

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*"Residents Working Together"*

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## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

on 1 December 2022 at 7:00pm at St Michael's Hall

**Present: Jill Shaw (Chair), Sara Wain (Vice Chair), Peter Bickley (Treasurer & Minutes), Ray Carter (Environment), John Halliday (Planning), Roy Littleford (Goodwood), Mike Steel (Web)**

**1. Welcomes**

All were welcomed.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Janet Leonard and Pauline Sutton.

**3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 14 September** (see website for all past minutes)

The minutes were approved.

**4. Matters arising from the minute**

None.

**5. Open Forum**

No matters were raised.

**6. Chair's report**

(a) **Newsletter:** A vote of thanks for Mary Quiney's magnificent newsletter was unanimously agreed.

(b) **Speedwatch equipment:** Peter Bickley was thanked for arranging the purchase of the radar gun (cost £575.98 of which £250 funded by Police Property Act Fund, net cost to SRA £325.98).

(c) **Meeting with other residents' associations** was very informative. Parklands RA is the most similar to SRA whereas Graylingwell and Rousillion are primarily management companies. Whitehouse Farm development is of mutual interest. Future meetings to be held.

(d) **Warm Spaces meeting** highlighted that several organisations are involved, notably Chichester Community Network which provides useful pointers for those who need help.

(e) **Whitehouse Farm meeting:** most of the answers provided by the developers were not very informative.

(f) **Fencing in of public footpaths on Goodwood fields North of Summersdale:** the public footpaths are being fenced in owing to excessive footfall in the organic fields and to prevent dogs from chasing the livestock and defecating in the fields. Either side of the path there will be a hedge and standard trees at intervals.

(g) **Footpath Northwards from Hacketts Rew:** adoption as a public footpath is in progress.

**7. Treasurer's report**

Balances at banks:

- Lloyds Bank Treasurers A/c £916.58;
- Lloyds Bank Instant Access A/c £0.01; and
- Hampshire Trust Bank 30 Day Business A/c £14,719.81. Interest of £36.70 credited 5.11.22. As the rate of interest is only 0.25% and HTB has no other accounts with notice periods of less than one year, notice to close the account has been given. Pending receipt of the cash into our Treasurer's A/c on 30 December, PB will investigate accounts that pay better rates. **PB**

**8. Membership**

Three new members bringing total membership to 429.

**9. Planning** (see website for full report)

The planning report circulated with the agenda was noted. It was agreed not to comment on the 11A Highland Road changes and 39 The Broadway and Wellington Grange applications although immediate neighbours may wish to. Out of our area, it was reported that proposals for an integrated transport hub at Southgate were floundering owing to the want of someone dynamic to take it forward.

10. **Environment** (see website for full report)  
The planting of the four new trees financed by SRA, and householder 'angels' watering new trees resulting in the survival of all roadside trees planted in the past year, were welcomed. It was noted that an application had been made to remove a row of healthy sycamores in Hunters Way. The late Queen's canopy whips which have died will be removed next Spring. It was reported that the tree canopy in Summersdale reduces temperatures and airborne pollution locally.
11. **Website and Communications**
- (a) 428 web hits in September and 488 in October. A 'hit' is a unique web browser visiting the site.
  - (b) MS reported that the website needs to be made suitable for mobile phones. Having been webmaster for 12 years, MS would like to make way for young blood to undertake this redesign. Any new website would need to retain all the material on the current website.
  - (c) Member emails are now sent via Mailchimp, having been separated from the website.
  - (d) It was agreed that the need to redesign the website should be taken as an opportunity to consider how we communicate with members and the world, and using facebook, twitter, nextdoor, etc.
  - (e) It was agreed that consideration should be given to recruiting onto the committee someone to be responsible for communications, perhaps separate from the webmaster. All were asked to volunteer or recommend likely candidates for both such posts. **ALL**
  - (f) JS undertook to draft webmaster and communications specifications. **JS**
12. **Goodwood** (see website for full report)  
It was reported that although in Goodwood's statistics a website complaint is counted as a single complaint even if more than one aircraft is cited, the aerodrome does monitor the details. The vast majority of complaints are made by very few people. The right-hand turn that is required on leaving Runway 24 towards Summersdale is very tight (a 30' turn) and pilots can only do their best. Goodwood is unable to control what pilots do once they are airborne. When funds allow, Runway 24 will be lengthened and the trees lopped.
13. **AGM**  
It was agreed to hold the AGM (on 24 May 2023) in St Michael's Hall as it is easy to get to. As to a speaker, all were asked to make suggestions; JH suggested Sussex Wildlife Trust and PB undertook to forward a previous email from Vanessa Stern containing suggestions. **ALL**
14. **Brandy Hole Copse**  
The BHC group needs new blood, especially as the Whitehouse Farm development includes the adjacent field. Paula Chatfield is reconstituting and RC will liaise. [*Volunteers to join BHC group should apply to [who/where] ??*] **RC/ALL**
15. **Promo leaflet**  
SW tabled a draft leaflet. All agreed it looked excellent. A map is needed showing SRA membership area (PB undertook to provide). It was suggested that the leaflet should refer to one of our major raison d'etres, namely planning. All to send comments to SW. **ALL**
16. **Communications**  
See item 11.
17. **Advertising**  
Owing to lack of time, this item was carried forward.
18. **Street Ambassadors**  
All were asked to reply to JS's circular, and to volunteer or recruit neighbours to be SAs, mainly to recruit new members but also to find out what local expertise exists. **ALL**
19. **Date of next meeting**  
18 January 2023 at 7pm at St Michael's Hall.
20. **Any other business**
- (a) **Chichester Marina parking charges** will be introduced.
  - (b) **Lavant Practice patient participation group** was attended by RC who reported that the practice is short of one doctor and a new website is being built. The pharmacy is a separate business.