

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 31 October 2019

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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*"Residents Working Together"*

**Present:** Vanessa Stern – Acting Chairman, Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary  
Michael Berry Peter Bickley – Treasurer & Acting Minutes Secretary  
Roger Hobbs – Planning Peter Lines – Goodwood Liaison  
Brian Quilter – Goodwood Liaison Mary Quiney – Newsletter  
Mike Steel – Webmaster Sue Spooner

## 1. Welcome to members attending

VS welcomed committee members attending, SRA members Ray Carter, and Peter Sutton who was standing in for PS, and Ms Anna Whitty of CDC (item 5).

## 2. Apologies for absence

...from Richard Bramall, Jean Goddard, Janet Leonard, Pauline Sutton and Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

## 3. Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2019.

Approved and signed by VS.

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

Item 9(a): Old papers: VS reported that she had lodged old minutes, newsletters and other documents at the Records Office.  
Item 9(b): On-street parking: SS reported that the next stage consultation is postponed until the new year. County Hall is converting to pay & display on Saturdays and Sundays.

## 5. Chichester City Council Neighbourhood Plan (RH, VS, AW)

AWhitty explained that CCC is producing a Local Plan which once adopted will have to be taken into account when planning applications are considered. VS and RH had met CCC to discuss. It provides an opportunity inter alia to submit points from SRA's *Neighbourhood Character Appraisal* and press for Summersdale to be treated as if it were a conservation area. Before finalising CCC will hold a referendum to ensure that it reflects a local consensus view; a 50% return is needed. It was suggested that the plan be named *City of Chichester Neighbourhood Plan* to clarify that it extends beyond the city walls. All were asked to contribute to CCC's online survey– see SRA member email 7.10.19.

**ALL**

## 6. Chairman's report (VS)

- (i) **154 Broyle Road excessive tree cutting:** an objection has been lodged.
- (ii) **Denholme, The Drive driveway access across grass** has been resolved following Highways being asked to intervene.
- (iii) **Wellington Grange, Broyle Road cycle path:** a joint pedestrian/cycle path is currently under construction following a councillor being asked to pursue.
- (iv) **Graylingwell and Winterbourne Road access:** open community access for pedestrians and cyclists is now assured.
- (v) **Summersdale Garage access:** owing to the likelihood of further collisions following the latest one on 28 September, all were asked to monitor. **ALL**
- (vi) **Chairmanship:** RB hopes he will get sufficiently well to return. VS will continue as Acting Chairman until the AGM and RH will chair the AGM. After that, new and younger blood is urgently needed on the committee; all were asked to find people to join the committee and, in case RB cannot return, willing to become chairman. **ALL**  
SS proposed a vote of thanks for VS acting as chairman which was passed unanimously.

## 7. Treasurer's report (PB)

Bank balances: Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £15,238.73 including £75.10 held on behalf of Network of Chichester Residents' Associations and £10,493.50 including £98.82 interest transferred from United Trust Bank on closure of 40-day account at 1%. Interest-bearing a/cs: Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c £0.01.(interest 0.05%).

The Lloyds Bank signature mandates were updated to add Vanessa Stern and remove Dennis Martin; PB to dispatch. **PB**

Making our money work harder: it was agreed to invest £14,500 in a 30-Day Business Notice A/c (interest 1.35% variable) at Hampshire Trust Bank. The forms to open the account and a cheque were signed; PB to dispatch. **PB**

Other than confirming that SRA would continue to contribute towards the cost of planting two trees per year, it was agreed to defer consideration of how SRA's reserves might best be used to benefit Summersdale until the Chairman returns.

#### **8. Membership Secretary's report (VS)**

VS reported that following a new member joining, current membership stands at 437.

#### **9. Planning Secretary's report (RH)**

- (i) **23 Lavant Road:** a 4-house terrace having been refused, a 3-house terrace is proposed. RH to check floor plans. **RH**
- (ii) **10 Lavant Road:** a 3-house proposal having been refused, a single block of 6 flats is proposed. Approved by CDC.
- (iii) **Glenmar, Brandy Hole Lane:** proposal for an ugly block of 6 flats. Flats in BHL would set a precedent. SRA, CCC and Chi Soc have all objected. Application has been 'red carded' for consideration by full committee.
- (iv) **Land W. of Centurion Way and W. of Old Broyle Road: cricket, rugby & football pitches, etc:** noted, is part of Whitehouse Farm dev't.

#### **10. Webmaster's report (MS)**

MS reported 457 hits on the website since last meeting. A member email was sent about CCC neighbourhood plan. Notices about firework displays at Goodwood House and The Kennels would be displayed (and on noticeboard). **MS, BQ**

#### **11. Newsletter (MQ)**

MQ reported that she and Jeremy Q would henceforth be running distribution. MB was thanked for his excellent distribution services over the years. New distributors were needed for some rounds; committee volunteers were added to the list.

MQ had been approached by St Paul's Church wishing to insert an advertisement for a function: it was agreed to continue the policy of not advertising in the newsletter; those wishing to advertise can ask Derek James for space on the SRA One Stop noticeboard.

Potential articles include Duke of Richmond & Gordon to speak at AGM on 20.2.20 at St Paul's Church (RH to contact). **RH**  
Also that people are needed to join committee and potentially become chairman, Wellington Grange cycle path, Graylingwell/Winterbourne Road access, conservation area application. **MQ**

#### **12. Goodwood aerodrome liaison: (BQ, PL)**

Nothing to report; next meeting of liaison committee 28 November.

To lodge a complaint, use the website rather than telephone as the website creates an automatic record.

#### **13. Goodwood (GW) motor circuit liaison: (PL, BQ)**

Liaison committee met on 30/10/19. Goodwood are working hard to keep movements of equipment for events as limited as possible and storage is now in the quarry on the GW Estate. A question was asked about electric car racing (Formula E) but this is not viable on the circuit because of the cost of setting up and the environment.

#### **14. Whitehouse Farm (PS)**

It was agreed that the committee should continue to keep itself informed of developments, but not necessarily attend meetings so that it can make representations on matters of direct concern to Summersdale, e.g. traffic management.

#### **15. Trees on The Green – Nigel Muir – and elsewhere in Summersdale**

All were invited to a planting on 19 November at 10am of four trees on The Green (The Broadway/Highland Road, near One Stop). They belonged to Nigel Muir, late of The Broadway. **ALL**

VS reported that she has been researching a plaque for these trees. It was agreed that she and PB would liaise so a plaque could also be placed to mark the Jubilee tree planted in November 2012 on the Ferndale Road/Maplehurst Road green. **VS, PB**

NM was also responsible for around 40 rare trees presently in the Bishop's Garden. As those trees are presently young and small and will need homes, it was suggested that they should be planted in Summersdale. RC will pursue. **RC**

SS reported that Chi Uni had applied to fell some trees that appeared to be species worth preserving. SS will investigate. **SS**

#### **16. Wild flowers in Summersdale (JG)**

It was reported that JG attended a meeting at West Dean and that Meg Owen is interested in having a seat and wildflower area on The Green. SRA does not encourage benches as they can become magnets for undesirable elements.

#### **17. Date of next committee meeting. Thursday 28 November 2019.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.**