

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Virtual Committee Meeting held on line on 11 March 2021

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Gavin Barrett - Chairman	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Acting Vice Chairman
Ray Carter – Environmental & Trees	& Membership Secretary
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Mrs Pauline Sutton – Whitehouse Farm Liaison
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Mike Steel – Webmaster
Brian Quilter – Goodwood Liaison	Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor
Mrs Jean Goddard – CD Trust	Peter Lines – Goodwood Racetrack Liaison
John Halliday – Character Appraisal & Planning Secretary	
Mr Roy Littleford – Assistant Planning Secretary	

1. Welcome and guidance on the conduct of the virtual meeting

GB welcomed all committee members attending, Elected Representatives Mr Richard Plowman, Mr Jeremy Hunt, Mr Craig Gershater and 12 SRA members to the first meeting after the AGM. He asked that attendees wishing to speak should raise a hand.

2. Apologies. None

3. Election of officers.

All committee members had been elected en bloc at the AGM but the post of chairman remained to be confirmed. VS took over the meeting whilst GB left the room. His reappointment was proposed by JL and seconded by PS, and voted in unanimously. Vice-chairman's position was proposed as VS by GB and seconded by MQ. Treasurer was proposed as PB by GB and seconded by VS. Votes in favour were received for all.

4. Minutes of meeting of 7 January 2021 – taken as read

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below. None.

6. Community Policing: PCSO Jason Lemm will update us, particularly: Speedwatch

PCSO Lemm thanked GB for inviting him to speak. He particularly wanted to talk on the subject of the Speedwatch scheme, which has been run by Sussex police for 12 years. The scheme is run by local volunteers who can set up their own scheme via the website www.communityspeedwatchonline.org which gives full details of how to create a group. A group must have 4 volunteers and be registered with the scheme. The group then selects a site to monitor. Full training on both the equipment and how to deal with the public is given. If a vehicle is recorded as speeding, on the first occasion a letter is sent, on the second another letter is sent, on the third a police officer will visit the owner's home and if there is a fourth incident a prosecution could follow. Increase funding has allowed new equipment to be purchased which can be loaned to the group for 6 months. A scheme set up in Boxgrove held 300 sessions over a 2 year period and recorded many incidents of speeding. GB asked which locations in Chichester could benefit, and PCSO Lemm said the sites chosen must be safe and provide a clear line of sight to approaching vehicles. 20mph zones can also now be monitored. GB asked whether the scheme had caused problems with local people feeling they were being spied on. PCSO Lemm said that training was given in the best way to deal with people who were stopped. The data collected by the devices needed two people, one to operate the unit and one to record the data onto a pre-prepared form. Concern was raised over the 20mph restrictions being broken, and PCSO Lemm said he would back up the reinforcement of these zones. GB said that a future discussion should be undertaken to see if the scheme could work in Summersdale via SRA.

7. Brief updates from Elected Representatives (WSCC, CDC & CCC) on matters concerning SRA and its members

WSCC Councillor Jeremy Hunt reported that the Westhampnett recycling centre will open for summer hours from 12 March. Demand has led to some amenity tips using a booking system for visits but Westhampnett has a long road access so overcrowding is not an issue and will not, for the time being, adopt this policy. An updated NHC vaccination report was sent out at 6.30pm today. Schools returned on 8 March, with 96% of infants and juniors and 76% of secondary age children returning. A Covid-19 testing programme has now been set up and residents can book a test by using www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting. The community hub is still operating 7 days a week 8am to 8pm, phone number 033022 27080. The footpath between Winterbourne Road and Graylingwell is due to be completed in June. The work will be carried out by an approved subcontractor, not Hyde Martlett. Concerning the traffic reassignment at the end of Brandy Hole Lane, Mr Hunt reported no information so far, but said he would follow this up and report. The water treatment works adjacent to Centurion Way, north of Lavant, is to be replaced over the next 12-18 months.

Councillor and City Mayor Mr Richard Plowman reported that Covid-19 vaccinations were now being given at the Westgate leisure centre at the rate of 900 per day. This is a mass vaccination centre covering a 60 mile radius. First vaccinations are also being given at Selsey and Tangmere, and for those who found travelling difficult, a new central vaccination centre is to be opened, location to be agreed, and then Tangmere may close. Chichester is now ahead on vaccination numbers, and some second vaccination dates are being brought forward by up to three weeks. Mr Plowman reported that unfortunately the application for the development of 23 Lavant Road had been approved ahead of an expected appeal because of the costs that would incur for the council. The neighbourhood plan to protect houses may not be ready for a year. Concerning the Local plan, a council meeting is due on 12 March where a resolution for the plan to be delayed for a year is to be put forward, meaning the plan will not be ready until Spring 2023. This means there is no substantial protection from developers submitting plans. Flood risk and the decline of the Chichester harbour means the housing allocation must be looked at closely. The transport mitigation situation must also be monitored. The "revised" local plan will need to specify how the A27 and the 5 roundabouts will be addressed to meet the anticipated traffic load increases from the housing developments. GB asked whether there had been any move by the District Council to ask Government to stop speculative schemes. None had been put forward. He said that a debate must now be had or it would be either housing or harbour. Formal petitioning of HMG may well be needed and weight of numbers signing such a petition would be a vital factor. JH asked whether a moratorium on housing could be imposed to give us time to complete the plan. Jeremy

Hunt said that as chair of the Harbour Conservancy he had meetings with CDC, pressure is starting to pay off, and they are trying to get housing numbers reduced back down to 415 year.

Mr Craig Gershter reported that the Chichester Community network were co-ordinating access to services to help with the level of deprivation in and around Chichester. A website is being updated to allow access the services in 3 areas – deprivation, food and mental health. This should be operation by Easter and could go on our website.

8. Reports from portfolio holders (pre-circulated but summarised by the holder)

a) Finance (Peter Bickley)

Current (Treasurer's) a/c

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £2,565.82 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA

Interest bearing a/cs

Lloyds Bank Business instant access a/c (0.05%) £0.01

Hampshire Trust Bank 30-day notice a/c (0.25%) £14,646.49

The public liability insurance was renewed in February with Zurich at a cost of £96. Having been given a 3-month free extension on the previous year's policy, the renewal premium increased by 3/12ths.

b) Environment – wild flowers and rewilding projects and litter clearing (Ray Carter)

Report pre-circulated prior to meeting. RC said that creating a wildflower meadow was not easy and needed time and money. JG said that West Dean had expertise in this area and she would contact them for help. GB asked whether the number of trees SRA helps to plant could be raised from 2 per year to 5. This was agreed subject to a review each year as to affordability for SRA. PB added that SRA was in profit last year so could afford to do so, but this should be reviewed each year. JH said that perhaps individual streets could be encouraged to fund raise and plant trees themselves. PS said that some councils planted wild flowers on roundabouts. RC asked whether an environmental page could be added to the website. On the question of litter, GB asked for information on the situation. Summersdale does have litter wardens. SRA member Mr Tebbutt said he had been collecting litter on Lavant Road for some time. The problem of litter around The Loft fish & chip shop and Co-Op store on Lavant Road was discussed and it was agreed that more bins were required or the existing ones re-located to be more visible.

c) Paths and Chichester District Trust (Jean Goddard)

A path is being marked out to the north and east of Maplehurst Road, with posts in place. Some rewilding could be put in place here. The path appears to be a good width. Progress to be monitored.

d) Planning and Character Appraisal (John Halliday) particularly developments at Madgwick Lane & Raughmere Farm.

Report pre-circulated prior to meeting. The active planning applications were summarised as:

Warendell, Plainwood Close; 21 dwellings with vehicle access

23 Lavant Road; 5 flats with parking, now permitted

Land to the rear of 24 and 22a Lavant Road; demolition of existing building and construction of 4 dwellings

Raughmere, north of Keepers Wood: 140 houses by Berkeley Strategic Land

Land north of Madgwick Lane; 165 houses in the strategic gap

A full list of all planning applications in the SRA area was circulated and is also available on the SRA website.

The revised Summersdale Character Appraisal has currently stalled. However, we can publish it on our website and refer to it under planning applications. Richard Plowman said that it's best option was to go in the Neighbourhood Plan, for which he is the lead Councillor at CDC, and asked for a copy. The revised Appraisal has been edited and is now two documents, separating local history from the specific property information, with additions.

e) Good Liaison – verbal report from 10 March meeting at Goodwood (Peter Lines and Brian Quilter)

Goodwood Airfield: Report pre-circulated prior to meeting. BQ asked Jeremy Hunt re the meeting of 10 March if he had heard further about drone flying at the airfield following the crash in 2019 and the investigation of it by the Air Accident Investigation Branch. The CAA has issued guidelines for drone operators, who must be trained and licenced. JH said that the drones, subject of the provisional trial period at Goodwood would not overfly residential areas and noise levels would be minimal. The operator of the project is professional and uses properly trained staff to fly the drones.

Goodwood Motor Circuit: There has been little activity at the circuit due to the new lockdown. There have been a few private weekend track days. The Festival of Speed is scheduled for 8-11 July, the Revival for 17-19 September and the Members Meeting for 16-17 October, Covid-19 restrictions permitting. Tickets are already on sale.

f) Newsletter (Mary Quiney)

Report pre-circulated prior to meeting. MQ asked for any items for inclusion by the end of March. A provisional date of April was suggested for the delivery of the winter newsletter and August for the summer edition.

g) Website Development (Mike Steel)

Hits on the website in January were 444, and February 405. A new environmental page is under development with input from RC. The last email on the committee meeting of 11 March was sent out on 7 March to 364 recipients, and 253 opened it. The front page of the website will be tidied up, and information on Goodwood and the Census included.

h) Whitehouse Farm development liaison (Pauline Sutton)

PS sent site plans to committee members ahead of the meeting, showing proposed school, community centre and retail units. The plans were considered to be rather plain. GB asked if the buildings would definitely be built, and PS said that a formal planning application had been submitted. The area allocated to the school was not large, so the possibility of Bishop Luffa school relocating there was not likely.

9. Membership (Vanessa Stern)

431 members. Promotional leaflets are to be printed. VS asked if anyone knew of new residents moving in who could receive a leaflet. PL asked for 12 leaflets for the Maddoxwood development.

10. Committee Members individually table items they wish to see SRA address subsequent to the meeting (off line)

MQ asked for someone to monitor the defibrillator as the current person was no longer able to do it and she had stepped in. This should be the subject of liaison with the PCC of St Paul's Church who now have responsibility for the unit.

11. Items received by email submission from SRA members for the committee to note only. None

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 6 May 2021 at 7.30pm (virtual on line). Vs said that this was the last Zoom meeting that had been paid for under the annual subscription. GB said she hoped the next meeting after that would be in person.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.