

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2016

At St Michael's Hall

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**Present:**

<b>Roger Hobbs – Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary</b>
<b>Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary</b>
<b>Peter Bickley – Treasurer</b>	<b>Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison</b>
<b>Andrew Birch – Planning Secretary</b>	<b>Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor</b>
<b>Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary</b>	<b>Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution</b>
<b>Mrs Hannelore Thomas – Without Portfolio</b>	<b>Mike Steel – Webmaster</b>

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH thanked committee members attending – a full complement at this meeting - and welcomed SRA members Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin, Mr Ryan Stratton-Baldwin and Mr Ray Carter.

2. **Apologies for absence**

None

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 2 June 2016**

Approved and signed by RH

4. **Any matters arising from the minutes not covered below**

None

5. **Chairman's Report**

**Old Place Farm development:** Members of the committee attended a presentation by the landowner's agents. SS outlined the main points discussed. The area between the River Lavant and the racetrack of particular interest as it bounds the SRA area. An application for planning permission has been submitted but not yet determined. RH attended a public exhibition on the subject at the Chichester University campus. The proposed vehicle access to the site will be through the new Graylingwell site not yet developed. There will be a mixture of properties from starter homes to 5 bedroom houses. Additional pedestrian accesses will be created to the north and south of the site. RH thought it was a shame that a pedestrian access through to Winterbourne Road was not included as this would connect through to the local bus route. The remaining land on the site is apparently proposed to be left as a 'green introduction to the Downs'. AB said that he would put forward our comments at an early stage. He also suggested that the land nearest to the airfield and racetrack could be used as the site for a new health centre. RH suggested that this is looked into further as it appeared to be a good opportunity to get much needed additional health facilities.

**Options for improvements to the A27.** RH said that a number of options were now available for discussion with public meetings being held in various locations around the area up to early September. The video presentation containing visual representations of the proposed junctions options being particularly clear. RH asked all members to attend a meeting at one of the venues and to let him have their comments by 20 August 2016 so that he could put our comments forward.

**Chichester Character Appraisal.** The cabinet deferred a decision at their meeting on the 7 June 2016 until September to allow further time for officers to study the outcome of the public consultation.

**Picnic Area Seating in Centurion Way.** RH thanked all who responded to the email asking whether SRA should support renewal of the seating. Offers of funds have been received from various sources. Large wooden seats similar to those that have rotted would be provided together with some picnic tables. A request to paint the Roman figures was also considered. RH said he hoped the area would keep its rural feel.

**No. 50 Bus.** SS said that she had passed her concerns about the route of the no. 50 bus (which replaces the No. 60) to the Mayor. The first two buses of the day only go as far as Graylingwell, meaning that children in Winterbourne Road and further north cannot use them to get to school. RH to visit WSCC to discuss.

**Speeding Traffic on the A286.** RH said that he had correspondence from a resident complaining about the speed of traffic on Lavant Road and the difficulty elderly residents were having in crossing to the bus stop. RH felt that we needed to establish if there was a speeding problem and would write to WSCC. SS felt that a permanent speed indicator signs might helped to slow traffic. A seat by the bus stop was also requested and RH said he would follow that up with the relevant authority.

**Street Trees.** RH said that it could be the time to consider more trees for the SRA area. RH asked TO to seek advice from Meg Owen. TO has a contact at Hyde Martlett who is responsible for the open space opposite Augusta Court. He will contact them regarding the opportunity of planting a tree there.

**Strategic sites.** CDC is consulting on additional strategic housing sites to increase housing numbers more in line with the Assessed Housing Numbers. The areas under consideration are not close to the SRA area.

6. **Treasurers Report.**

Current a/c:

TSB Treasurer's A/c £2,743.02 including £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents' Associations  
RAGE 2 is now £Nil).

Interest bearing a/cs:

United Trust Bank – 40 day notice at 1¼% £10,065.83

Lloyds TSB Business Instant Access £0.01

7. **Membership Secretary's Report.**

436 members, with money coming from the recent request in the newsletter. RH will deliver membership application forms to the new development at Roman.

8. **Website Webmasters Report.**

Hits on the site increased in June to 330, up from 227 in May. The hosting fee for the site has been paid. The email sent out regarding land to the east of Graylingwell was opened by 72% of recipients – a record.

9. **Planning Matters.**

**Warrendell, off Plainwood Close; 17 houses and 4 flats.** AB said that the SRA would not object to the development as it within the city limits and had planning permission previously. A S106 still needed to be agreed.

**Lavant Garage.** Planning permission is sought to extend the existing shop by removing the car wash facility. RH felt that it was still within the footprint of the existing development and AB felt that the SRA would not object to this proposal. AB also showed a plan outlining an area of proposed development of houses to the rear of the garage. There was no application submitted on this land as yet.

**Cycle Path to the front of Wellington Grange.** At a previous meeting Jeremy Hunt wrote to Tony Dignum who confirmed that the path should be created. RH to chase progress.

10. **Newsletter.**

The latest newsletter has now been printed and distributed to members. MQ asked whether an email could be sent to members asking for contributions to the newsletter. RH thanked MQ for the production of an excellent newsletter.

11. **Updates from Representatives.**

**a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison.** DM attended a recent meeting. Aircraft movements have increased recently, including Spitfires and Harvards, so there have been a few complaints. The Consultative Committee found Goodwood are responding positively to complaints and doing their best to be good neighbours. Sanctions against pilots not adhering to the prescribed routes are being taken. One pilot has been grounded for not following the correct routes. Many people who are complaining are not using the airfields complaints line. An analysis of the complaint received showed that 25% of them came from the same source. The aerodrome Section 52 agreement is to be reviewed and we have been asked to be involved. The Festival of Speed this year resulted in unprecedented amounts of traffic congestion throughout the city with no specific cause given. A road traffic accident on one day and poor car park management were mentioned as possible causes of some delays but these would not have been enough to create the situation that prevailed. RH to meet with Goodwood to discuss.

**b) Sue Spooner – NCRA Update and Graylingwell.** Nothing to report.

12. **Redundant Street Furniture – VS**

VS asked for clarification of the use of the tall ventilation column in Fordwater Road. PB said that it was a sewer vent stack. She also asked whether the damaged chevron sign on the corner of The Drive could be removed. RH to investigate. HT reported that she had visited Winterbourne Road to check on the litter situation, and found that the incidence of excess litter was now nearly non-existent. This may be because the students had left for the summer break.

13. **AOB.**

PB asked what the former Women's Refuge in Fordwater Road would be used for. The property is not owned by CDC but by a charity, so at the present its future is not known. PB asked for information on the traffic problems at the corner of Highland Road, as highlighted in the latest newsletter. RC said that residents did not want a yellow line there. Some people park there to get to the doctors surgery, and RC asked RH if he could get the surgery to ask their patients not to do so. AB asked whether the yellow lines in Wellington Road outside Wellington Grange could now be removed. RH to enquire.

14. **Date of next Committee meeting – Thursday 8 September 2016.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.**