

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Virtual Committee Meeting held on line on 6 May 2021

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Present:

Gavin Barrett - Chairman	Mrs Vanessa Stern – Acting Vice Chairman
Ray Carter – Environmental & Trees	& Membership Secretary
Mrs Janet Leonard - Minutes Secretary	Mrs Pauline Sutton – Without Portfolio
Peter Bickley – Treasurer	Mike Steel – Webmaster
Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Editor	Mr Roy Littleford – Goodwood Liaison
John Halliday – Character Appraisal & Planning Secretary	

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

GB welcomed committee members and SRA members Mr Keith Bartlett, Mrs Pamela Fitzsimons, Mr & Mrs Harry, Mrs Janet Johnson, Mrs Carol Knight, Mrs Sue Spooner and Ms D Platt attending, and also Chichester City Councillor for the north ward Mr Craig Gershater. He asked that anyone wishing to speak should raise a hand.

2. Apologies and resignations

No apologies. GB reported the resignations of Peter Lines, Brian Quilter and Jean Goddard from the SRA Committee. Their contribution over the years has been significant and is appreciated. It becomes necessary to appoint a new representative of SRA on the Goodwood Aviation Consultative Committee. GB confirmed that Roy Littleford would take on this role with immediate effect. Some concern had been voiced that SRA was not taking a sufficiently robust line in dealing with over-flight issues wherein pilots, using Runway 24(0) West-bound, were not adopting the policy guidance of a right-turn after take-off ensuring that the aircraft follows the Lavant Gap rather than a straight-line over Summersdale. GB stated that, as he understood it, Goodwood communicate the policy to all pilots using R24 but it is the pilot's responsibility, once in the air, to take decisions regarding the aircraft's safe flying. Most pilots appear compliant, but a small number do not. SRA, through Roy Littleford, will work closely with the GACC to see if further measures are available to reduce the nuisance effect of Summersdale over-flying.

3. Minutes of meeting of 11 March 2021 – taken as read

4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below

RC said that yellow lines were in the original plan but many people didn't notice this and only saw the parking restrictions. The lines are partly implemented and the second phase is awaited. Concerning the litter situation, most roads have a litter warden so the situation is under control. GB said he would discuss the location of the bin near the fish and chip shop with the owners. The item on the Speedwatch scheme had not resulted in any volunteers but GB said he wished to keep the item alive.

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

a) Finance – Peter Bickley

Treasurers Report – Balances

Treasurers A/c

£2,617.82 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA

Interest Bearing A/cs

Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c

£0.01

Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day Business A/c Interest Rate 0.25%

£14,646.49

Nothing heard from the application for online banking sent in February – PB to chase.

b) Environment – Trees, Rewilding projects – Ray Carter

Report circulated. RC said that due to the very dry spring some young trees planted in Summersdale had not survived even though they had been watered. They needed ongoing watering, not just when planted. A lot of trees had applications to remove or trim and many had been pollarded. GB asked whether more trees were being lost than were being replaced. RC said that WSCC had many demands on their finances and trees were lower priority than before. RC listed suggestions for 5 more tree planting sites in The Drive, Keepers Wood and the Avenue. JH said that CDC planning consent for tree removal typically imposed a condition that homeowners replace them. SRA member Carol Knight who lives in Highland Road said she was prepared to fund a tree herself. GB asked PB whether a further £250 could be added to the tree replacement scheme to cover the recent cost increase from £150 to £200. This would allow replanting of trees that had failed, such as those on The Green at the junction of Ferndale Road and Maplehurst Road, and it was agreed this could be done. The grass is cut very short in this area and this does not help new trees to establish.

c) Paths and Chichester District Trust – no report

RC reported that the new fence behind Maplehurst Road on the edge of the proposed new footpath had been erected by the farmer owning the land, not the developers. The fence does not allow wildlife to pass through. There is hogweed on the line of the new footpath which should be sprayed.

d) Planning and Character Appraisal – John Haliday

A comprehensive report was pre-circulated, with a resume page highlighting the major planning items in the SRA area:

20/01164/REM Warrendell, Plainwood Close

20/01897/FUL Land to the Rear of 24 and 22A Lavant Road. Decision deferred at CDC planning meeting on 7 April for further negotiation on retention of hedging and trees and comment from Southern Water on the Apuldram Waste Water Treatment Works capacity

20/02675/OUTEIA Outline Planning Application from Berkeley Strategic Land at Raughmere north of Keepers Wood. Over 200 objections now on the CDC Planning Portal which now includes a Landscape and Visual Evidence and Impact Appraisal commissioned by CDC

20/02824/OUT development of 165 houses in the strategic gap north of Madgwick Lane. Initially refused, but the developer had already lodged an appeal.

The Summersdale Character Appraisal is stalled as CDC Conservation Department has no time or resources to adopt it as Supplementary Planning Guidance and CCC's Neighbourhood Plan team are also busy after a change of leadership. JH is pressing for local listing of individual properties and groups. We are now pressing local listing of individual properties and groups, with applications now submitted for Highland Road (south side) and The Avenue (north side) though it is doubtful whether these will be progressed. SRA member Mrs Pamela Fitzsimons asked for advice on whether planning permission was required to cut down hedges, and JH said that it was if they are protected by a TPO.

Mr Craig Gershater said that city councillors had a meeting with the harbour conservancy concerning the run-off into the harbour and asked JH whether he had any information on nitrogen mitigation. He said that development of greenfield sites produced little or no additional nitrogen run-off and that in smaller scale developments this can be offset by tree planting elsewhere.

The latest detailed report showing all outstanding applications can be found on the SRA website.

e) Goodwood Liaison – Roy Littleford

Report circulated to GB and JL prior to the meeting and to be circulated to all committee members. RL said that he had taken over as representative for both the track and air consultative committees. As a resident living close to the flightpath of runway 24 he was keen to work hard to ensure our concerns are brought to the attention of the Goodwood committee. GB asked whether RL had any further information on drone trials. Nothing to hand as yet. GB said that Goodwood only give a policy guideline to pilots, who are free to choose their own route to a certain extent, but if there is a wilful disregard of the guidelines then action can be taken. Inexperienced pilots are unwilling to make the hard right turn after take off as they lose height during the manoeuvre.

f) Newsletter – Mary Quiney

Report circulated prior to the meeting. MQ said that she had taken over distribution of the newsletters and her team were working very well. GB thanked the distributors for their efforts. MQ asked for anyone contributing items for the newsletter try to include photographs where appropriate as it adds to the impact of the article. GB said it was hoped that a social event could be organised, possibly in September when the work at St Pauls Church would be completed. Information on the event could go into the newsletter preceding it.

g) Website Development – Mike Steel

Website hits in March were 508 and in April 452. A plan to reorganise/simplify the front page of the website is in hand, to add links to updated pages and move current notices to portfolio related pages. A request has been received to promote the Valley Diary monthly newsletter. A disclaimer should perhaps be added about advertising which has previously not been allowed. The last email was sent out on 3 May concerning the committee meeting to 361 people, and 238 opened it. Craig Gershater said that the Chichester Community network website is now live and can include an overview of SRA. He will send a form to MS to fill in to be included.

h) Whitehouse Farm (SRA from now on only being updated by Jeremy Hunt)

6. Membership – Vanessa Stern

431 members at present. VS said that the leaflets distributed had raised awareness of the SRA and suggested a recruitment drive later in the year.

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

VS asked whether RC wanted anything on the creation of a wild flower meadow. RC had no information so VS will chase. MQ said that she had found two people to take responsibility for the defibrillator in St Michaels Hall. David Foster and Nicholas Palmer will check the unit and liaise together on its maintenance.

8. Items received by email submission from SRA members for the committee to note only.

None.

9. Date and venue of next meeting.

The meeting will take place on 8 July 2021 and it is hoped this will be back in St Michaels Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.