

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2020

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Mrs Vanessa Stern – Acting Vice Chairman & Membership Secretary	Mrs Sue Spooner -
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Mrs Pauline Sutton – Without Portfolio
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Ray Carter – Environmental & Trees
Brian Quilter – Goodwood Liaison	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Mrs Jean Goddard – CD Trust	Gavin Barrett – chairman elect
John Halliday – Character Appraisal & Assistant Planning Secretary	

1. Welcome to members attending

VS welcomed all committee members attending and SRA member Mr Roger Hobbs.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Mike Steel and Peter Lines.

3. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 2 January 2020

Item 7 – change auditor to examiner. Approved and signed by VS.

4. Matters arising not covered below

Item 14. Remove the words “so that SRA can contribute to its refurbishment.” RC said that he had spoken to Mr John Woods, manager of Hyde Martlett, who said that the playground in The Copse had a new swing and refurbished slide.

5. No item

6. Chairman’s Report

VS thanked the committee for their contribution to the success of the AGM and to Roger Hobbs for chairing it. 112 members attended and our guests included His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Mayor Richard Plowman, County Councillor Jeremy Hunt and District Councillor Tony Dignum. She said that there had been compliments on the latest newsletter and thanked MQ for her efforts. An email had been received from Mrs Bevan Thomas about opening Graylingwell to traffic whilst Pook Lane was closed, but she was advised that the roads were private and the SRA had put pressure on to make sure that there would not be a through road to East Chichester as this would create a rat run, and this was received as a satisfactory answer. VS reported that she had written to Tony Dignum complaining that the Planning Committee’s make-up was unbalanced. Most applications come from the City area but there are only two Chichester Councillors on the committee whilst the rest are outside the city boundaries. She asked that Tony Dignum and Richard Plowman should ‘red card’ 23 and 10 Lavant Road. She was asked by John Proctor the area covered by the SRA as there are so many new developments, and she confirmed the area and also asked MQ to put this in the newsletter and a map on the website and perhaps on the notice board. The new development at the former Comme Ca restaurant has not been leafleted. A member living in Harberton Crescent wanted to place owl boxes in Summersdale and asked for suggestions for suitable locations, which VS was able to supply. He replied that he went round the potential sites for the owl boxes with Jim Bagley, the president of the Chichester Natural History Society. There are 3 nest boxes funded as they are the more expensive classical BTO nest boxes, and they will be sited in Summersdale Copse, Brandy hole Copse and the area north of Hunter’s Race bridge. All sites are now agreed with Justin Jones, although the boxes will not be installed until June in case of disturbance to nests. SRA have apparently broken a CDC rule about placing memorials on CDC land. VS also reported that a bus shelter is to be located to the south of The Avenue on Lavant Road.

7. Treasurer’s Report

Bank balances:

Lloyds Treasurer’s Account	£2,174.05 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA
Lloyds Bank Business instant access a/c	£0.01
Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day notice a/c @1.25%	£14,500

8. Membership Secretary’s Report

VS reported a total of 437 members, with two new members recruited at the AGM. She continues to chase non-payers.

9. a. Planning Secretary’s Report

JH circulated a list of all planning applications within the SRA area by email prior to the meeting. He reported that he had attended January and February City Council planning meetings.

10 Lavant Road. Demolition of 3 flats and associated garages and replacement with 8 flats and 2 dwellings and associated works. Previous application for 6 flats and one 3 bed house permitted. Objection lodged by RH along with JH and other SRA members. Gross over-development, almost touching north and south boundaries with rear houses intrusive to nearby bungalows in Highland Road/The Lane. 17 parking spaces included, with the new proposal adding 2 unsuitable basement flats and a second house to the rear. CCC did not object owing to similar footprint as the permitted development, but Richard Plowman planned to ‘red card’. John Ellis, a neighbour at 15 Highland Road, attended the SRA meeting of 2 January 2020 to explain how the development would affect his property. Development now amended to single dwelling at the rear (notice 11/02) on similar footprint to approved plan with rear parking removed. Late information to hand was that the plan has now been amended to 8 flats and one house. The meeting agreed that we should object again.

22a Lavant Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 four bedroom semi-detached houses, 1 four bedroom detached chalet bungalow with access, landscaping and associated works. Objection by RH as this represents 3 houses in place of one,

inappropriate house at the rear too close to rear boundary with Chestnut Avenue. CCC also objected strongly, so the application will go to the full planning committee.

23 Lavant Road. Erection of 5 flats and parking, landscaping and associated works. Objected again by RH as hugely over-development of the site alongside a large block of 8 flats at no. 21, the former Arts and Crafts house, known as Summersdale Court, with a footprint four times the existing with little gap to adjacent properties. Creates loss of character in the area. CCC also objected strongly.

154 Broyle Road. 2 new dwellings with associated works, 2 garden room/offices (alterations to planning permission CC/19/02020/FUL). Objected to by RH as a higher and increased bulk development with new accommodation in the roof and taking an existing 4 bedrooms up to 10. Over-development.

30 Highland Road. Single and two storey extensions between houses to side and rear. Objected to by RH. This has now been withdrawn. These properties are a candidate for conservation status, and closing the gap with adjacent property no. 28 would change the street scene, which has been virtually unaltered since the properties were built. CCC also objected to the side extension.

37 The Broadway. Demolition of existing extensions, replacement two storey extensions to rear elevation, loft conversions with roof lights, replacement windows and doors, Juliet balcony. No objection as there is little change to side view or footprint. SS commented on the new development of 200 houses to be built to the north-east of Graylingwell and JH showed members a site plan. The north end of the development shows a footpath which runs by the river and close to the last houses in Maplehurst Road. The last 5 residents have had notification of the development but others in the area have not and GB suggested that they should be made aware of the proposal. SRA's comments should be in line with those of the Chichester Society on the matter.

9b. Character Appraisal.

JH met Anna Whitty to discuss along with RC and RH. She was prepared to hire consultants to put details into Summersdale's proposal on items such as density of trees, distance between properties etc. The existing document is too long and an update is to be prepared in a shorter more concentrated form and will highlight groups of properties and street scenes rather than the area as a whole. JH, RH and RC to undertake the project which JH confirmed would take 3 months.

10. Webmasters Report. No report at this time.

11. Goodwood Liaison a) Airfield b) Race track

BQ reported on both in the absence of PL. The track day dates at the car race track were to hand and will be put on the notice board. VS asked that they be e-mailed to committee members.

Speedwatch. PL is organising this with PCSO Jason Lemm but more volunteers are needed from the community. SRA will not be involved as this could lead to conflict with residents.

Maddoxwood. The developer was apparently required to commence completion of the footpath and cycle route but has said he will not do so until the 40mph speed limit is in place. This was not part of the Section 106 agreement. BQ to ask PL to clarify the situation. As reported to us at the AGM, the 40mph speed limit will be implemented soon.

Airfield. BQ reported that he will attend a meeting on the first Thursday in March and a report will follow. He asked for support from the committee for more reports of overflying. The control tower cannot enforce non-overflying as they are not air traffic controllers. The flying school can instruct their people but private plane owners are out of their control. JH asked whether pilots using the airfield would be aware of local rules. BQ said that the control tower would advise them. JL asked whether committee members objected to the overflying because of the noise, the danger of aircraft crashing onto houses or just because it was not supposed to happen. She said that she was so used to the aircraft she no longer noticed them. GB said that we should take our concerns right to the top and write directly to the Duke to enforce the guidelines set out in the original contract for the airfield.

12. AGM 12 February 2020.

VS said that she had spoken to attendees after the meeting. Some said the church was cold, others that the seats were hard. If these were the only criticisms, we may count the event and it's new venue a success. Some speakers were not heard very clearly, and this may be due to inexperience with microphone use. The cost for the hire of St Pauls church was £205. GB said that there was work due to be undertaken on the side room at the church in the near future which might mean it was not available for next year's AGM. Other venues were discussed – Lavant Village Hall, Parklands Baptist Church, the Festival Theatre's rehearsal rooms. GB said that we could make a booking at St Paul's Church to test whether it would be available. VS said that we should start thinking now about booking a speaker for the next AGM as good people get booked up early, and asked for suggestions. The speakers of previous years were listed to avoid duplication, although some were considered good enough for a repeat visit, such as a speaker from the Festival Theatre. VS thanked BQ for his help with the glasses at the AGM.

13. White House Farm update

There is a meeting on 26 February at the Baptist Church in Parklands concerning traffic mitigation through Parklands.

14. CCDT. No report at this time.

15. Parking Management Plan

WSCC's plan is to stop parking in restricted areas, apparently to encourage more sustainable forms of transport. This statement was received with some scepticism. The scheme is not costed, either in implementation or enforcement. RH said that no other town in the country had such a scheme. There was mixed feeling about the scheme, as some said they would welcome restriction on cars parking all day outside their homes. GB said that he recalled Jeremy Hunt saying at the AGM that the scheme would be phased in gradually, starting with the most congested areas first. The cost of a permit for non-residents to park in the restricted areas would be £165 per annum, and £36 for residents. RH asked whether he should object on behalf of SRA, and the general consensus was that he should. Members were encouraged to put their own points of view on the consultation form.

16. Date of next meeting. Thursday 9 April 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.32pm.