

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

*“Residents Working Together”*

**Minutes of committee meeting on Thursday 24 November 2016 at 7.30pm  
at 1 Summersdale Road, Chichester**

## **Present:**

**Sue Spooner (Acting Chairman), Michael Berry (Newsletter distribution), Peter Bickley (Treasurer & Minutes II), Andrew Birch (Planning), Dennis Martin (Goodwood Liaison), Trevor Owen (Trees), Mary Quiney (Newsletter), Mike Steel (Webmaster & Police Liaison), Vanessa Stern (Membership) and Alison Stratton-Baldwin (Without portfolio)**

### **1. Welcome to members attending**

All present were welcomed.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Roger Hobbs (Chairman) and Janet Leonard (Minutes).

### **3. Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2016**

Approved.

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

None

### **5. Chairman's Report**

- (a) **AGM speaker:** It was welcomed that Judi Darley of Chichester Harbour Conservancy has agreed to speak. It was agreed to donate £50 to CHC.
- (b) **Chichester road space audit:** Points proposed by RH in draft SRA reply agreed. In essence, Cisterians value – and given their age, need – the ability to travel by car into and park in Chichester centre. Council should not jump on the no cars bandwagon. Despite the time and money spent on pedestrian and cycle schemes, facilities are underused because of half-hearted design and execution. Consider trialling dual use resipark (residents and short stay). Retain city centre car parks; evening charging would make Northgate car park even more chaotic than presently. Park & ride needs to be comprehensive to work. Any feasibility studies should be conducted in-house in conjunction with residents rather than by external consultants to save costs.
- (c) **Lavant Road bus shelter** (southbound, south of The Avenue): To be discussed at Chi City Council on 29<sup>th</sup>. Given space restrictions, a backless bench or tip-up seats agreed to be sufficient. If necessary, SRA could consider helping to fund.
- (d) **Conservation Area assessment:** Summersdale and Graylingwell currently being considered for inclusion. Assessors are referring to SRA's Neighbourhood Appraisal.
- (e) **Centurion Way amphitheatre:** the installation of minimal impact replacement seating and planting of 1000 daffodils by volunteers – The Lavant Workforce – was welcomed. South Downs National Park provided some funding. Tables in prospect too. SRA offer to contribute up to £200 reaffirmed.
- (f) **Uneven pavement outside Augusta Court:** repairs scheduled as a priority in 2017/18.
- (g) **Toucan (pedestrians & cycles) crossing in Oaklands Way:** to be installed.
- (h) **Cycle path by Wellington Grange:** to be installed by Colton Care as originally agreed around the Smugglers Stone. This was welcomed as it would join up two sections of cycle path.

It was agreed that thanks were due to RH for ensuring progress on all these matters.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Lloyds Treasurer A/c £2,606.81 incl. £75.10 Network of Chichester Residents' Associations (RAGE 2 £Nil). Interest-bearing a/cs: United Trust Bank 40 day notice at 1% £10,189.86. Interest of £124.03 credited 31 October. No tax as HMRC agrees SRA is dormant. Lloyds Business Instant Access £0.01.

£5m public liability insurance with Zurich renewed for a year from 11 December, cost £78.38 incl. IPT. PB first compared notes with Parklands and Westgate RAs on the insurance.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

444 paid up members.

8. **Webmaster's Report**

236 hits since last meeting. No member emails dispatched.

9. **Planning**

(a) **Comme Ca**: welcomed that developer same as that of houses in Chestnut Av & Fordwater Rd.

(b) **Lever House, Lavant Rd**: objection as design out of character with neighbouring houses.  
**AB**

(c) **Land NE of Graylingwell**: to clarify right of way, access, building heights, off-road parking.  
**AB**

(d) **Whitehouse Farm**: noted that planning application approved by CDC.

10. **Updates from representatives**

(a) **Dennis Martin: Goodwood liaison**: runway drainage will be improved during the winter.

This does not presage heavier planes using the airfield. Northern helicopter routes will be varied but won't affect Summersdale. Airfield is v. aware that it must do all it can to be good neighbours.

(b) **Sue Spooner: NCRA**: nothing to report save see item 6.

(c) **Sue Spooner: Graylingwell**: clarification will be sought as to when the road from the East will be opened which is supposed to serve 60% of the dwellings, given that > 40% now complete.  
**SS**

11. **Newsletter**

Various topics agreed. MB to distribute early Jan. Please send articles to MQ by mid-December.  
**ALL**

12. **AGM 16 February 2017 at 7.30pm**

All committee members confirmed willingness to stand for re-election. Carlos Santander has confirmed willingness to act as honorary examiner. Guest speaker – see item 5(a). Only one speaker from each council and each to be asked to keep to five minutes each. MQ to arrange food and PB drink. Rugby Club to be investigated as a possible future venue.

13. **AOB**

(a) **Centurion Way access at West Dean**: installation of public access near school was welcomed. Long term aspiration is to link with South Downs Way.

(b) **Speed readers**: it was agreed to request a 30mph smiley face or similar near Lavant Road garage. College Lane smiley face counters need adjusting to register earlier. **RH**

(c) **NMP (= police liaison) meeting 6 December (MS)**: police priorities should be doorstep cold calling, street corner parking (Winterbourne & Highland Rds) and backdoor sneak thieves.

(d) **New trees**: It was welcomed that CDC has planted four in The Drive, two in Highland Rd and two in The Broadway. Agreed to follow up with Hyde Martlet replacement of tree on green beside Graylingwell Cottages; SRA to reaffirm offer of financial contribution. **TO**

14. **Date of next Committee meeting – Thursday 5 January 2017.**

Paid up members are welcome to attend and speak.

All members are invited to the AGM on 16 February; formal notice will be in next newsletter.