

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2019

At 1 Maplehurst Road, Summersdale, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Richard Bramall – Chairman	Roger Hobbs – Planning Secretary
Mrs Sue Spooner - Vice Chairman	Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Dennis Martin – Goodwood Liaison
Mike Steel – Webmaster	Michael Berry – Newsletter Distribution
Mrs Pauline Sutton – Without portfolio	Mrs Jean Goddard – Without Portfolio
Mrs Vanessa Stern – Membership Secretary	

1. **Welcome to members attending**

RB welcomed all committee members attending, especially new committee members Mrs Pauline Sutton and Mrs Jean Goddard, and SRA member Mr Jeremy Hunt.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Received from Mrs Mary Quiney and Mrs Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

3. **Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 21 February 2019**

Amended to include the correction to the name of Mrs Pauline Sutton and the inclusion of Mrs Jean Goddard in the list of committee members attending. Signed by RB.

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

MB queried the date of the resurfacing of The Drive, and JH said that it was scheduled to be done by the end of April this year.

5. **Treasurers Report**

Current a/c

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £5,809.01

Interest Bearing a/cs

Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c £0.01

United Trust bank 40 day notice a/c £10,394.68

PB asked for feedback on the information he had circulated about Redwood Bank who are offering a higher rate of interest than we are currently getting. RH asked whether societies such as SRA were covered under the £85,000 compensation scheme. He also said that Alliance Bank were offering 1.9% interest, although this may be for personal savers only. PB to check and report.

6. **Membership Secretary's Report**

429 members currently, with a new member joining today. 411 have paid, with 11 Standing orders yet to be enacted and 6 to pay by cash. The membership list has been amended to reflect the current membership. The leaflet drop last October yielded 20 new members, and it was suggested that this should be repeated every 2 years. PB asked whether any new members joined at the AGM, and it was reported that none did.

7. **Webmaster's Report**

466 hits on the website were received in January, and 503 in February. The site has been updated, with new information on the A27 included and 'broken links' to other sites repaired. One complaint was received about the website about an item posted in June 2018 but it was considered that this was probably not from the SRA website itself. Now that the spreadsheet formerly included on the website was no longer available, RB asked how we can access information on planning matters. MS said that there is now a link to the planning department from the website. SS said that residents do ask whether we have objected to particular applications, and this information will be available via the link to the minutes. RH can give MS information on the applications he has objected to, plus a link to the CDC website. JH said that he looked at the website for information on the local appraisal and found it difficult to find. He asked whether it could be made more prominent. RB asked MS to remove his name as Assistant Planning Secretary from the website. RH said that the dates of the Road Space Audit meetings were now changed to Wednesday 20 March and Monday 25 March and asked that this information be put on the website. The last email sent out was on the AGM and 72% of recipients opened it.

7a **Planning Secretary's Report**

154 Broyle Road. We objected to this development, and it has been refused.

21 Lavant Road. We objected to this development, but it was passed.

23 Lavant Road. We objected to this development, and it was refused.

10 Lavant Road. We will be objecting to this development on the grounds of overdevelopment. The City Council has already objected.

VS asked whether there were any regulations obliging developers to make good damage to road verges and trees created during construction. RH said that it should be in a developer's interest to make good the area round a new site to attract potential buyers. Contractors vehicles in The Drive continues to be an issue. RB said that we should try to get developers to raise the standards of what they build, eg with the inclusion of solar panels, trees, verges etc. RH said that building regulations are improving standards but not design. The local council should hold developers to account to make them keep to terms agreed in return for the granting of planning permission, but this often does not happen.

8. **SRA AGM next year.**

RB said that one thing we could change was the venue for the meeting so that more people can sit down, but there is a shortage of suitable locations in the immediate area that can accommodate the numbers required. The marketing suite and the chapel in Graylingwell were discussed, along with the Rugby Club. Lavant Village Hall was considered to be too far out to attract members, along with its restricted parking. St Michael's Hall is still the most suitable venue. Including a speaker at the AGM was considered

to be a good idea, although JH said that allowing a short break after the speaker broke the continuity of the meeting. This to be further discussed.

9 **Goodwood Liaison – News for the future.**

DM, Brian Quilter and Peter Lines attended a meeting at the aerodrome with the Operations Manager Mark Gibb and Flying School Manager Rob Wildeboer. The meeting was cordial and DM was able to present the topics for discussion. The increase in the number of off-course take-offs from runway 24 over built up areas was of concern, both in terms of noise and safety. Call-backs from the hot line for complaints was sporadic. The airfield is now exploring the practicalities and cost of fitting trackers to planes. On the question of touch and go exercises, it was stated that these do not increase the number of defaults. Although the point of touch-down may be further down the runway, this was compensated by higher speed at take-off. There are notices in the flying school regarding the NPR requirements of runway 24. Instructors know adherence requires a serious turn but agree it is acceptable in most conditions. Goodwood enquired about our efforts to make residents aware of the permitted activities of the aerodrome, and information is given in newsletters, website and notice boards. Overflying is always a problem, and RB said that we are only asking for what is a legal requirement. Perhaps pursuing the safety aspect rather than the noise nuisance angle would produce better results. DM said that the situation does not improve, we should spend a day plotting aircraft movements from the ground to form a proper report. MS asked whether the Section 52 agreement concerning the airfield could go on the website so that residents could see the legal position, and RB said that it could.

RB then said that from a committee point of view, the news was that DM had decided to step down as the Goodwood Liaison representative, and that his place would be taken by Brian Quilter with Peter Lines as his deputy, who would both become committee members. SS asked whether the new members were likely to be more aggressive in their approach to Goodwood, and DM said that they would not. We wish to continue to be good neighbours with Goodwood. RB thanked DM for his years of service to the SRA. RH said that he had visited the Goodwood airfield with the Chichester Society and that they might offer a similar visit to the SRA. It was requested at the AGM that the notes of meetings with Goodwood be made available for members, and they will be in the newsletter and on the website.

10. **Defibrillator**

The unit is ready to be installed, and SRA member Paul Minter has already paid 25% of the £300 cost. It was suggested that a further £200 be paid now by SRA, with £100 to be contributed by The Avenue. The ongoing costs are pads at £50, replaced when used or every 2 years, whichever is the sooner, batteries every 3-5 years (the unit will show when they need replacing) at £250. The unit is insured by the installers and if stolen or damaged would be replaced. VM asked whether we should have a collection at the AGM to help with running costs. JH said that we had agreed to underwrite 2 years' costs. RH said that he did not think SRA should be responsible for the running cost indefinitely and suggested that other hall users could contribute. JL said that it was unreasonable to ask other people to help pay for a unit we had asked to be installed. A vote was taken and it was agreed that we should make the initial payment, but a further vote on whether collections should be made at AGM's was not carried. PB said that payment could be made from the current account at any time. When the Defibrillator has been installed we will advertise its existence in our web site, in our magazine and in the local press. We will return to the issue of funding each year when a payment is due.

11. **50 Bus route curtailment**

RB said that cancelling or reducing the bus was against the Road Spaces Audit premise, and complaints had been received already about the proposal. JL said that the bus passed her house twice an hour, and 7 out of every 10 buses ran empty, so it was difficult to make a case for retaining the existing service. RB said that we live in a city and no other city was reducing its public transport. He said that the people who would be affected were the ones without cars, the elderly, young families and children returning from school. RH asked JH if other routes would be compromised if the subsidy for the 50 bus was continued. JH said that the city had to make savings and a survey was undertaken on all bus routes. The 50 route is subsidised, and this finishes in April. RB asked if a committee member would undertake to check with the bus company to get more information, and JG volunteered to do so and report.

12. **Graylingwell path to St Richards Hospital fenced off**

RB said that JG had been active on this matter. The path goes through to the hospital and is currently blocked with a fence constructed by the developers. Some residents have removed parts of it. It gives access to various facilities used by residents. JH said that WSCC has a licence to construct the path over the 20m strip of land owned by Hyde Martlett. A highways application has been made to this effect. Linden Homes put the fence up, and will remove it when the footpath is completed.

13. **White House Farm**

The developers community liaison group have invited a response from SRA and RH has attended meetings with them and an item will be on the next SRA meeting agenda to discuss. RB asked PS to liaise with builders Linden and Miller via their contact Krystian Groom, Associate Director and report.

14. **Road Space Audit**

SS has attended a meeting, and reported that there are 3 parking zoned proposed in the Summersdale area to include yellow lines in Summersdale Road behind the barracks wall. A permit will be required to street park in these areas at an annual cost of £35. A full report appears in today's Chichester Observer. JH said that parking zones had to be extended, and it was hoped to do so in one go. Two further consultations will take place, one at the end of March and another in the autumn. JH said that the money raised from parking had to be used for road improvement. The parking restrictions would not be all day, only between 9am and 10am and again between 2pm and 3pm to discourage people parking all day. As a committee we should encourage residents to visit our website to see the date of the consultations, and to attend if possible.

15. **“Next Door”**

To be discussed at the next committee meeting.

16. **AOB**

None

17. **Date of next committee meeting – Thursday 11 April 2019 at St Michael's Hall.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm. Thanks were expressed to Mrs Sue Spooner for hosting the meeting in her home.