

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held at St Paul's Church, Chichester, West Sussex

7.30pm Monday 13 September 2021

*Residents Working Together*

**Present:** Mrs Vanessa Stern – Acting Chairman Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary  
Mr Roy Littleford – Goodwood Liaison Mr Peter Bickley – Treasurer/Asst. Minutes Sec.  
Mrs Mary Quiney – Newsletter Mr Gavin Barrett – Liaison and Bookings  
Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership Secretary Mrs Sara Wain – Assistant Planning  
Mr John Halliday – Planning and Character Appraisal Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees

## 1. Welcome and Introduction and co-opting of new committee member

VS welcomed SRA members attending – Mrs Jill Shaw, Mrs Anna Atherton, Mr Andrew Atherton, Mr Bob Tunnicliffe and Mr Jan Dart. Committee members introduced themselves for the benefit of members attending. Mrs Sara Wain was co-opted onto the committee with the role of Assistant Planning. Mrs Jill Shaw and Mr Bob Tunnicliffe expressed the wish to join the committee.

## 2. Apologies

Received from Mr Mike Steel.

## 3. Approval of minutes of 8 July 2021

Approved.

## 4. Matters arising not mentioned in minutes

None

## 5. Chairman's Report

VS said that she had received many emails concerning the fence at Hackets Rew. She spoke to the Archaeological Dept of CDC and discovered that no approval had been sought by the owners. However, the fence is attractive and no objections were forthcoming. The siting of an information notice about Hackets Rew was discussed and VS to check if this is possible.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Lloyds Bank Treasurers a/c	£1,401.12 including £75.10 held for NCRA
	Balance is after payment to Arun DC for printing £106.89
Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c	£0.01
Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day business a/c	£14,646.49

## 7. Membership Numbers

PS reported that membership numbers at present stand at 437.

## 8. Planning Report

Full report pre-submitted, but specifically:

20/02675/OUTEIA) Outline Planning Application from Berkeley Strategic Land for 140 dwellings on the Lock land at Raughmere. We are liaising with Lavant PCC, local councillors and Goodwood. Following over 200 objections, the application was refused in July 2021 by CDC delegated decision, but we should anticipate a likely appeal.

At this point, Mr Gavin Barrett gave more information on this application following an email he had received from Richard Plowman, who said that he was optimistic the appeal would fail. The environmental health case from CDC was strong and is backed by a very professional approach from Goodwood aerodrome. The death of two pilots recently has demonstrated why this land should remain undeveloped. Mr Plowman also said in his email that he did not anticipate central Government would fund improvements to the A27 owing to the absence of local consensus. 20/02824/OUT development of 165 houses in the strategic gap north of Madgwick Lane. Refused, however, the developer has now lodged an appeal – ref. APP/L3815/W/3270721 to be held as a virtual event opening 3 August 2021 at 10.00am.

Note that CDC blames Covid for not posting notices of new applications, and asks applicants to do so. Email alerts stopped in February 2020 and have only just restarted, so residents should inform neighbours themselves.

The update to the Summersdale Character Appraisal has stalled as CDC Conservation department has no time or resources to adopt this as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

## **9. Environment Report**

Two pre-submitted reports by RC, one listing current planning permissions sought regarding trees in the SRA area. Some trees did need to be removed due to disease but there were other cases where this was cosmetic only. He asked whether he should object to some of these applications in the name of SRA rather than personally. He also reported that Linden Homes had put in an application for 31 bat and swift boxes for the east side of the Kingsmead Close development. He had not received any comments following the CDC/WSCC reduced grass cutting regime. His application to the CDC free tree scheme has been successful and SRA are to be given 30 trees in total complete with tree guards and bamboo canes. He asked that volunteers come forward in the areas where trees are to be planted to help with the work. Some roads in the SRA area had collected money to have extra trees planted. GB asked for a note of appreciation of Mr Carter's efforts be made in the minutes, with members full support.

## **10. Webmaster's Report**

Pre-submitted report, summarised by VS. The website received 470 hits in July and 559 in August. The last email sent out concerned the Zoom Committee meeting of 6 May 2021. Some discussion has taken place about SRA email addresses and how messages are forwarded, and Environment/Trees is to be added – MS to update. Job roles are published on our 'contact us' page. Some jobs do not have corresponding addresses but could be set up if useful.

## **11. Goodwood Report of Meeting and Feedback after events**

RL reported that drone test flights had commenced and these were early in the morning. These did not take place over residential areas.

Regarding aircraft complaints, in particular aircraft overflying and noise, these were mainly from the Summersdale area and in particular from an over-zealous household. RL is attempting to set up a meeting with this resident and Goodwood, hopefully to find a solution or gain an understanding from both sides.

RL also reported that it is intended that runway 24 is to be extended next year, and some of the plane trees reduced in height, hopefully thus allowing places to turn sooner.

## **12. Newsletter – summer feedback and revision of promotional leaflet**

VS said that she had received many compliments on the quality of the latest newsletter, and members showed their appreciation of MQ's efforts with a round of applause. MQ reported that the summer newsletter was produced and distributed successfully. Collecting them directly from the Arun District Council printer in Littlehampton has worked well and allowed meeting of the person who has helped over the years. There were two reports of two members not receiving their copy of the newsletter and further copies were given. Sometimes printed material gets mistaken for junk mail and discarded. MQ asked for articles for the Winter Newsletter which should be printed in early January. She said that most people preferred a paper copy of the newsletter, although a copy does go on the website a while after delivery of the paper copy. It had been suggested to VS that newsletter copy deliverers knock on members doors when delivering, but this idea was not welcomed. The SRA promotional leaflet was declared out of date and a group was formed to help redesign it consisting of MQ, JL, PS and SW. MQ to liaise and arrange a meeting time and date.

## **13. AGM Speaker**

GB reported that he had approached Andrew Frost, Planning officer for CDC to speak, but he had declined. Susan Taylor, the cabinet member for planning of CDC would be asked to speak instead. If she refuses, perhaps a representative of the Southdowns National Park could be approached.

## **14. Date of next meeting**

22 November 2021 at St Pauls Church. The meeting time was brought forward to 7pm to avoid clashing with other church users.

## **15. Meeting closed at 9pm.**