

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2016

At St Michael's Hall

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*Residents Working Together*

**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>

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH thanked committee members attending, and welcomed SRA members Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin and Mr Christopher Beasley. RH was pleased to report that Michael Berry, who had been very poorly, was getting much better and hoped to be at our next meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Trevor Owen, Mike Steel, Michael Berry and Mrs Hannelore Thomas

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2016**

Approved and signed by RH.

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

None

5. **Chairmans Report**

**Whitehouse Farm.** The master plan has been approved, on the chairman casting vote. The concept master plan had been put forward for comments, and SRA made their objections to the 750 houses all gaining sole access on to the B2178 Funtington Road. All construction from the south would have to pass through either the Parklands or Orchard Street which already suffers from traffic pollution. RH understood that the former highway design guide only allowed 400 houses to exit via one access because of the need for access by emergency vehicles, but the new manual for streets has omitted that requirement. RH is aware that all the surrounding RA's along with Chichester Society objected for the same reasons. The problem being that the land required for a southern access is not controlled by the future developers. If planners insisted on a southern access it would reduce the financial viability of the site for development. The SRA will continue to object to the development, as although the site has been accepted as a strategic site in the Local Plan, without a southern access, the SRA does not consider it an appropriate site for a development of 750 houses. However the SRA also recognises that it is beneficial to have a local plan in place to discourage developers from submitting applications on sites even more inappropriate than Whitehouse Farm. The District Council has put the community in an unenviable position.

**Old Place Farm.** Phase 2 consultation is imminent, and as RH is not available he has asked SS to lead on the meetings with the agents to discuss the next phase. RH suggested those living closest to the site attend the meeting so MS and JL would seem appropriate.

**Warrendell Farm.** A proposed development off Plainwood Close, received planning consent in 1998 subject to a S106 which was never agreed, a new application is now to be considered. SRA member Christopher Beasley lives close to the proposed development, and said very few residents were consulted prior to a plan being drawn up. CB considers the site is unsuitable owing to the differing levels of the site, an oak tree with a TPO and a dew pond. RH suggested that the risks associated with developing the site would be something for a developer to consider. RH said that the SRA would monitor the progress but until a formal application was lodged the SRA could not comment.

**Lavant Road Surgery.** RH reported that no progress had been made yet to that reported in earlier minutes.

**Winterbourne Road.** Mrs Hannelore Thomas to check the recent complaint about over-full bins, although SRA member Alison Stratton-Baldwin said that recently the problem had reduced, possibly due to the University speaking to the students on the matter. There had been a report of antisocial behaviour in **Ferndale Road** from a student let. Again the University representatives and the PCSO have reacted to this. MQ said that if there is a situation like noise from neighbours or antisocial behaviour, calling 101 rather than 999 would prompt the police to attend and check on the situation. MQ suggested putting this information in the next newsletter.

**Chichester Conservation Character Appraisal consultation.** CDC were undertaking a review of their CCCA and consulting on their proposals. Their findings will go before the District Council Cabinet on 7th June. RH attended the consultation and suggested that Summersdale had many areas that were worthy of consideration including The Avenue, Broadway, Highland Road, and Summersdale Road. In addition the Arts & Crafts houses on Lavant Road were also of interest. As a result of the number of comments made during the consultation period, the Cabinet report will recommend to undertake an appraisal of Summersdale with a view to including them in the planning document.

**Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee** meeting was held on 6 May. The data on the noise levels was very comprehensive and the CDC was satisfied that Goodwood had made strenuous efforts to comply with the planning conditions. The circuit constantly monitors race days, removing vehicles from the circuit that do not have the correct noise certificates or who were not complying with the noise emission thresholds. This year noise nuisance was reported concerning the PA system at the events, with the music from the after-party and fireworks also attracting some criticism. The evidence suggests to the SRA the circuit was doing all it could to keep the noise level acceptable and

within their planning agreements. The SRA acknowledge that the unsilenced race days will be noisy events but will continue to participate actively in the GMCCC as it considers that it is the best way to ensure that we all remain good neighbours.

**Wellington Grange (Colton Care Home) and the cycle route.** RH spoke to Tony Dignum and wrote to Jeremy Hunt concerned that officers had agreed to remove that planning condition to introduce the cycleway in front of Colton Care Home. This was important as it provided part of a continuous route from Winterbourne Road through to the city centre via the newly build shared pedestrian/cycle path alongside Oaklands Park. Following a number of correspondences between RH, CDC, and WSCC the cycleway will be delivered along the front of the Colton Care Home. The new position of the Smugglers Stone is still to be agreed.

**Winterbourne Road cycle path.** RH reported that Jeremy Hunt had a meeting with Hyde Martlett to discuss this and while progress has been slow there is a solution in hand.

**Roman Fields footpath.** A complaint had been received from resident that the footpath in front of the new Romans Field development had been damaged and was difficult to use particularly for mobility scooter users who found that the footway sloped away towards the carriageway and live fast moving traffic. RH has spoken to Jeremy Hunt on this matter, who has been discussing with officers at WSCC. SS thought that the problem existed before Roman Fields was built but it has got worse recently. It was also suggested that a leaflet drop was done in Roman Fields to inform them of the presence of the SRA.

**A27 upgrade.** Consultation on the southern route will now take place later in the Summer and after the EU Referendum. The option to be consulted upon will be along the routes of the existing A27 southern by-pass and are likely to consist of upgrading four junctions. This may include grade separated junctions at the Fishbourne and Bognor roundabouts. The Oving Road traffic signals would be removed and the two junctions at Whyke Road and Stockbridge Road would be left turn in and out only. Initial consultation would be complete by the end of 2016, design consultation in 2017, work would commence in 2019 and be completed in 2021-3 depending on the option chosen. Highways England would be responsible for the new junctions, with developments around the city contributing to the overall cost.

**Seats in Centurion Way.** A letter had been received from resident Mr Ian Smith to say the wooden seats in Centurion Way were deteriorating badly. RH has written to CDC and WSCC Public Rights of Way team to see what can be done. The SRA has offered a small contribution to assist in their repair if required.

## 6. **Treasurers Report.**

Current a/c:

Lloyds TSB Treasurer's A/c	£2,742.02 including £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents' Associations (RAGE 2 is now £Nil).
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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, 3 honorary members, 50 paid, 323 standing orders and 60 not yet paid. A number of households in Roman Fields have joined.

## 8. **Website Webmasters Report.**

No report at this meeting.

## 9. **Planning Matters.**

Planning applications in Summersdale area has been very quiet. Some historical planning items were still ongoing and being monitored.

## 10. **Updates from Representatives.**

**a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison.** Quiet in terms of complaints, a message was received last Saturday regarding pilots who were approaching very low from the north. DM contacted Goodwood who said that someone from the flying school had banked and come in low as a safety measure due to the high wind. This was not the correct procedure and they had been spoken to by the controller. VS said that some Marchwood residents had been concerned about Spitfires making low passes over their area following the Shoreham air show disaster. DM to mention this to Goodwood.

**b) Sue Spooner – NCRA Update and Graylingwell.**

SS reported that Vision for Chichester had a development team who were asking resident associations, the theatre and other bodies what their vision for Chichester would be for the future. Three workshops were held to gain feedback. One theme was the importance of attracting the young to Chichester as the population was aging. JL noted that The Times cited Chichester as the second most popular place to retire to in the UK.

## 11. **AOB**

Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin reported that parking in Winterbourne Road was becoming a problem at Fordwater School collection and drop-off times, with cars parking from Summersdale Road past Augusta Court. PB said that the corner of Highland Road and The Broadway was also a problem area. RH to investigate and report. Christopher Beasley was concerned that the new development opposite the One Stop shop in The Broadway could create traffic problems. The SRA had objected to the development for that very reason. MQ asked for contributions for the newsletter to be sent to her asap, and she outlined some articles that she hoped to include. MQ and VS to liaise to update the SRA promotional leaflet. Michael and Gillian Berry will be able to distribute the newsletter, with help from RH.

## 12. **Date of next Committee Meeting.** Thursday 28 July 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.