

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2 January 2020

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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**Present:**

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

## 1. Welcome to members attending

VS welcomed committee members attending, and also SRA members Mr John Ellis and Mr Gavin Barrett. All members of the committee introduced themselves for the benefit of new members.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

Received from RH

## 3. Approval of minutes of meeting of 28 November 2019

Approved. Proposed by SS, seconded by BQ, agreed by all. Minutes signed by VS.

## 4. Matters arising not covered below

None.

## 5. Co-opting of new committee member

Mr Gavin Barrett was co-opted onto the committee. Proposed by VS, seconded by BQ. All voted in favour.

## 6. Chairman's Report

VS reported the sad news that Richard Bramall had been moved into St Wilfrid's Hospice in Bosham. VS proposed thanks to him for his work as SRA chairman, to retiring newsletter distributor Michael Berry and his wife Gillian and to Roger Hobbs for his work as former chairman and planning secretary.

The new notice board is in place after having been very swiftly purchased and installed by BQ, for which VS extended thanks.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

PB distributed copies of the draft accounts, the examined version of which will be given to members at the upcoming AGM. PB went through the main figures with explanatory notes. Some additional costs were incurred this year, such as new notice board, tree planting and contribution to the defibrillator. VS asked PB to explain what the purpose of the 'fighting fund' was. He explained that if another event which we would oppose such as the gravel extraction plan or the development of the daffodil field came along, the fund would be used to pay for the services of a barrister if necessary, in which case the £8,750 would not go very far. PB asked the committee to approve the accounts so that they could be sent to the examiner Len Macey ahead of the AGM. Proposed by MQ, seconded by MS, approved by all.

Bank balances:

Lloyds Treasurer's Account	£1,864.05 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA
Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c	£0.01
Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day notice account @ 1.25%	£14,500

## 8. Membership Secretary's Report

438 members, one member having died. MQ queried the number of members against the distribution list for the newsletter. Vs confirmed that there are a few members who do not receive the newsletter.

## 9a. Planning Secretary's Report

RH was not present but had given VS a report which she read out.

**10 Lavant Road.** Planning permission had been sought for the construction of 6 flats and 3 houses on the site of a building of poor architectural merit, which SRA objected to on the grounds of overdevelopment. A new application for 6 flats and 1 house was then submitted, which we did not object to and which was given permission. Straight

afterwards, a revised plan was submitted just before the Christmas winding down of the planning department for 8 flats and 2 houses, which again SRA will object to on the grounds of back-development. SRA member Mr John Ellis then spoke to say that he lives in Highland Road where the proposed development will be in the centre of the residential area bounded by Highland Road and The Lane. He showed the committee a plan giving the location of the flats and the infill of the houses behind, and commented that this type of development went against planning guidelines due to the change it would bring to its immediate environs. Although the 3 storey apartment block was similar to those already constructed on Lavant Road, the impact on the properties behind it would be substantial. SS suggested that SRA could request our local councillors to 'red card' the application to force a decision by the planning committee. Committee members were encouraged to object individually also, and the reference to quote was given as 19/02381/FUL.

**9b. Character Appraisal**

VS referred to RH's notes on the matter, which stated that updating the appraisal should be fairly straightforward and he will work on the copy he received from MS and forward it to RC.

**10. Webmaster's Report**

Website hits were 458 in October, 508 in November and 411 in December. The domain maintenance fee has now been paid for the next two years.

**11. Goodwood Liaison**

**a) Airfield.** Nothing to report from BQ

**b) Race Track.** PL reported that information on all the users of the racetrack could be obtained from the Goodwood website.

**12. AGM**

VS said that she and MQ were to visit St Paul's church to check the arrangements with the verger. One table is to be put on the raised area at the altar for a small number of committee members. SS asked if the cost of the hire of the venue was to hand. VS asked committee members to be at the church by 6pm to help with preparations. MQ asked for volunteers to help with food preparation and JL and PS came forward. RC offered his services as car park attendant for the event. There are spaces in the car park to the side of the building but some parking in the driveway on the south side is not always available. Parking is available across the road in the theatre carpark. VS asked for 4 volunteers to help with checking members in on arrival. It was agreed that speeches by councillors should be time-limited. RH is still to ascertain from the Duke of Richmond and Gordon if he is willing to take questions.

**13. Newsletter**

MQ has sent a draft copy to the printers today for the first proof. She circulated copies of the first draft and several more amendments were noted. Some photographs had been moved and another added. VS thanked MQ for the production of yet another excellent newsletter. MS asked MQ for a copy of the AGM agenda for the website.

**14. CCDT**

JG had nothing to report as yet. She to check ownership of the playground in Winterbourne Road so that SRA can contribute to its refurbishment.

**15. Summersdale Garage Traffic**

PB reported that people queueing to get into the garage from the south were causing problems when those not wishing to enter the garage area attempted to pass the queue into the path of traffic entering the city from the north. The garage is a victim of its own success with its very competitive petrol prices. PB suggested that perhaps double white lines in the area would deter overtaking, but PL said that unless this was policed it would not deter people. PL reported that the 40mph speed limit in that part of the Lavant Road was to be implemented. He also said that two more people were needed to set up the Speedwatch initiative to deter speeding generally.

**16. Date of next Meeting**

Thursday 20 February 2020

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