

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 23 February 2017

At St Michael's Hall

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs – Chairman	Mike Steel - Webmaster
Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison
Andrew Birch – Planning Secretary	Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin – Without Portfolio

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH welcomed committee members, and also members Jeremy Hunt, Brian Quilter and Ryan Stratton-Baldwin.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Mrs Vanessa Stern and Trevor Owen.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 5 January 2017**

Approved and signed by RH

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

None.

5. **Chairman's Report**

RH reported that a proposal had been received from VS that £100 from the SRA funds be donated to the **Brandy Hole Copse Organisation** and asked for opinion from members. RH to enquire what the money would be used for. The Committee recognised that the copse is an amenity area that benefits residents in the SRA area. RH said that the SRA had not been approached for a contribution. JH said that BHLO had applied for funding from WSCC for an improvement scheme which will need £5,000 to implement. BHLO needed volunteers to help with their work and this may be of more use to them than a contribution. MS will put a link in our website to the BHLO website. DM asked for confirmation that the recent coppicing work had nothing to do with any proposed development, and this was given by RH by reference to the minutes of the meeting of 5 January 2017. RH also said that information on the reason for the coppicing could go on the website.

Benches and picnic tables in Centurion Way. The benches are already in situ and the benches are being arranged. The group still require our contribution agreed earlier.

The Great Get Together. Thousands of street parties, picnic and baking competitions are planned for 17th & 18th June to remember Jo Cox a year after she was murdered. Committee members agreed that the SRA should participate. Various venues were discussed – the Committee considered that the green outside Augusta Court was agreed and members preferred that we should hold our own celebration rather than combine with another RA. AS-B and RS-B volunteered to organise the event, with the help of other members. The event would be open to all SRA members. The date of Sunday 18 June was chosen. The possibility of a road closure was also suggested.

Lavant Road Bus Shelter with a seat is still progressing.

The **cycle route in front of Wellington Grange** has not been forgotten. RH spoke to Colton Care who have had two tenders for the work required to introduce the cycle route but they were unacceptable. Three more contractors have been approached. They still hope to commence work in March 2017.

The **Goodwood Road Racing Club Members Meeting** will be held on Sat 18th and Sun 19th March. This is a category 1 race, 2 of the 5 days for which Goodwood have planning permission. There will be fireworks on Saturday evening at around 9.30pm. MS will put notice of the event on the website so members with nervous animals will be prepared. It was also mentioned at the AGM.

Graylingwell East Development. RH had a meeting with the land agents promoting this site. The development remains as discussed at previous meetings. Assurances were given regarding the footway onto Fordwater Road, the parking standards and their intention to try to forge a pedestrian link through to Winterbourne Road so that residents could access the local bus service that uses Winterbourne Road.

6. **Treasurers Report**

Treasurer's report

Treasurers a/c at Lloyds £4,267.11 inc NCRA £75.10.

Deposit a/c at Lloyds 1p.

Deposit a/c at United Trust Bank £10,189.86.

JH asked whether any funds in respect of RAGE were still held, and PB reported that SRA were only custodians of the RAGE funds and these were returned to the Chichester Deserves Better campaign. RH asked for suggestions for using some of our funds for community projects. The June Jo Cox party could be funded from our reserves.

7. **Membership Secretary's Report**

RH reported on behalf of VS to say that there were now a total of 445 members. There were still 9 members who had not paid their subscriptions for two years, possibly having moved or died. RH to visit the households in question to see if they want to be SRA members.

8. **Website Webmasters Report**
314 hits on the website were reported by MS. The latest newsletter is to be uploaded to the site. Disc space was becoming an issue, with some old data needing to be removed to make space for new items. MS requested that additional capacity be bought, at a cost of £20 per annum to provide a further 500mb, and this was agreed. The upcoming Members Meeting at Goodwood is to be advertised on the website. MS and VS to contact the members, who sent in their A27 questionnaire responses and were not on our SRA e-mail list, to seek their permission to contact them by e-mail. An email was sent out to members to inform them that the guest speaker at the AGM was unavailable but that Tony Dignum would be standing in, and 64% of the recipients opened this email.
9. **Planning Matters**
AB reported 7 items on the planning list, some old, some ongoing and some new, which warranted discussion.
Summersdale Garage, Lavant Road. A revised application has been submitted, showing a wider road frontage for the proposed new shop. Following discussions, no objections were raised.
Northwood, Chestnut Avenue. A new house is proposed on the site of a single property, similar to those recently constructed in Chestnut Avenue. No objections raised.
1a the Avenue. One-for-one development. No objections.
Land north of 1 Young Street. A proposed development of 3 three-storey dwellings with the third story integrated into the roof. The site contains a large non-native Cyprus tree in its centre which was included in a wider TPO, but the tree in question is not a very fine specimen so should not prevent development. The site is unattractive and redevelopment would be an improvement. No objections were raised.
The Cherries, Summersdale Road. Permission has been given for conversion of the building to form a children's' day nursery, and the work is progressing.
Warrendell, off Plainwood Close. This development has been under consideration for a number of years and is due to go to committee soon. PB asked whether access from the development could be made into Centurion Way. RH said that the residents of Plainwood Close objected to an access to Centurion Way on the grounds of security. That position is likely to remain, so such an access was unlikely.
10. **A27 Questionnaire Results and discussion**
450 questionnaires were sent out, and 177 (39%) were returned. 85% of those returned were against a northern route, 6% favoured the northern route and the remainder had no opinion either way or considered that improvements were not necessary at this time. 50 of the replies received by email were from members whose emails were not previously recorded. This result gives SRA a clear mandate to state its opinion on the scheme. RH read from a letter he had received from Andrew Tyrie which shows showed a change in position from earlier correspondence. He now appears to be seeking transparency into why the northern option was suddenly dropped with little explanation. He may be supportive of putting the northern route back into the consultation process, even if it is just to show that its exclusion was properly considered and not hastily rejected. MQ quoted from a letter from the Highways England which stated that the northern route was never an option on the grounds that it was too expensive and encroached on the national park. RH said that the HE take their instruction from the Secretary of State and therefore, if he calls for another round of consultation, then the HE will respond.
11. **AGM Thursday 16 February 2017 Wash Up**
Tony Dignum Chichester Vision and Judi Darley Harbour Conservancy
RH asked if members were satisfied with the way the meeting was conducted and the content, and all agreed that it was very successful. Judi Darley, who was to have been the guest speaker, has agreed to address our next years AGM. MQ considered that the length of the meeting was appropriate. Tony Dignum fielded questions regarding the Chichester Vision and Members had sufficient time to circulate and talk to both elected representatives from CCC, CDC, and WSCC as well as the Committee Members.
12. **Updates from Representatives**
a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting and recent follow up meetings
A quiet winter from the airfield, as the runways are being upgraded. The GRRC members meeting will be on 18/19 March, with a 15 minute firework display on the evening of 18th at 9.30pm. A notification of this event is to on the website.
b) Sue Spooner – Graylingwell.
Nothing to report.
13. **AOB**
JH said that he had a crime report which he would make available to RH. He also said that there was a litter picking event on 3/4 March with bags to be provided by WSCC if members care to participate. JH also reported that there would be a rise in the council tax of 3.95%, 2% of which would be spent on social care. MQ said that Virgin Media are installing fibre optic cable in the area and asked whether it was known if this would extend over the whole of Chichester. JH said that a major cable would be installed from Westbourne and Funtington, entering the city by running down Brandy Hole Lane to give a capacity of 200mb/sec.
14. **Date of next committee meeting**
Thursday 6 April, 2017

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