

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2014

At St Michael's Hall

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*Residents Working Together*

**Present:**        **Roger Hobbs (Chairman)**                                **Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman)**  
                      **Michael Berry (Newsletter Distribution)**        **Mike Steel (Webmaster)**  
                      **Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)**        **Mrs Vanessa Stern (Membership Secretary)**  
                      **Dennis Martin (Goodwood Liaison)**                **Andrew Birch (Planning Secretary)**

**1. Welcome to members attending**

The Chairman welcomed members attending – Mrs Hannelore Thomas, Mr Ray Carter, Mr David Hazleden and Mr Jeremy Hunt

**2. Apologies for absence**

Received from Mr Peter Bickley, Mrs Mary Quiney & Mr Trevor Owen.

**3. Minutes of meeting held on 27 February 2014.**

Agreed and signed by RH.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered below.**

SRA notice board is not in bad condition, and a coat of varnish and some minor repairs would bring it back to good condition. MS offered to varnish it if RH would take it down.

**5. Chairmans Report**

**Colton Care Homes, the smugglers stone and trees.** RH reported that there had been a lot of adverse comment at the commencement of the development, but all the planning issues had been well publicised and permissions granted. The smugglers stone is to be replaced on the south green close to its original position before the barracks were constructed, along with a new presentation. The non-native leylandii trees are to be replaced with lime trees, further back from the existing tree line to allow for a new path to be widened for the shared cycle/footway that replaces the proposed footpath beside the first house in Wellington Road.

**Barracks site progress.** RH commented on comments he had received regarding the poor appearance of the properties nearest to the Broyle Road caused by the leaching of salt from the bricks. This does stop eventually although it can take some time. The leaching had already reduced on the earlier properties. The colour of the bricks used in this part of the development was criticised, and JH said that although SRA had objected, CDC were happy with the brick colour even though it does not match any other building close by. JH asked whether SRA should now write to CDC, Zero C and our three district councillors to complain about the poor outcome of this part of the site, and it was agreed this should be done. There was no further news on the eventual use of the Keep in the development. RH reported that the development was still going to programme and understood that phase 3 was selling well.

**Summersdale Road closure.** The road is closed for a week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> April for work on the installation of a new gas main.

**Potholes and road repairs.** RH again encouraged members to report highway defects to the Highways Department at WSCC. Reporting could be done directly through their website. There had been a good success rate of reported defects being rectified.

**Parking in Wellington Road.** Rugby fans park on the corner of Wellington Road and Summersdale Road/College Lane on match days. Neighbours have written to the club and CDC to express concern. RH to write to the club chairman on the matter. The clubs' promotion may lead to an increase in this problem.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Peter Bickley sent his report, as follows:

Current a/c:

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's A/c                £1,150.51 including £241.66 RAGE 2

Interest bearing a/cs:

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1.5%        £9,800.00

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access                £0.01.

**7. Membership Secretary's Report**

There are currently 390 paid up members and 53 still to pay. 10 Standing Orders have not come through. VS to chase them up.

**8. Planning**

AB reported that there were no major issues. The site at the **corner of Otway Road and Broyle Road** was now approved even though SRA and local residents had objection. **14 Brandy Hole Lane** have applied to erect a small extension. **Pippins, Rew Lane** wish to convert to a house. **Trees round Oaklands Park** – SS said that a lot of tree pruning is proposed, and she will check on progress and report. AB reported that the property known as Maddox Wood north of the garage on the Lavant Road had recently been bought by Martell Construction of Rowlands Castle for £1.45m. Their intentions are not yet known, although no further development is allowed past the settlement policy boundary. SS asked about development of land south of Graylingwell Drive. AB to check. JH said that Linden Homes might seek outline planning permission. JH said that the land was suitable for development and an access through to the east could take traffic away from College Lane.

**9. Newsletter.** MQ was not present but had asked that items for inclusion be submitted before the next SRA meeting. RH asked for contributions.

**10. Updates from Representatives.**

**a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison.** Much discussion about the car club members meeting of 29/30 March. Many residents found the noise level unacceptable. Goodwood has permission for 5 non-silenced race days per year, three of which are at the Revival meeting. This meeting was noticeably louder than others, possibly exacerbated by the easterly wind direction. The races continued into the early evening with no let up all day then fireworks on Saturday evening. DM said he would be attending the CDC consultative meeting on 24 April, and would voice the SRA's concerns. RH said that Goodwood had made efforts over the years to be 'good neighbours'. The events there did bring revenue to the area, and there were no reports that traffic on local roads had posed any problems. Members agreed that unrelenting noise was the main concern and was damaging the good neighbour effects.

**b) CRAG – Sue Spooner.** The production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Chichester is being discussed by CCC but they are reluctant to produce one as they consider the benefits to be small. Graylingwell Liaison Committee reported that there is not likely to be a community hall provided as part of the development, suggesting that the chapel be upgraded for wider community uses. CCDT runs these facilities, together with a community room in the barracks development. The community room at the barracks is quite small and as it is built below residential properties has restrictions with regard to noise. SS asked whether a master plan would be submitted and JH said it is to be extended over its existing boundaries. SS reported that a heritage project was planned and there was a meeting on 26 April at the Guildhall Priory Park to gather material on Graylingwell Hospital for the project. JH said that Hyde Martlet still had not responded to a request for a path. The cycle path by Oakland Park, which should be provided by Linden Homes under the Section 106 agreement, was still not resolved where it crosses the access road into the theatre and work will not start until a decision is reached concerning the route of the path.

**c) Website – Mike Steel.** The homepage is now updated with new items 386 hits on the website were received in the last month. Email had been updated to include the chairman and admin. Housekeeping on the number of emails has been done, and numbers are now down to 220.

**d) NMP Meeting.** The last meeting was 18 March, with the next on 3 June. A report of the meeting had been circulated by GB and the Chairman expressed his gratitude for her attendance. Any issues to be raised should be notified to MB.

**e) Access to GP's at Lavant Road surgery.** The issue of access to GP's and timely appointments are of concern to SRA members, as LRS has a doctors to patient ratio in excess of 2,200, which is above government guidelines. The SRA would like to understand the surgeries problems and to that end RH to write to the Practice Manager or a practise doctor to invite them to the next SRA meeting for a fact finding discussion. The sub-committee with responsibility for this issue to be called Primary Care Access Group.

**11. Any Other Business.**

JH had received a letter from a resident in Highland Road concerning street lights. It is possible that street lights will go back to part night lighting rather than continuous lighting throughout the night, except at junctions and other key areas. VS commented on problems caused by students parking in Summersdale Road.

**12. Date of next Committee meeting – Thursday 29 May 2014.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.**