

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
'Residents Working Together'
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19 MAY 2011 AT ST MICHAEL'S HALL

Present:

Jeremy Hunt (Chairman)
Sue Spooner (Vice-Chairman), Mike Berry (Newsletter distribution), Peter Bickley (Treasurer and Minutes), Dennis Martin (Goodwood liaison), Dennis Napier (Chichester in Bloom), Mary Quiney (Newsletter), Mike Steel (Webmaster) and Vanessa Stern (Membership)
PCSO Lesley Bell (item 5)
Members: Raymond Carter and David Heaver

1. Welcomes

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Lesley Bell and members Raymond Carter and David Heaver.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Birch (Planning).

3. Minutes of meeting on 14 April

The minutes were agreed.

4. Matters arising from minutes not covered below

None

5. Report from our PCSO, Lesley Bell

Lesley Bell reported that the latest trend was thefts of catalytic converters, for example from a van at Fordwater School. Members reported doorstep milk thefts between midnight and 6pm. Incidents can be reported on 0845 60 70 999 (ignore request to leave a message and you should get to speak to someone). Traffic/parking around One Stop – made worse by removal of lay-by near doctor's surgery in Lavant Road. To make suggestions about parking phone CDC 01243 534638 or email carparks@chichester.gov.uk.

Parking on pavements and grass, eg in Ferndale Road and near The Cherries: police can give tickets, and do so if insufficient space left for pushchairs and buggies to pass.

Beat officer is PC Emmett and superior is Sgt Susie Mitchell.

Fête at Graylingwell on Sat 9 July 10am-4pm with stalls, entertainment, police and fire brigade.

6. Chairman's report (JH)

JH would update the 'current issues' section of website

JH

JH confirmed that he had written to the WSCC to complain about the state of some of the verges in Chestnut avenue following the gas works.

Chapel in Barracks has been sold, purchaser currently unknown.

JH attended WSCC Southern Area Committee. Matters discussed included parking in Highland Road, near One Stop, especially near the corners. He was informed that there is little that can be done as any additional yellow lines will take up to about 8 years to get approved.

The danger caused by use of College Lane by no.50 bus was also raised. JH suggested that the 50 bus route, which was introduced to serve the new residents in Graylingwell Park, should be axed and the No 60 bus, which goes up Summersdale Road, be re-routed to loop through Connelly Way. This would not only stop a bus using College Lane (No 60 uses Wellington Road and Broyle Road) but would also mean a saving in the transport budget.

7. Treasury (PB)

Bank & building society balances: Treasurers' Account (Lloyds TSB) £917.07. Investment accounts: Lloyds TSB £7,272.93, Nationwide £38.85 and £nil.

8. Membership (VS)

Paid up members: 363.

9. Website (MS) www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk

The draft page showing past minutes was approved for going live. Documents will be posted in pdf format. A selection of planning applications would be posted. **MS**

10. Newsletter (MQ)

Deadline for copy 8 June with a view to distribution in early July. Possible topics to include invitation for new Deputy Planning Secretary, planting of trees on the Green, Brandy Hole Copse, Neighbourhood Watch, planning, foliage overhanging footpaths (again). MQ would welcome copy from anyone – including members not on the committee. **ALL**

It was agreed that a test email would be sent to members and those who do not receive one would be invited via the newsletter to provide their email address. With email, SRA could send members matters of immediate interest or campaign material where quick action was needed.

It was agreed to experiment with a colour newsletter, which would look more professional. Cost for 520 double sided A3 sheets £275.60 colour or £52 black. MQ to provide mock-ups. **MQ**

Whether committee members' addresses should be published in the newsletter was raised. It was agreed that the decision made previously to include them in the newsletter should stand.

11. Planning

(a) Graylingwell/Kingsmead Avenue: not approved as too many houses, density, proximity to warehouse unit with nearby houses and lack of open space. CDC Planning C'ttee asked developers to come back with a scheme for between 40-45 dwellings.

(b) Tudor Close/rear of 5 Lavant Road: developer is consulting informally on revised plan for 2 rather than 4 dwellings. However, agreed to oppose as it was felt original reasons for refusal were still applicable.

(c) Planning Secretary's list of mainly minor applications: noted.

(d) LDF: the council has instructed consultants to compile the LDF on which there would be a one month consultation during the summer. The absence of community involvement and the consequent possibility of a defective plan being adopted were matters of concern.

(e) Replacement Assistant Planning Secretary: in the absence of volunteers from the committee, it was agreed to advertise in the newsletter.

12. Updates from representatives

(a) Goodwood (DM): No meeting of liaison group since last meeting but two complaints received from non-members. It was agreed that whilst the SRA is very happy to support non-members it was felt that these people should be encouraged to become members, especially if they expected to receive substantial assistance. However, in these two instances the detailed nature of the complaints were matters that needed to be taken up directly with the aerodrome and circuit respectively. DM to advise complainants accordingly. **DM**

It was noted that the noise portion of the Goodwood website was not user friendly and the annual calculator was not updated very often.

A volunteer was needed to represent SRA at meeting on 3.6. **JH**

(b) CRACG (SS): no meetings since last SRA meeting.

13. Britain in Bloom (DN)

DN had contacted organiser and entry forms for 2012 were being sent. The main criteria seemed to be being an attractive neighbourhood. Judging would take place in July next year. East Broyle won a medal last year.

14. Any Other Business

(a) Watering trees on the Green: CDC undertook to water twice weekly: VS to check. **VS**

(b) Demolition of North Barracks (RC): Demolition created a lot of dust over married quarters and properties in The Broadway. MoD buildings customarily include asbestos. JH to ask developer what prior tests were done. **JH**

(c) WSCC Waste & Minerals (SS): no site to the immediate north of Chichester has been included in the shortlist for new Waste sites. The nearest to Summersdale is on the Bognor Road. The minerals plan had been deferred.

15. Date of the next meeting is 30th June.