

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*“Residents Working Together”*

## MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETING 10 SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Gavin Barrett (Chairman), Vanessa Stern (Vice-Chairman & Membership), Peter Bickley (Treasurer & Minutes), Ray Carter (Environment), Jean Goddard (Paths, CDT, et al), John Halliday (Planning), Peter Lines (Goodwood), Brian Quilter (Goodwood), Mary Quiney (Newsletter), Mike Steel (Website) and Pauline Sutton (Whitehouse Farm)

**In attendance:** Cllr Tony Dignum (CDC), Cllr Jeremy Hunt (WSCC), Mr & Mrs Marsh (members)

**Apologies for absence:** Janet Leonard

### 1. Welcomes and Apologies for absence

All present including councillors and SRA members not on the committee were welcomed. Apologies for absence were noted and condolences extended to JL who was at a funeral.

### 2. Minutes of meeting on 28 May 2020

The minutes were agreed.

### 3. Reports from portfolio holders (see Appendix for edited versions of pre-circulated reports)

#### a) Finance (Peter Bickley):

**Bank balances:** Lloyds Bank Treasurer’s A/c £756.81 & Bus Inst. Access £0.01. Hampshire Trust Bank 0.9% £14,500.00. **Defibrillator:** We are grateful to St Paul’s PCC which has confirmed that it will insure and cover ongoing costs (servicing, batteries, etc).

#### b) Environment (Ray Carter): RC’s report (trees, verges, parking, cycles) was noted (see Appdx).

**Trees:** Some chestnut are in poor health. It was agreed that a plan to replace felled trees was needed (Parklands has a plan). Roads could have collections for a tree, like The Avenue has. £150 buys a replacement tree – WSCC match funds. Website to explain how to fund a tree. **MS**

**Cycle lanes:** see report in Appendix. It was agreed that appropriate cycle lanes are needed. JH said cycle lanes are not an easy challenge. There was a limited consultation before implementing the pop-up scheme. It was ring-fence funded by central government so the money could not be used to eg repair potholes. Following the public feedback WSCC will go back to the drawing board and the pop-up scheme may not survive the clocks going back.

**MS**

#### c) Paths and Chichester District Trust (Jean Goddard)

JH said that he had asked for the Graylingwell to Winterbourne Road link path to be laid.

#### d) Planning and Character Appraisal (John Halliday) particularly Maddoxwood and Raughmere

It was reported that

(i) **Warrendale Farm** has given rise to multiple objections.

(ii) **10 Lavant Road** has been rejected.

(iii) **23 Lavant Road** is going to appeal.

(iv) **22A & 24 Lavant Road:** several objections lodged – non-locals have supported.

(v) **Raughmere Farm / Daffodil Field:** Berkeley Homes (BH) is inviting comments on a proposal to build 140 dwellings with a country park “Raughmere Meadows” (brochure circulated before meeting, see Appendix on website): formal application expected in the autumn. GB, JH & RC heard Jon Lambert of BH who also attended a Lavant Parish Council (LPC) meeting. Although LPC has a neighbourhood plan adopted in 2018, this is an inadequate defence because of the expiry of CDC’s Local Plan. BH in 2019 challenged CDC about the land allocated to housing E, W & S of Chi, saying that it should be on the edge of the City in any direction. TD said that the application would be rejected

as the land is not in the local plan but this is likely to be appealed on the grounds of the local plan having expired and the absence of a formal five year land supply. However, the proposed estate is on a main flight path from Goodwood aerodrome and is an emergency landing ground. Retaining strategic gaps seems not to be a high priority of central government, but preventing coalescence of settlements may be. As to whether the new estate would help prevent a Northern bypass, Highways England is unlikely to make any decisions in the absence of local community consensus. It was agreed the SRA would not engage formally with the proposals pending BH making a formal application.

- (vi) **Maddoxwood:** the estate behind the Co-op is approaching completion. The land W. of Lavant Road up to Hunters Race is also owned by Seaward Homes.
- (vii) **40mph limit in Lavant Road in Lavant Parish:** signage is due to be installed this month.
- (viii) **Glenmar, Brandy Hole Lane:** not decided because revisions made. TD will inquire.
- (ix) **19 Highland Road** is for sale.

e) **Goodwood Liaison** – all aspects (Peter Lines & Brian Quilter)

**Overflying from airfield:** BQ thanked the numerous members who had contacted him about overflying and who had submitted complaints. It was agreed by all that not only are more aeroplanes overflying than in previous years but they are further South. The flying school is closed so pilots who are flying should know better. BQ had circulated correspondence from the airfield about how pilots are reminded of their obligations. BQ undertook to find out what instructions about flying safely and compliantly pilots are given before take off. **BQ**

Note: submit complaints online at <https://www.goodwood.com/flying/aerodrome/noise-management/>. The exact time is the most important identifier – the aircraft's number is less so.

f) **Newsletter** (Mary Quiney)

MQ thanked everyone who had submitted articles by her deadline and the distributors. Authors are asked to email articles and photos so they can be easily collated. If you are having a neighbourhood/road party, please tell MQ. Suggested articles: donating trees, signposting help available for covid-19 and stress/mental health issues. Winter issue normally includes AGM agenda; consideration of AGM (eg how to hold – Zoom?) was carried forward.

g) **Website development** (Mike Steel)

The website <https://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk/> has moved to a new server (name unchanged) but search engines have not yet caught up. The front page contains covid-19 links.

h) **Whitehouse Farm** development liaison process (Pauline Sutton)

Numerous designs to try and make Westgate roundabout cycle friendly will be considered at the forthcoming liaison meeting.

i) **Membership** (Vanessa Stern)

430 members. We need to augment: perhaps newsletter distributors could visit new residents or deliver a prospectus 3 months after they move in.

4. **Any other business** including suggestions for future topics from committee members or wider membership

No items notified.

5. **Date of next meeting**

**19 November 2020 on Zoom** – all paid-up members welcome.

**REPORTS FROM PORTFOLIO-HOLDERS (WHERE NOT COVERED AT MEETING OR INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES)**

**Item 3(b): Environment (Ray Carter)**

**(i) Trees**

Not the best of summers for trees in Summersdale. High temperatures, low rainfall and unusually strong winds have taken their toll.

Newly-planted trees have struggled in the prolonged dry weather. Meg Owen (WSSC volunteer tree warden) contacted residents close to newly planted roadside trees asking them to provide a weekly water. This action saved many trees, but one at the top of Chestnut Avenue and the three trees planted in King William Close seemed to have died. Many other trees are struggling.

The strong winds resulted in damage to a number of trees, notably one in Roman Fields, others in The Avenue and The Lane. The sycamore in Roman Fields with a TPO should be replaced, the tree in The Avenue has been replaced by a private donation to the Highways Plant-a-Tree Scheme. Whyke and Parklands residents' associations have raised several thousand pounds to plant 20+ trees in the 2020/21 planting season

**(ii) Roadside verges and open spaces.**

Efforts were made to dissuade motorists parking on the verges of The Drive adjacent to Hackett's Rew (between Rew Lane and Marchwood). (Additional report from Vanessa Stern: photographs of two dozen offenders will be sent to councillors to encourage them to install preventative measures. Parking on verges and pavements is an offence in London: Government has undertaken to extend countrywide).

A poster campaign was mounted along The Avenue to stop the grass being cut to encourage wildflower and insect life.

**(iii) On-road parking.**

I understand that the Chichester Parking Zone Proposal will not be pursued in its entirety: Summersdale would have the parking restriction elements implemented but the parking permit scheme would be shelved for the time being.

**(iv) Cycle routes**

Cycling in Chichester was thrust into the forefront by the pop-up cycle routes sprung on residents by WSSC to provide routes from the railway station to St Richards along the inner relief road. The majority of comments online and in local press were ones of surprise and opposition: it slows traffic and provides little overall advantage to the few cyclists.

The cycle route through Graylingwell is not at present complete.

Lavant Road/Broyle Road scheme comprising narrow strips of green painted tarmac on the edge of both carriageways as well as a shared footpath and cycleway running along the east side of the A286 needs consolidating

**Item 3(d): Planning including Raughmere Meadows (John Halliday)**

See separate reports on our website <https://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk/>