

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 6 April 2017

At 1 Maplehurst Road, Summersdale.

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs – Chairman	Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary
Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Andrew Birch – Planning Secretary
Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin – Without Portfolio	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership ~Secretary

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH welcomed committee members, and also member Jeremy Hunt and thanked SS for offering her home for the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Dennis Martin, Mike Steel, Michael Berry and Mrs Mary Quiney

3. **Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2017**

Approved and signed by RH

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

None.

5. **Chairman's Report**

A27 Workshop. After Chris Grayling Secretary of State for Transport had cancelled the funding of improvements to the A27 at Chichester, RH reported that both the District Council and the County Council were keen to find a solution that the community could support. The results from the public exhibitions showed that 47% of those who voted did not support any of the options proposed by Highways England. The next highest only 31% was for option 2. RH reported that he had attended a forum with 90 other people to discuss the way ahead. SS asked whether other members of the committee could attend a future meeting and RH said that this was possible. RH reported that the meeting was primarily looking to provide a way to take discussions forward at this stage rather than trying to look for solutions. It was agreed that nothing was off the table at this stage. RH said that the delay might be a godsend as there were many technological innovations which might provide a step change. The problem from congestion appeared two fold, queuing creating hazardous pollution, and the economic costs of delays to traffic on the strategic road network. RH felt that the move towards electric vehicles may reduce the first problem. Research into electric vehicles with a range of 500 miles could make that a viable option. He said that the DfT are predicting that driverless cars would be commonplace by 2030. That would reduce congestion, accidents and the need for large sites dedicated to car parking. He felt that these vehicles could help deliver the 'Vision' that Tony Dignum spoke to members about at the SRA AGM. RH reported that funding was already under threat even before the results of the consultation was known as *The Times* had reported a £800m shortfall in the Governments road building programme. If the decision was delayed, then perhaps these innovations would reduce the need for large scale road building around Chichester, which most people feel would be environmentally detrimental. RH, and PVB will attend future forum meetings on behalf of the SRA Committee.

Seat in Lavant Road. This is now in place, and observations indicate that it is being well used. RH reported that he had received favourable comments from two senior residents who had already used it.

The bench seats have already been erected and the picnic tables are being constructed to a durable design and hopefully will be in place soon.

RH contacted Vincent Porter of the BH Copse committee to enquire what a donation from the SRA would be used for. He suggested the money would go towards essential maintenance and renewal of chainsaws and other equipment. A sum of £100 was proposed and it was agreed that this should be given. JH said that BHC had a plan to construct a path between the two ponds which needed £2,500, and WSCC had given a donation towards that. The area is an amenity for Summersdale residents and as such warrants our support. JH suggested there was a need for a width restriction sign at the end of Brandy Hole Lane, and asked whether SRA would support this.

Goodwood Racing Club Members Meeting. RH reported that no complaints had been received about the GRM meeting. The noise reaching Summersdale had been reduced by a strong south-westerly wind. JH

had received a complaint from one resident about overflying of Summersdale from the airfield, but the use of a different runway should help to reduce this.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer's a/c at Lloyds £4,111.61 including NCRA £75.10.

Lloyds Business Instant Access a/c 1p.

United Trust Bank Notice 40 days a/c £10,189.86.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

VS reported that there were now 441 Households as members, with a few standing orders not yet in place.

8. **Website Webmasters Report**

No report for this meeting.

9. **Planning Matters**

Nothing new of great significance, but with some ongoing items.

Young Street. Application turned down by CDC on the grounds of overdevelopment.

8 Brandy Hole Lane. Application withdrawn.

Grey Cottage, The Drive. Plans were shown and it was considered that the proposed dwelling represented overdevelopment and a design not in keeping with its neighbouring properties. SRA to object on these grounds and AB to submit our objection to the CDC.

Summersdale Garage. No objection.

Warrendell. Progressing slowly.

21 Roman Fields. Application for a rear extension and new garage canopy. No objection.

28 Plainwood Close. Application for black cladding. No objection.

10. **Summer Event**

ASB has made a start on plans for the event, to be held on 18 June as part of the national celebrations to mark the death of Jo Cox. She had received information on bouncy castles, and suggested other outdoor entertainment to bring in families with children. The venue for the event was discussed, and St Michaels Hall was favoured as there would be access to a kitchen, toilets, and wet weather facilities. ASB said that a children's entertainer was known to her who had previously performed in return for a donation to charity. A donation could come from SRA fund surplus. A road closure between Highland Road and the Broadway was discussed, and a Google search showed information on the CDC website on how to prepare for a street party and including a form to complete for a road closure. ASB to progress this. TO will contact residents in the area between these two streets to inform them of the SRA intention to apply for the closure. Children's entertainment and tables for food could be located in the road, and the bouncy castle on the lawn in front of the hall. It was agreed that residents would be asked to bring their own food plus a dish to share. RH asked ASB to give him an outline of the plan for the day to be included on the SRA website.

11. **Updates from Representatives.**

a) **Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting and follow up meetings.** Nothing to report.

b) **Sue Spooner – Graylingwell** Nothing to report.

12. **AOB**

PB reported that the SRA notice boards were becoming worse for wear, and he agreed to obtain the key and check them with a view to repairing and refurbishing them.

VS asked who sees the results of the information gathered by the speed check strips cross various roads in the Summersdale area. JH said that they were there to monitor the effect of the introduction of the 20mph speed limit. JH will ask for the findings to be made available.

VS said that we should be taking active steps to recruit a new chairman, and this could be included in the next newsletter.

TO said that it was the right time of year to mulch the street trees in our area. PVB agreed funding for the required mulch which TO will source.

13. **Date of next Committee meeting.**

Thursday 1 June 2017. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.