received national plaudits for the quality and aims of its development plan, and has welcomed its first occupants in Phase 1. Design issues, which led to objections by the SRA under the Reserved Matters of Phases 2, 3 and 6a, were satisfactorily addressed and the application received planning permission in late October. Approval for the Reserved Matters for Phases 4,5 and the Woodland Hamlet are in hand, and in a recent public consultation the SRA found no grounds for objection.

The north-south pedestrian/cycleway through the site to Winterbourne Road has been agreed by WSCC, Linden and Hyde Martlet Homes under Condition 71, while access for the 300 properties permitted under the 60/40 east-west split has also been allocated. The SRA continues to play a constructive role in monitoring and commenting on

this flagship development programme of 750 dwellings, with an application for 50 or so more on the eastern approaches to the site also being considered.

**Roussillon Park ....**received planning permission for 252 properties at the end of November, subject only to the completion of the Section 106 agreement, the acceptance of specific mitigation measures and subsequent withdrawal of an objection by Natural England. After a statutory legal exercise, Zero C hope to begin work on site in April 2011. Again the SRA has played a constructive role in monitoring and commenting on the proposal and, where appropriate, supporting objections raised by residents living close to the site. Within the constraints imposed by planning authorities, the SRA believes the development to be well-designed and environmentally friendly - submitted by a cooperative and approachable developer.

**Goodwood.....** has procured the new Noise and Monitoring System on which its earlier planning approvals were predicated. The system has been trialled alongside the existing system with software designed for easy monitoring on line of all circuit activity. The SRA is represented on the circuit consultative committee and has been briefed on the new system, which should be fully operational and in service by 1 January 2011. Noise measurement and data retrieval will be displayed on line under the Motor Sport section of the Goodwood website - [www.goodwood.co.uk](http://www.goodwood.co.uk) - under the link to Noise Management. This will feature the latest Goodwood circuit calendars and noise levels recorded at recent operating days. The District Council will be monitoring developments closely and conducting further field trials in the local communities in 2011.

**Other Planning Matters.....** The SRA monitors all planning applications within Summersdale to ensure the preservation of the special character of the delightful area in which we live.

## How to view and object to Planning Applications: .....

### Planning applications on CDC website

Details of ALL current planning applications can be downloaded for Chichester North District from the CDC website. A short guide to using this service is on our website. Planning applications can be viewed on Chichester District Council's website at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5427>.

The **Chichester Observer** also has a weekly listing

### How to object to planning applications via the CDC website

<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=7650>.

If you have comments, then please respond to CDC and copy your response to us or

#### by letter

marked "*Objection*" and including the *reference*, to: Mr S R Carvell, Head of Development and Building Control Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TY.

## A Slap in the Face



We all enjoy walking round our neighbourhood in the summer, looking at all the lovely gardens. We can easily see where we are going and can avoid any overhanging bushes or branches. However, in the winter when it's dark and raining, this overhanging foliage can give you a wet slap in the face. Such overhangs interfere with raised umbrellas and can reduce the effective width of the footpath, especially for the old and those with pushchairs. Overgrown verges that encroach on the footpath can similarly narrow its effective width. Leaving your plants and hedges encroaching on the footpath is un-neighbourly. For the sake

of all pedestrians, especially the elderly, on dark wet winter nights we ask you all to ensure that any such foliage is kept trimmed well back from the pavement. Please take a little time to consider others. Thank you for your consideration.

## The Rough with the Smooth

Residents in The Avenue must have been delighted when the road was resurfaced following the extensive pothole damage after the snow and ice in January.



Did the Council know that Southern Gas Networks were going to do this work later in the year?



.....with this result?



Is there any way there can be better communication and coordination between authorities to prevent this sort of thing happening?



## Appeal for a new Tree Warden in Summersdale East Area

Tree wardens play a valuable part in looking after the trees in their area; one or two wardens are needed to cover the area of **East Summersdale - Maplehurst Road, Ferndale Road, Fordwater Road and Winterbourne Road.**

Tree wardens need no qualifications - just an interest in trees. There are ongoing training days provided by WSCC where you can meet Julie Bolton and Nicola Gardner from WSCC and all your fellow tree wardens in the Chichester area. There is also a Chichester Tree Wardens' Group that meets twice a year and organises other events too.

Information on tree warden duties can be obtained from Julie or Nicola **on 01243 756888 / 777122**, email [treewardens@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:treewardens@westsussex.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.westsussex.gov.uk/treewardens](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/treewardens)

If you have a query about a tree and you live in the western area of Summersdale please contact Mrs Meg Owen, Abbotsford, Summersdale Road 01243 527307

## Webmaster required

We need a new committee member to maintain (and, possibly develop), the SRA website. Please apply - contact the Chairman or any committee member.

## Annual General Meeting

**7:30 pm on Thursday 10th February 2011**  
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 and this year we will have a **speaker from Goodwood**. 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 nibbles.**

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on **THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2011 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 11 February 2010. (Abbreviated minutes attached; a limited number of copies of the full minutes will be available at meeting).
  3. Chairman's Report
  4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts for year ended 31 December 2010
  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. Other resolutions
  8. Guest speaker
  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 give it in writing to the Chairman at 3 Brandy Hole Lane PO19 5RL at least seven days before the meeting so that it can be published on the SRA notice board next to One Stop Shop.

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**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, or still need to update your standing order following the subscriptions increase, 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 11 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Welcome**

38 Members and 6 guests attended.

Guests included the Deputy Mayor R. Campling, County Councillor M. Hall, District and City Councillors: D. James and N. Roberts. City Councillors: Mrs. B. Rees and R. Plowman.

**Minutes of AGM on 12th February 2009**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**Chairman and Treasurer's Reports**

Reports submitted to the meeting and copies available on request.

**Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The following members were elected unanimously:

The new Chairman: Jeremy Hunt

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Sue Spooner

Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and No.2 Minutes Secretary: Peter Bickley

Minutes Secretary No. 1 & Newsletter distributor: Michael Berry

Planning Secretary: Andrew Birch

Webmaster: Peter Hurricks

Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin

Membership Secretary: Mrs Vanessa Stern

Committee members: David Heaver and Dennis Napier

Barry Aldridge agreed to continue with the work of the Planning sub-committee.

**Election of Independent Examiner**

John Yates

**Open Forum**

- 1) County Councillor Mike Hall paid tribute to the leadership that Vice Chairman Mrs. Sue Spooner had displayed in the fight to save the north of Chichester from the opening up of gravel workings by Tarmac. He thanked all the RAGE sub committee.
- 2) Past Chairman Mr. G. Wheatley raised concerns for any relaxation of the controls for the operation of Goodwood motor circuit and, in particular, changes proposed for Sundays.
- 3) Mr Vincent Porter, SRA member and member of the Brandy Hole Copse committee, addressed the meeting and invited SRA members to join his organisation.
- 4) Mr Hopton spoke of his concern for the possibility of building along the Lavant valley and flood plain. It was referred to in the District Council's plans for the north east of Chichester and noted in the LDF consultation document. The Chairman stated that the committee had already received two presentations from Mr David Heaver on behalf of the developers. He also confirmed that Mr Heaver had declared his interests to the committee and would not be party to any future discussions regarding this development within the committee.

**Conclusion**

The Chairman closed the formal meeting at 9:40 pm.

Afterwards, many members stayed for the social occasion. Drinks and snacks were provided by the Committee.

## Neighbourhood Policing

**Notices from:** Lisa Shadbolt PCSO 27388  
Chichester District

**Telephone:** 0845 60 70 999 Ext. 80274  
**Mobile:** 07775 406766

**Increase in vehicle crime across the district....**Can you all ensure that your vehicles are as secure as possible, make sure windows are shut, doors are locked and that all valuables are removed from the vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked on your driveway!

### **Credit/Debit Card cashback scam .....**

Card users are being billed for cashback which they have not requested. The check-out operator works with an accomplice standing in the queue behind, who takes the money away.

### **Protect Your Property - Garden Equipment Property Marking Scheme .....**

Police in Chichester are introducing a free property marking scheme for residents living in the Midhurst and Petworth, Manhood, Chichester Rural and Chichester City Neighbourhood Policing areas. This scheme is aimed at security marking garden equipment that can be found in garden sheds and garages, for example, sit-on-mowers, strimmers, leaf blowers, etc.

Using a system of pre-printed stencils and chemical etching local officers will visit residential properties and mark selected items. Signs and stickers will also be used to inform prospective thieves that all garden equipment is security marked and registered.

All items marked will be recorded on a database accessible that can be referred to 24 hours a day using a Freephone 0800 number should an item be stolen and subsequently found.

Residents of the Chichester district can take advantages of this **free service** by contacting their local PCSO via the Sussex Police website [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or telephoning **0845 60 70 999**

## Points from the Neighbourhood Management Panel (NMP) meetings

**Crime figures .....** The major points of interest in the October figures were that in Chichester North Ward, the number of incidents had been 24. There had been 41 fewer incidents and within that figure 25% of offenders had been caught. So there was nothing too serious to report at all.

### **Traffic Speed in Broyle Road - 'SID'.....**

At the December meeting there was a demonstration of the use of the SID machine. It is a screen, the size of a medium TV screen, on a stand. When cars pass, their speed is displayed on the screen in large red illuminated figures. All speeds are displayed, so whether the drivers are being very good or very bad, it is shown on the screen. There

are no possibilities for charges to be brought as a result of using SID; it is purely advisory and to demonstrate to people the speed at which they are travelling. The idea is that, if people are interested in trying it out in an area where speeding is perceived as a nuisance, the police provide the SID and trained volunteers from the community can have the machine for up to a month at a time, and deploy it as often as they like. It was suggested the most useful way was to have it in place for one hour and then move it, so it comes fresh to the motorists most of the time. Six people have taken up the training. Therefore, they hope to be using the machine some time in the new year.

## Membership Matters

including how to receive up-to-date information through the year - see the insert sheet

## Your Committee 2010/2011

### Chairman

#### Assistant Planning Secretary

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### Webmaster

#### Vacant - please apply

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### Committee Member without portfolio

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## Dates for diaries 2011

## AGM - Thursday, 10th February 2011

Committee Meetings <i>Thursdays 7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall</i>		Goodwood	Flying Display Times
13 January	30 June	<b>Festival of Speed</b> 30 June-3 July	Goodwood normally advise us of the times of flying displays to be held at their events. If received in time, we will try and display this information on our website as well as on our notice board by One Stop.
24 February	8 September	<b>Glorious Goodwood</b> 26-30 July	
14 April	13 October	<b>Revival Meeting</b> 16-18 September	
19 May	24 November		