

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2015

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present: Mrs Sue Spooner (Vice Chairman) Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary
Mrs Janet Leonard (Minutes Secretary) Mike Steel - Webmaster
Michael Berry – Newsletter distribution Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison
Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor Andrew Birch – Planning Secretary

1. Welcome to members attending

SS welcomed all committee members and SRA members attending – Mrs Hannelore Thomas and Mr & Mrs Palmer.

2. Apologies for absence

Received from Mr Roger Hobbs, Mr Peter Bickley and Mrs Vanessa Stearn.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2015

Approved and signed by SS

4. Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below

MQ asked whether she should put an item in the newsletter yet about the plans to enlarge the Lavant Road surgery. MB said that a meeting was upcoming where more information would be given so it would be prudent to await that. AB said that a grant for funding had been agreed in principle but the amount was not yet known. Planning permission had yet to be sought before the grant could progress.

5. Chairman's Report

As the chairman is away, there will be no chairman's report.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current a/c

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's A/C	£1,885.61 including £241.66 RAGE 2 and £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents Associations
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Interest bearing a/cs:

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

7. Membership Secretary's Report

VS reported via SS that there was no change in the number of members, usual for this time of year.

8. Website Webmaster's Report

MS reported 305 hits to the website in April, with no emails sent. MQ asked whether she should put a note in the newsletter to ask members to report to the webmaster if regular emails were not received so that their email addresses could be included or updated.

9. Planning Matters

SRA members Mr & Mrs Palmer asked to speak on the matter of the responsibility for tending street trees near their home, as there is a large overgrown tree blocking light to their property. They had contacted Hyde Martlett who manage the common areas but had not had a response. SRA recommended they contact Mr Whitlby at CDC who has responsibility for trees who could advise. CDC have the authority to instruct Hyde Martlett to manage the trees.

TO has contacted Graham Mundie regarding new trees. Two cherry trees outside 15 and 17 Highland Road are to be replaced and SRA will pay for them. A new tree outside 38 Highland Road is to be replaced at the owner's expense. TO asked whether SRA could pay for mulch to help the trees through the dry weather. Two trees in Highland Road have died and Graham Mundie is to replace them. It was agreed that SRA would pay for mulch and two replacement trees.

AB reported that there were few plans being submitted to CDC at present. However, the local plan has now been adopted with some amendments. SS said that the proposed Westhampnett development would impact

most on the SRA area. The Whitehouse Farm development would proceed. It is to be expected that further development will be forthcoming in the next 5 years.

SS asked whether anything was known about the future of The Cherries in Summersdale Road. TO said that Tesco had considered the site for a store and had sent letters to local people earlier in the year to canvas opinion but nothing further was known. The property is under offer. Several other planning items were listed by AB although they were only historic. SS said that the planning item for removal of trees at 51 Lavant Road was in fact an error as it referred to the trees on the site of the Seward development of Roman Fields. SRA has objected. AB said that we should ask Swards what their intentions are regarding the planting of screening trees on the road edge of the development, so as to be in keeping with other properties on the road. 35 Highland Road – a new bungalow is proposed, although this is a historic application.

Applications for work at the University –one has been withdrawn, another has yet to be made. AB to check whether the thatched cottage on the College Lane frontage is to be demolished. MQ asked whether the plans included a road from the east on the site, but AB confirmed it would only be a footpath. There is no plan to create an access where the current construction exit is. AB will make enquiries on the progress of the University applications and report. MQ asked AB to let her have information on the new local plan for the next newsletter, and MS will put an item on the website also.

10. Newsletter

MQ asked for contributions for the newsletter, which she will start work on in mid-June. She will contact David Kaye of the Chichester Rugby Club to ask him to talk to SRA on the new premises which are nearing completion. MQ will include an article in the newsletter on the Park Run which takes place in Oaklands Park. SS commented on the revised values of parking vouchers in Chichester centre, and MQ will include an article in the newsletter. TO suggested an article on the Transitions community garden in Oaklands Park with a photograph, and AB suggested an article on the change of name by Colton Care Homes of the former Lavant Hall to Wellington Grange, an example of people power at work.

11. Updates from representatives

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison and feedback from noise surveys

DM reported that chairman Roger Hobbs had met with representatives of the circuit owners concerning monitoring of noise levels at the recent members event. A contractor was appointed to install the monitoring equipment and the track owners very kindly agreed to pay the whole cost. A report was created of the noise level over the two days, and this showed the levels were lower than previously, with only one complaint received, even though the wind was in the direction to carry the sound towards the houses. This could be because local people were more prepared for the event. The motor circuit does have planning permission for 5 days unrestricted racing, and based on the results of the noise report, it is unlikely that this would change. Members agreed that they would not wish to see racing at Goodwood curtailed, and indeed living near a racetrack and airfield would inevitably result in some noise. DM showed a detailed report on the noise levels, and it was agreed that a brief resume of the contents would be put on the website and in the newsletter.

b) Sue Spooner – NCRA Update and Graylingwell

No meetings have been held since the last SRA meeting.

12. Any Other Business

In his report, Treasurer Peter Bickley said that he had received a letter from Derek James who looks after our large notice board. He has received an offer from one of our regular notice posters and donors who runs a building firm to give a quotation to renovate the notice board. PB asked whether a quote should be sought to renovate both notice boards. It was agreed that SS would contact Derek James to put this into motion, with the smaller notice board perhaps being made a little larger with the permission of the owners of the fence it is attached to. Some work on potholes in the area has been done. Potholes can be reported to CDC via their website lovewestsussex. MQ will put an item in the newsletter to promote this.

13. Date of next committee meeting

Thursday 23 July 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.