

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

"Residents Working Together"

## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2009

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>>> And the R.A.G.E. website: [www.chi-rage.co.uk](http://www.chi-rage.co.uk) <<<

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### Dear Member

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2009.

### A message from the Chairman

I wish you all a very happy New Year and I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas.

You will see the notice for the AGM on 12 February further on in the newsletter. We are going to need at least three new Committee members due to people retiring. If we do not have enough members on the Committee then we cannot form a quorum which means that we will be unable to carry out any of the functions that we should. This would mean that we would be very limited as to what we could do on your behalf. Please give very serious thought to joining the Committee. It is not an onerous task and is an excellent way of meeting other residents. If you want any further information then please contact me on 773074 or any of the other committee members.

### AGM – Thursday 12 February 2009 at 7.30pm

The Annual General Meeting of Summersdale Residents' Association will be held on Thursday 12 February 2009 at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road. Full details are included with this newsletter but if they are missing then please contact the Chairman on 773074.

The Committee has decided that as last year's Summer Party was cancelled we would make this AGM more of a social occasion and so there will be a glass of wine or fruit juice and a few light refreshments after the meeting. This hopefully will provide an opportunity for you to meet the Mayor, Cllr David Siggs, and the County, District and City Councillors who represent this area.

### Membership subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2009 of £5.00 per household were due on 1 January. If you have not yet paid, or do not already pay by standing order, or have not yet altered your standing order to £5.00, then even if you are an existing member please complete the whole of the attached form and give or send it to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Vanessa Stern, 15 Selham Close, Marchwood, Chichester PO19 5BZ preferably before the AGM, or bring it to the AGM.

### Dates for your diary – Committee meetings / AGM

In 2009: 8 January, AGM 12 February, 19 February, 9 April, 14 May (venue TBA), 25 June (venue TBA), 3 September, 8 October and 26 November, all at 7.30pm and at St Michael's Hall except where marked.

## Residents Against Gravel Extraction

Thank you to all of you who came to the R.A.G.E. Drop-In meeting on 24 November. We hope that you found it informative – the R.A.G.E. committee was certainly encouraged to see how many people still feel passionately that gravel extraction at Hunters Race should not go ahead. R.A.G.E will be sending each Planning Committee councillor a detailed package of all objections and our reasoned arguments.

It is now 99% certain that the WSCC Planning Committee will deliberate and make a decision on this at its meeting on Tuesday, 10 February 2009. Those of you who sent letters of objection should receive notification of the 10 February meeting on or around 31 January 2009.

Recently the WSCC Planning Committee approved an application for gravel extraction at Kingsham. There had been only three letters of objection, so **Numbers DO Count**. It is therefore *vital* that as many people as possible turn up to protest at County Hall on that date.

### Timetable for 10 February

- **9.15-9.45am** Go into County Hall to register and receive a pass. Then stand on steps outside County Hall with placards, (dogs, bicycles too if you are unable to go on into the actual meeting) to greet councillors as they arrive. We shall have a few spare placards to distribute.
- **10.15am** Go into County Hall to the visitors' gallery, still showing placards or 'flyers', and attend the meeting. Only three people, pre-registered, will be able to address the meeting, but a large presence is a protest in itself.
- **10.30am.** Meeting starts.

**Please be prepared to spare this one morning to try to prevent 14 years or more of unsightly and disastrous gravel processing at Lavant, with its consequent HGV traffic (82+ lorries per day just for Tarmac, let alone on-site 'retail' sales traffic).**

Details are also on the RAGE website [www.chi-rage.co.uk](http://www.chi-rage.co.uk).

### Goodwood dates in 2009

We have been notified of the following events:

Festival of Speed	3 – 4 – 5 July 2009
Goodwood Revival	18 – 19 – 20 September
Vintage Fly-in	TBA but might not be held
Glorious Goodwood	28 July – 1 August

### Chichester District Council North East Forum: Graylingwell and Rousillon Barracks

This Committee last met on 2 December. Among the items discussed was the NHS land between Graylingwell and St Richards. The owners of the land are re-assessing all holdings in consideration of a plan for the whole site, which will include 200-300 houses, a care home and the proposed new clinic for both Lavant Road and Langley House surgeries. A road network and bus route have been agreed in principle but not in detail.

A Community Development Trust to run the Graylingwell site has been agreed to in principle, but terms of reference and a business plan are still to be developed. Buildings to be donated by the developer to the CDT are likely to include the Community Hall, Chapel and artists' studios. A specialist has been recruited to oversee the launch of the CDT.

Outstanding issues in the Graylingwell planning application (08/03533/OUT) include: drainage of the school site and the playing field; harbour water quality due to possible leakage from the Apuldram facility; the new Community Hall and likely demolition of the old theatre. A study on the highways implications has been submitted by the developer, but WSCC is responsible for external traffic flows. Work is still in hand to resolve all issues and mitigation measures. Decisions on the planning application are not expected until the end of January 2009 at the earliest, and the CDC will accept further responses from the public until shortly before the relevant Committee meeting.

Three companies have been short-listed for the development of Roussillon Barracks, with a final choice expected by the end of 2009. A planning application will follow, for mainly residential housing and a care home. The re-development programme will mirror that for Graylingwell but be a year behind.

### **Other current Planning Applications**

#### ***Hunters Rest***

New plans (not yet on the web at the time of writing) have been received for 40 homes on Hunters Rest, with greater separation from the tree-lined boundaries to the south and west. Strategic Gap issues may become clearer following a recent Fishbourne appeal hearing.

#### ***Phone masts***

(08/04544/TEL56)

An application for a joint T-Mobile/3 UK mast in Broyle Rd, opposite Broyle Close, has been received. Located on highways land, the mast is to be disguised as a telegraph pole. SRA opposed the application. *Stop Press: Approved; no comment received from CDC or neighbours.*

#### ***Object: your voice counts***

Planning applications can be viewed on Chichester District Council's website at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5427>. Any objections to planning applications can be sent via the CDC web 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.

### **Environmental issues**

#### ***Green Johannas***

If you have food waste, which in the summer attracts flies to your dustbin, and you have even a small garden, then rather than use your black bin you may like to consider using a Green Johanna to get rid of all your unwanted food waste.

Green Johannas work in much the same way as compost bins, but unlike composters you can put in all food whether cooked or uncooked and meat and poultry including bones as well as fruit and vegetables, and as they have gauze on the bottom and a close-fitting lid they attract worms but no rats. They work best with some garden rubbish. They are part of Chichester District Council's recycling initiative.

You can find out more about how Green Johannas work – a mix of food and some garden rubbish is best – and order one, complete with a caddy for the kitchen worktop, for £19.95 delivered to

your door by telephoning 0800 052 0462. Unlike Green Cones, you do not need to dig a hole or have them sited in the sun.

### **Home insulation**

In line with government targets to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 20% by 2010, grants are available for loft insulation and cavity wall insulation.

For householders aged over 70 this work is free (no means testing), as it is for home owners on various benefits. But grants of up to 50% are available for *all* owner-occupiers, regardless of age.

Insulation should make your home warmer and easier to heat, and cut your fuel bills, as well as the environmental benefits.

For more information consult the Energy Saving Trust (0800 512 012 or visit their website at [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk)), your current energy supplier (electricity or gas) or Chichester District Council (534690).

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As mentioned above, we need new blood to augment the committee and share the workload. If you would like to join the committee then please call the Chairman, Margaret Whitehead, on 773074.