

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26 July 2018

At St Michaels Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:	Richard Bramall – Chairman	Mike Steel - Webmaster
	Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
	Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary
	Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution	Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin – without Portfolio

1. **Welcome to members attending**

RB welcomed all committee members attending, and SRA members Mr Paul Minter, Mr & Mrs Johnston, Mr Ray Carter and Mrs D. Bramall. At his first meeting as chairman, RB thanked his committee members for their support and efforts.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Mr Roger Hobbs, Mr Peter Bickley and Mr Dennis Martin. Mr Jeremy Hunt was also unable to attend.

3. **Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 31 May 2018**

Agreed and to be signed by RB.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered below**

None

5. **Litter Picking**

SS reported that this would take place at 10am on Saturday 28 July 2018 with volunteers to meet outside Augusta Court. She to collect 14 pickers and litter bags for volunteers' use, with the bags being collected after the event. Augusta Court will host the volunteers afterwards for refreshments. It is anticipated that one hours' work will suffice. 6 committee members will be attending, and hopefully members of the public, and all were advised to take water and wear a sunhat in anticipation of hot weather.

5a. **Data protection**

VS reported that 286 forms had been returned, with 144 still outstanding. She had chased up some of these and found some people had lost them. She suggested an article in the winter newsletter to say that after two reminders consent would be assumed unless we heard to the contrary. MQ said that this was a grey area and might mean our information was not up to date, and could lead to us being accused of misusing data. We to seek clarity on this point.

6. **Speaker for the AGM**

This subject was discussed briefly at the last meeting, and SS gave a list of subjects that the History Society speakers could talk on. MQ asked whether there was anyone who could speak on the new proposed Southern Gateway project. RB reported that he had attended a recent meeting, run by GATEWAY+, and that the project was a new innovative scheme that would revolutionise Chichester and bring it right into the 21st century with conference facilities, exhibition space, technological facilities and music venues. Such was his enthusiasm that it was agreed he would approach the Chairman of Gateway+ Brian Raincock to ask if he could attend the AGM to speak on the project.

7. **Report on the first meeting of "Alliance A27" – RB and SS**

RB reported that the SRA were invited by Nick Reynolds to participate in the first meeting of the ALLIANCE A27 for those who would work together to oppose the proposed northern route. Notes were circulated on that meeting prior to the SRA committee meeting, and RB elaborated on them. The Alliance A27 meeting was chaired by Jeremy Dri, the Chichester Deserves Better chairman. At the meeting, Lavant representative Nick Reynolds spoke about 10 points. All the SRA Committee had details of the speeches before-hand. RB covered the 10 points by way of explanation. All those points were made available to the committee, some of which are:

He said that all the historic reports made by previous Traffic engineers on the A27 were clearly against a northern route; WSCC had made contact with Highways England before a consensus was received from the public – a consensus that has never been shown to exist and which was the Transport's Secretary's condition for releasing funds; It was considered that SYSTRA were appointed 6 months too late and did not take local policy into account; Mr. Reynolds spoke about mitigation for the northern route which he said would cost 50% over the base build cost. The SRA committee discussed mitigation and MS stated that generally mitigation of a route, i.e. green bridges, cuttings, noise reduction works, would add something in that region to the budget. The worst case scenario would be that the mitigation would be promised, only to be withdrawn or compromised once the northern route had been approved so as to keep within newly imposed budget restraints. Mr Reynolds made the point that if the northern route were to go ahead, there would be no money left for WSCC to upkeep the existing A27 to the south of the city, so local traffic joining the road from the south would have more problems than before. He said that The Alliance can contact the Ministry of Transport before October to give them more facts and to say there is a realistic, sustainable, southern route option. MQ asked concerning the list of 10 items discussed at the Alliance meeting how it could be known what WSCC had put forward to Highways England. She also said that going forward it would be best to avoid emotive language to keep the discussions calm. RB reported that MS had written to Louise Goldsmith to ask for clarification on her statement at a recent meeting of the Parkland's Residence Association, reported by an SRA member, that a northern

route had been determined running between Summersdale and the airfield to avoid disruption to the Goodwood Estate. MS still had not had a reply from LG. Although this was an important meeting, a freedom of information request had not turned up any minutes of it, and no answer was yet forthcoming. RB asked the SRA Committee what they would like him to do about MS's email. It was decided that he should write a letter to LG on behalf of the committee and members, asking again for information about the "route" of the A27 Northern Route option. RB reminded the committee that some residents wanted their Residents Association to be more proactive in this matter.

8. **Treasurer's Report**

Current A/c

Lloyds Bank Treasurers A/c £4,573.29

Interest Bearing A/cs

Lloyds Business Instant Access a/c @ 0.05% £0.01

United Trust Bank notice 40 day a/c @ 1% £10,291.76

9. **Membership Secretary's Report**

VS reported that there are now 430 members and hoped that in September a new membership drive could be undertaken to try to get the membership up to 450 or even 500. MQ said the promotional leaflet could be updated with new photographs, with the permission of homeowners where appropriate. RB said that RH had pointed out that nearly 1000 residents were reached by the activities of the SRA taking into account all the members of each household.

10. **Webmaster's Report**

MS reported 608 hits on the website in June, down from the highest number following the A27 report which resulted in our data limit being overloaded due to members downloading the maps. The web provider has given us 25% more bandwidth and this has helped the situation. The annual fee of £23.94 has been paid, and this was considered to be good value for money. One complaint was received concerning a A27 route item on the site, stating that this was a scare story. It was pointed out that the maps contained in the item were illustrative only as no-one yet knows what the proposed route would be. MS thanked MQ for her assistance whilst he was on holiday. It was considered that an article on green bridges would be informative for residents, as these could be part of the northern route mitigation work. Information on the Velo South 100 mile cycle event taking place on 23 September would also be useful, as this involves a large number of all-day road closures. Jeremy Hunt had stated that there would always be access for emergency vehicles.

11. **Planning Matters – RNB**

Some complaints had been received concerning the amount of traffic turning into and out of the new Co-Op store on the Lavant Road. Cars queue in the road from the south to get into the petrol station, which forces through-traffic travelling north to have to pass them in the path of oncoming traffic travelling south towards the city. The petrol is now so competitively priced that custom has increased considerably. The footpath was also considered to be inadequate. It was suggested that the SRA would write to the Planning Department, possibly with some photographic evidence, to show the dangers. Traffic parking on the south side of the site has to exit through the petrol pump areas, adding to the slowdown of customers entering the site. On the question of planning, there was an existing garage and shop on the site, so no change of use or layout was required, but as the petrol was so expensive in the previous garage, customers were few and far between and caused no traffic issues. VS will take suitable pictures of the dangers.

12. **Newsletter – MQ**

The latest newsletter has recently been distributed, and was considered to be another excellent publication. MQ said that there had been a little delay in gathering all the articles and asked for contributions to be as timely as possible.

13. **Goodwood Liaison report – Dennis Martin**

As DM had sent his apologies, no report was to hand. However, RB had received a complaint concerning aircraft from the flying school overflying The Drive. RB to liaise with DM on his return on this matter.

14. **AOB**

VS asked whether planting of new trees in the SRA area could be put on the agenda for the next meeting. VS offered to contact the Tree Officer at Chichester DC to say that we are willing to contribute, as autumn is a good time to plant. MQ had received some copies of the Chichester Society's newsletter, as they had used some of her photographs, and these were circulated to members. SRA member Paul Minter asked whether a defibrillator unit could be installed outside St Michaels Hall, as the one in the Lavant Road surgery was only available to be used during surgery hours and the surgery was unwilling to have one placed outside their premises. There is one outside the Rugby Club, but the committee seemed enthusiastic about the idea of using the church Hall. PM had been in touch with the local health charity Sussex Heart, who would give a subsidy of 75% of the cost of the unit, leaving a balance of £320 plus installation to pay. It was agreed that the SRA would support this provisionally, subject to the Church's approval, but the money would have to be discussed with the Treasurer and the scheme talked about in more depth at another time. The Chairman asked PM to continue with his investigations meanwhile and inform him when he has all the details and potential permissions.

15. **Date of next meeting – Thursday 6 September 2018.**

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