

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8 January 2015

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs (Chairman)	Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman)
Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary)	Mike Steel - Webmaster
Dennis Martin (Goodwood Liaison)	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Michael Berry –Newsletter Distribution	Andrew Birch – Planning
Peter Bickley – Treasurer/Minutes 2	

1. Welcome to members attending

RH welcomed members attending – Mrs Hannelore Thomas, Mr Jeremy Hunt and Mr Ray Carter

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Trevor Owen & Mrs Vanessa Stern

3. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 27 November 2014

Approved, agreed and signed by RH

4. Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below

None

5. Chairman's Report

RH reported on the Health & Adult Social Care committee meeting concerning the MSK (Musculoskeletal) contract at St Richards Hospital which he attended with Mr Jeremy Hunt on 5 December 2014. The impact assessment report produced by PwC is yet to be made public but it is general knowledge that it raises concerns about the impact on other local hospital services. RH was to attend the HSAC meeting on the 21st January but the report is no longer going to be discussed at that meeting. MQ raised concerns that the CCG has to include private suppliers as well as hospitals when going to tender for services, which encourages privatisation. Jeremy Hunt said the impact assessment raised issues which both sides were considering to find a solution. The aim being to ensure that services are not less than they are at present

Local Plan: RH reported that there are changes to CDC local plan, encouraged by Inspector Sue Turner who is directing the CDC to make their plan more in line with the governments' objectively assessed numbers. The CDC proposed changes identifies more homes in Bracklesham and East Wittering, with a further 250 homes brought forward at the White House Farm development. CDC are proposing to review their plan in 5 years' time when the impact of improvements to the A27 and sewage treatment are known CDC have circulated their plan for comments which need to be provided by 18 February 2015. DM asked whether the housing was actually needed. MQ said that Chichester had one of the highest house price to income ratios in the country. RH said there is evidence from the house sales at the Rousillon Barracks site that demand for housing in the area was strong as they have sold all their current releases and further phases to be released in 18 months already had a long waiting list. An outline application for 750 units at White House Farm has been submitted. A pre-application is also made for a 4 bedroom single dwelling at 11 Lavant Road.

Graylingwell development: RH & SS attended a drop in meeting staged by Linden Homes to see plans for the latest phase of a further 150 units.

Disabled access improvement to Centurion Way: This work will be undertaken by WSCC volunteers, timescale as yet unknown.

Cycle scheme for Broyle Road: This is agreed but Linden Homes will only undertake the work when the whole scheme is approved. Cyclists will probably have to dismount at the theatre access road.

Bus Shelter: RH asked Mr Jeremy Hunt about the possibility of a shelter by Herondean Court. An officer will look at the site and report back together with a cost. RH said that SRA will not fund bus shelters but would enquire about monies from the new homes bonus. Funding for maintenance would also be required. JH to report back with costings.

Cathedral Way: The road out of the city towards the Tesco store is to be improved. An exhibition in the foyer of the store shows the work to be undertaken to increase the capacity of the junction particularly for traffic exiting from Clay Lane. This is likely to encourage traffic along Clay Lane by-passing queues on the A27 particularly in the morning peak. The scheme also includes improvements for pedestrian access. The road will be closed for 10 nights altogether and work will continue until mid-April.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current account

Lloyds TSB Treasures A/c

£2,014.78 including £241.66 RAGE2

Interest bearing ac/s

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1.5%	£9,937.46
Lloyds TSB Business instant access	£0.01

The accounts for year ended 31 December 2014 were presented by PB who reported that a surplus on normal activities of £527.27 and bank interest of £131.51 gave a total surplus of £716.78 for the year. No money was to be transferred to the fighting fund at this time.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

No report for this meeting.

8. Planning Matters

AB reported that one property between The Avenue and Chestnut Avenue was to be demolished and a new property constructed, so a one-for-one development to which SRA would have no objection as it would improve the environment.

9. Newsletter

MQ reported that the newsletter is now completed and has been sent to the printers today. It should be ready by the middle of the following week for distribution. MB said that 2 weeks would be required to complete distribution. MQ reported that information on the AGM was in the body of the newsletter with an agenda that could be cut out,

10. Annual General Meeting 12 February 2015

RH asked MQ if she could be responsible for refreshments. PB would organise the drinks. Two speakers have been asked to attend; Mr Barry Aldridge to give a talk on Admiral Sir George Murray and Mr Clive Behagg, Vice-Chancellor of Chichester University.

11. Updates from Representatives

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison: Nothing to report

b) Sue Spooner – CRAG Update and Graylingwell: A meeting is to be held on 2 or 5 February to discuss the future of CRAG. It may be that the group continues as a discussion and information sharing forum.

c) Mike Steel – Website: 418 hits were received on the website, a good increase. Emails will be sent out to members to inform them of the upcoming AGM together with an agenda.

12. Any other business

Community Police Officer Karen Turrell attended the meeting to give an update on police matters in the SRA area. She reported that a scheme to give lights to cyclists who did not have them was raising awareness. Under 18's were given lights free of charge and over 18's given the opportunity to purchase lights in 7 days and so have their fine of £30 for not displaying lights refunded. An accident occurred in St Pauls Road involving a mobility scooter using a cycleway, which they are not supposed to do. Mobility scooter hirers are to be informed of this. Signs were put up in Lavant Road and Broyle Road to help enforce the 30mph speed limit speed awareness. Generally traffic speeds were considered to have reduced. One isolated burglary was reported in the SRA area, in Ferndale Road before Christmas. Reported problems arising from students attending the University decreased significantly last year, due in part to patrols by police on Wednesdays until 7am in the Winterbourne Road area, and action taken by the university management. Demand for on-street parking outside the rugby club in Wellington Road continued to give some problems, this was not helped by the building works taking place at the club which has reduced off street parking provision. Drivers parking in the Graylingwell site have received considerable fines as it is a private area. Mr Jeremy Hunt said that he had received an email from a resident who had been knocked over by a cyclist on Centurion Way, and he asked whether anything could be done. KT reported that injury accidents were very rare, it is a shared footpath/cyclepath and people need to use it accordingly. DM asked whether the police encouraged bells on cycles and hi-vis jackets. KT said that bells were encouraged but cycle wear was largely a matter of personal choice.

Mr Jeremy Hunt reported that extra 20mph roundels were to be installed near Brandy Hole Lane and Broadway. He also reported that a new cycleway was planned for Chichester with priority for cyclists round the fire station roundabout on the agenda.

MB reported that GB would be attending the NMP meeting on 3 March.

SS raised the possibility of a bus shelter at the junction of Ferndale Road and Maplehurst Road. JL pointed out that very few people got on the bus there.

Mr Jeremy Hunt reported that there would be an exhibition by the developers of land to the south of Graylingwell at the New Park Centre.

SRA member Mr Ray Carter asked whether residents who asked for trees to be cut down in Broadway should be asked to contribute to replacement trees elsewhere.

MQ reported that old subscription forms for SRA membership had been modified with a label so they could continue to be used.

13. Date of next committee meeting

Thursday 26 February 2015.

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