

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26 October 2017

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Roger Hobbs – Chairman	Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Peter Bickley - Treasurer
Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mike Steel – Webmaster
Trevor Owen – Assistant Planning Secretary	

1. **Welcome to members attending.**

RH welcomed committee members attending, and SRA members Mr Ian Wright, Mrs Hazel Wright and Mr Jeremy Hunt

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Andrew Birch, Mrs Vanessa Stern and Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 27 July 2017**

An amendment line in 9 of the second paragraph of item 5 to read HE and not WSCC. Thereafter approved and signed by RH.

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

None.

5. **Chairman's Report**

A27 Upgrade. RH reported that another meeting had taken place with much the same result as previous meetings. Further consultation time had been sought from the Secretary of State, without success. Highways England would support an application for funds provided the community was supportive. Leader of WSCC sent a letter to HE saying that WSCC intended to commission consultants to provide a scheme more acceptable to the community. The deadline set by HE for the scheme to be accepted for RIS2 was Easter 2018, a challenging target. RH was sceptical that a scheme that was agreeable to all factions would be achieved. DM asked whether consultants had been appointed, RH did not think this had happened yet. MS asked whether the northern route would be back on the agenda, and RH said that it was current policy that the improvements would be along the existing southern alignment. Unless policy was changed then the southern route was the only one being considered. MS asked whether SRA would campaign against a northern route if it was proposed. RH confirmed that the canvassing of member opinion showed an overwhelming vote against a northern route. Unless a scheme was proposed that had substantial environmental mitigations then the SRA would object.

Grey Cottage, The Drive. CDC Permitted.

Augusta Court Tree. RH visited the site, and on balance did not object to its removal. CDC Permitted.

Comme Ca. Work progressing with accommodation for Chichester Festival Theatre visiting technical staff and artists.

8 Fordwater Road. SRA objected but CDC Permitted the development.

The Haven, Chestnut Avenue. Proposal to demolish one bungalow and replace by 4 detached dwellings, SRA objected and the application has been withdrawn.

Maddox Wood. An application for 10 houses has been received, on the site of Maddox farmhouse. SRA will make comment on the access, but no other grounds for objection are apparent.

Access to Centurion Way. JH commented that access from Plainwood Close via Warrendell and from other areas has not been forthcoming even though developers included it in their plans, as they subsequently said the levels made it impossible to implement. JH to investigate and report.

18 Lavant Road. 3 dwellings proposed, with two being on the road frontage. SRA discussed but did not object, permission was refused by CDC, but later granted on appeal, and work is programmed to commence in February 2018.

Warrendell, off Plainwood Close. Permission is granted to protect their position, although JH reported that this is outline only. Full details of the proposed development must be given within 6 months. It is likely that fewer, larger homes may be favoured, in keeping with the immediate area.

Cars parked outside Lavant Road Surgery. Cars for sale have again appeared in the layby outside the surgery. Previously RH asked the surgery to contact the owners, and this resulted in their removal for a while, but they are now back. These take up valuable parking space outside the surgery. RH met with representatives of the surgery, who have decided to take no action, particularly as the police are not taking action either.

Extension to the Lavant Road Surgery. Government funds for the extension to the doctor's surgery have not materialised. RH spoke to the surgery on the matter of patient numbers, as the Langley House surgery in Chichester has now closed its patient list. Lavant Road Surgery has no plans to do the same at present.

Traffic Regulation Order in the areas of the One Stop Shop in the Broadway. SRA waiting to see what is provided once the development is completed to see if further TRO's are necessary.

Fordwater Lane. This 'G' lane used by 4x4 vehicles, has caused annoyance to local residents. JH said that WSCC public rights of way team had referred to old maps, and have concluded that the lane is a Highway as it was an old

coaching road. Therefore it is the duty of WSCC to maintain and remove obstructions. The local residents want the SRA to support the stopping up of this highway. However, the onus is on the local resident to find evidence to prove it is not a highway if SRA is to support its access being restricted.

100 Houses in Oving Area. This development was originally refused planning permission, but later permitted at appeal, the inspectors report saying WSCC no longer had a satisfactory 5 year plan. This could have implications for developments in the SRA area, with mention of 600 homes a year being required rather than 450, putting sites like the Daffodil Field at risk again. One of the barriers to new development has been insufficient waste water treatment. The installation of improved sewage mains out to Tangmere will solve this problem. JH advised of a meeting on 8 November 2017 with Southern Water to discuss progress.

Overhanging Hedges. JH reported that the overhanging hedging on the north corner of Brandy Hole Lane and Lavant Road, which the SRA had complaints about, would be cut back by WSCC.

6. **Treasurers Report.**

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

VS reported that membership numbers as previously reported.

8. **Brandy Hole Copse representatives report.**

In her absence, VS attended the Brandy Hole Copse committee meeting, at which a 'green gym' was discussed. This takes place every Tuesday between 11am and 2pm, and takes on tasks such as planting and coppicing trees. Large Terrapins have invaded the Copse pond, and there are also alien plant species to the area which the working parties are attempting to control with plastic sheeting, although this has been damaged despite notices to explain its presence. BHC is also hoping to manage the two fields which are not in the designated Copse area as wild flower meadows.

9. **NMP meeting representatives report.**

The chairman of NMP had sent a letter to the effect that the organisation has been wound up.

10. **Website Webmasters Report.**

The statistic gathering function is now up and running again, with record numbers of hits. July 335, August 365 and September 400. A link to the ongoing A27 improvements, with maps, is now available. An email about the Great Summer Get-together was sent out, which 75% of recipients opened, again a record.

11. **Road Space audit.**

RH said that he has replied to the questionnaire from WSCC on behalf of the SRA. In particular the committee were concerned about some of the proposed on-street parking areas, the proposal to remove the small car parks at Baffins Lane and behind Marks & Spencers and changes to the southern gyratory which we felt was not possible without demolition of existing buildings. JH advised of a meeting on 31 October 2017 at 7.30pm in County Hall which members can attend to express their opinion on the matter.

12. **Planning Matters.** Covered in the chairman's Report.

13. **Updates from Representatives.**

a) Dennis Martin – Goodwood Consultative Group Meeting and recent follow up meetings

Aerodrome. The first phase of the drainage work is now completed, so the East/West runway will reopen this week. The dates for events in 2018 are: Members Meeting 17/18 March, Festival of Speed 12-15 July, Revival meeting 7-9 September. The Spitfires will leave the airfield at the end of November and return in March. Horse Racing. The Qatar Meeting (Glorious Goodwood) will be 31 July-4 August.

b) Sue Spooner – Graylingwell. Nothing to report. This item can be removed from the agenda.

14. **Successional Plan.**

New committee members are now being sought. RH has served for five years, Andrew Birch has increased workload which means he has less time to devote to SRA business (although he will still play a consultative role) and Vanessa Stern wishes to stand down. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to all members asking whether they would be willing to take on a role on the committee. Leaflets to be delivered by SS to new residents in the development opposite the One Stop shop, and also put in the marketing suite on site.

15. **AOB**

MQ asked whether there was any progress on the organisation of the talk by Peter Stross on awareness of scams. No action yet, RH to action and report. New SRA members Mr & Mrs Wright had concerns on the state of the road surface in The Drive, which has deteriorated badly of late, and JH said that he would walk along the road in question and report. Mr Wright asked whether there was any concern over the leaf miner moths that were damaging chestnut trees. JH said that highway trees were the responsibility of WSCC, but the cost of treating them was prohibitive. Mild winters were blamed for the increase in the moths.

16. **Date of next committee meeting - Thursday 23 November 2017**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.