

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex

“Residents Working Together”

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2010

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Dear Member

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to our first newsletter for 2010.

SRA NEEDS YOU!

We urgently need more people – ie YOU! – to join our committee and get involved. We are currently without a Chairman. We are currently without a Secretary. I also intend to step down from editing the newsletter as having done it for six years it is time for someone else to have a turn. We therefore have three officer posts on the committee that need filling, apart from the need for some new blood. Without a Chairman, we do not have leadership and if we do not have enough members on the committee and people, eg a Secretary, doing things, then we cannot carry out effectively the functions that we need to. Without a newsletter editor, you will only find out what is going on by word of mouth or by looking at the minutes on the SRA notice board.

Being on the SRA committee is an excellent way of not only finding out but having a say in – and sometimes even influencing – what's going on locally and meeting people both in the community and inside local government. If we do not have enough people on the committee, we would be very limited as to what we can do. Please contact any committee member for further information at any (reasonable) time or make yourself known at the AGM if you are interested.

Sadly, our webmaster, Peter Guilfoyle, died unexpectedly in December. Peter had revitalised our website and not only will his contribution to the SRA be missed, but most of all we shall miss his good humour and company. We extend our condolences to his widow Nina and his family.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on **11 February at 7.30pm in St Michael's Hall**. The agenda and last year's abbreviated minutes are attached to this newsletter. Like last year, to make the AGM more of a social occasion, it will be followed by a glass of wine/fruit juice and nibbles.

Other dates for your diaries

Committee meetings: 14 Jan, 25 Feb, 16 Apl, 13 May, 24 Jun, 2 Sept, 7 Oct and 25 Nov 2010, all at 7.30pm in St Michaels' Hall in Summersdale Road. All members are welcome to attend.

Committee member David Heaver will be giving a presentation at the 14 January meeting on the development potential for land east of Summersdale.

Goodwood events: Festival of Speed 1-4 July, Glorious Goodwood 27-31 July, Vintage Goodwood (celebrating the 1940s to 1980s) 13-15 Aug and Revival 17-19 Sept 2010.

Membership subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2010 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 from £2.00 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. If you are unsure please ring Vanessa on 778374 or email rodessa@waitrose.com. If you have changed your standing order then please check that your bank has correctly processed the replacement, eg cancelled the old instruction and set the payment date for the new one to 1 January annually.

We have a good proportion of Summersdale households as members but the more we have, the greater weight is given to what SRA says. So why not get a neighbour to join – use SRA as an excuse to go and call on someone who has recently moved into your road.

Residents Against Gravel Extraction (R.A.G.E.)

It was reported in the last newsletter that Tarmac's application to WSCC to reopen gravel excavations at Hunters Race was refused. Tarmac had until 17 September to lodge an appeal and did not. Should Tarmac reapply in the future, we have the experience to fight again.

Graylingwell

Building has now started on what was the orchard. The show home should be complete in February 2010 with the first properties ready for sale in mid-2010. If you wish to find out more then visit the developer's website www.graylingwellchichester.com or for full details the CDC planning website using reference 08/03533/OUT. SRA is a member of Graylingwell Community Liaison Panel set up by the developers to provide a forum for discussion, information provision and feedback and which will meet quarterly. Barry Aldridge (tel 771893) represents SRA. An east/west through road link is not envisaged – each side of the estate will have its own access. In the meantime, all construction traffic must access the estate from Barnfield Drive, not Summersdale Road. We trust that the name 'Livingwell' will be dropped: it contravenes the spirit of a cultural strategy for Graylingwell enshrined in the planning permission in the interests of public and visual amenity and to ensure that the historical significance of the site is signposted for the future.

Rousillon Barracks

The developer has been selected – Zero C. They intend to hold all-day public consultation meetings (probably on the lines of those for Graylingwell) on 29 and 30 January, details of which (venue, times, etc) will no doubt be publicised in the Chichester Observer. It is envisaged that the planning application will be submitted in mid-2010 with building starting in 2011 on a 5-7 year programme. It is likely to comprise some 270 houses, with 2/3-storey blocks of flats, 70-80% to be houses, c.40% social housing. Zero C have confirmed that having listened to SRA and other locals, 'Rousillon' will be incorporated in the name of their new estate. As in Graylingwell, traffic and car parking will doubtless be a bone of contention. Zero C are apparently very conscious of a recent traffic count showing that 700-800 vehicles an hour use Broyle Road – and equally aware of the practical difficulties of getting people onto bicycles and onto buses.

Key issues for planning in Chichester District – Core Strategy

CDC is currently consulting on its Core Strategy with a current focus on Strategic Growth Options. The consultation runs until 1 February 2010. The consultation document sets out the issues CDC is facing when planning in the district, their visions and aims and six options for the possible location of major development in Chichester District to help meet the increased housing demands and requirements in the District. To view and comment on the consultation document visit CDC's website at <http://www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=7650>. We would be interested in your views and if you have comments, then please respond to CDC and copy your response to us. .

Other planning news

Hunters Rest (08/01977/OUT) Appeal reference: APP/3815/2103459/NWF

The appeal against the refusal by CDC to allow this application to demolish the single agricultural dwelling (the last property before Summersdale Garage) and replace it with ten one and two bedroom flats and 24 two, three and four bedroom houses was withdrawn after representation by CDC of its five-year land supply figures. It had originally been refused by Chichester District North

Committee as being within a Rural Area, outside the Settlement Policy Area boundaries of both Lavant and Chichester, within the Chichester/Lavant strategic gap and because the Council was able to demonstrate a five-year housing supply.

Applecot, 12 Brandy Hole Lane (08/05003/OUT)

The appeal against the refusal of CDC to allow this application to demolish the Tudor-style house built in 1930 to make way for four 5-bedroomed houses was dismissed. The application was originally refused on the grounds of being out of character for this semi-rural area and the impact on wildlife species. Despite the site requiring access onto Brandy Hole Lane very close to the narrow and visually-restricted hump bridge over Centurion Way, West Sussex County Council Highways had raised no objections on the bases of access or visibility.

Marchwood Grange - fence alongside West Broyle Road (09/04347)

Appeal dropped. No further enforcement action can be taken as the fence has been there too long.

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, or via CDC website.

Planning applications on CDC website

As reported in the last newsletter, Chichester Observer has reinstated its weekly listing. 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.

Brandy Hole Lane footpath

We consider that the outcome is a poor return for many years of campaigning, five weeks closure and in the region of £50,000 expenditure, as the pathway is too narrow and the absence of a raised kerb (because of rainwater run-off issues) encourages speeding and parking. We have written to CDC recommending the installation of pinch points to help eradicate these problems. Editor's personal note: double yellow lines if enforced would better discourage parking.

Neighbourhood policing (with thanks to our CSO and Neighbourhood Watch friends)

Our neighbourhood Community Support Officer, Lesley Bell covers both Summersdale and Parklands and can be contacted on 0845 60 70 999, extension 22108. We have a new Police Constable working with Lesley, PC Reg Gavin who has been in this area for about 12 years.

Neighbourhood enforcement priorities include vandalism and anti-social behaviour, notably in Brandy Hole Copse or Brandy Hole Lane, cycling on pavements and dog owners who allow their dogs to foul but fail to clean up after them. To report vandalism and other non-urgent crime phone 0845 60 70 999 or contactcentre@sussex.police.uk. For dog fouling problems call the Dog Warden John Rosser at Chichester District Council 01243 785166. For graffiti, call Grafitti Solutions 0845 126 5555 – they need to know the town and location with road name.

Also anti-social driving, eg drivers using mobile phones, speeding, under age or drink- or drug-driving, tailgating and cars and motorbikes in unsafe condition, abandoned or untaxed. Report such transgressions to Sussex Police on 01243 642222 or use www.operationcrackdown.org.

There has been a spate of bike thefts so keep it locked and note your bike's chassis number.

Trading Standards 01243 777100 or www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/trading-standards.

Note that mobile phone fire/police/ambulance emergency number is 112, not 999.

Finally, regarding postal scams, if you receive a delivery card through your letterbox suggesting that a parcel awaits your collection and inviting you to call a premium rate number for details, visit www.phonepayplus.org.uk for further guidance (some scams have been closed) or contact PhonepayPlus, the premium rate service regulator, on 0800 500 212 (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm).

Conker Club

A new baby and toddler group meets on Monday mornings at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road. It is being run by two members of Immanuel Church, Liz Dyson and Serena Turner. The club starts at 10.00am and finishes at 11.30am and welcomes all babies and toddlers with their parents or carers for play and fun activities. There has been a great response to the group and new faces have been seen most weeks. The new term begins on 11 January, and Liz and Serena hope that that the Conker Club will continue to grow in 2010. Contact Liz on 778130 or Serena on 544214. Committee contact: David Heaver.

Your Committee 2009/10 – ie until AGM

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(Please apply!)

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As mentioned above, we need new blood to augment the committee and share the workload. We are delighted that Peter Hurricks, a relatively new committee member formerly without portfolio, has volunteered to be our new Webmaster. We also need a new Chairman, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Please give very serious thought to joining the committee, or even putting yourself forward to be Chairman, Secretary, or Newsletter Editor.

Being on the committee is not an onerous task if everyone contributes, so if you would like to join the committee or even just find out what we do, then please contact any member of the committee.