

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

7.00pm Monday 10th January 2022

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	Mrs Jill Shaw – Raughmere and A27
Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees	Mrs Sarah Wain – Assistant Planning Secretary
Mr John Halliday – Planning and Character Appraisal	

1. Welcome

Vs welcomed committee members attending and also Mr Tim Aldridge and City Councillor Mrs Maureen Corfield.

2. Apologies

Received from Mrs Pauline Sutton and Mr Mike Steel.

3. Approval of Minutes of 22 November 2021

Approved and signed by VS.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered below

None

5. Constitution amendment

It was agreed to change the date of the AGM to the last day of June. This will help MQ in the preparation of the newsletter whereby finalisation of the issue would not have to be undertaken over Christmas.

6. Chairman's Report

VS said that much seemed to have happen over the last new months, and she was grateful to all for the work done on Raughmere, tree planting and planning. It was good to see so many trees being planted around the area, and although not all will survive, enough will do so to keep Summersdale well supplied with trees for the future.

Special thanks go to Sarah Hall for the broadleaved trees grown in her garden and now with Goodwood's approval planted in the field alongside the river, and also to Ray McGlone who helped. Vs reported that Summersdale Road will be closed between 10am and 3.30pm from 27 January for 5 days, with access for emergency vehicles.

7. Treasurer's Report

Balances at banks:

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £1,131.14 including £75 held on behalf of NCRA

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

Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day business a/c (interest 0.25%) £14,683.11

Five subscriptions (£25) were received on 31.1.21 via faster payment and another by cheque on 1 January following payment reminders. The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 were presented and explanatory information given by PB. The accounts were approved and will be forwarded to Clive Gaut for examination. PB asked whether committee members thought an additional sum from surplus should be moved into the special fund or fighting fund, but this was not considered necessary. Members were asked whether the surplus should fund a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and this was approved.

8. Membership Numbers

VS reported that the membership number stood at 431.

9. Planning Report

A full report is available on the SRA website, but the main points were summarised by JH as:

20/02675/OUTEIA Outline Planning Application from Berekeley Strategic Land for 140 dwellings on the Lock land at Raughmere, north of Keepers Wood. We are liaising with Lavant PCC, local councillors and Goodwood etc. Following over 200 objections the application was refused in July 2021 by CDC delegated decision, but an appeal is now in progress. SRA has objected and encourages residents to attend the hearings planned for 8 days from 8 February 2022. This will be a virtual event. VS asked how members could attend, and was informed that an email had to be sent to the council asking for permission to attend. JH said that more local people attending would show the inspector the feeling of residents. A decision is supposed to be made by 22 April, but other appeals heard earlier still await their decisions, so this date may not be realistic.

20/02824/OUT development of 165 houses in the strategic gap north of Madgwick Lane. Refused but the developer has lodged an appeal, ref APP/L3815/W/21/3270721 held as a virtual event opening 3 August 2021 at 10am.

Awaiting decision, which is overdue.

Neighbourhood Plan. JH and SW are to attend a half day workshop with city Councillor Maureen Corfield on 18 January concerning the plan.

Interpretation Board. Information gathering has been taking place and a meeting will take place mid-January to discuss. A meeting with James Kenny took place, and he is happy to help where he can.

A27. SW attended an on-line workshop on 29 November. This was an information meeting telling us that National Highways now have RIS3 funding to relook at proposals for the A27. We are now on the list to be included in future consultations.

At this point, visiting resident Mr Tim Aldridge of Lavant PC spoke on the matter of the footpath at the end of Fordwater Road. A “restricted highway” is sought for this route which would ban motorised vehicles from using the river as a route, although cycles would be permitted. He asked members to write to the Highways Dept at WSCC to object to allowing vehicles to drive on the river bed as there are European eels, newts and other wildlife which will be affected. Vs said that she was concerned that the creation of a cycle route would mean trees being cut down and the track made wider. Mr Aldridge showed a document and map from 1900 showing the route was unsuitable for vehicles. Vs asked if there was a planning application number relating to the matter and Mr Aldridge to supply this, although the matter may not come before the Rights of Way committee for a year.

10. Environment Report

RC reported that 5 trees donated by the SRA to WSCC Highways donate a Tree Scheme have been planted in the Drive, The Avenue and Chestnut Avenue. CDC was one of just 5 local authorities in England to be chosen to take part in the £2.5m tree planting pilot. Four sites within Summersdale were proposed – Highland Road, Ferndale Road, Maplehurst Road and The Croft. Permission was sought from CDC who maintain these public open spaces. After a visit from the Project Lead Sophie Hamnett, the SRA submitted 4 applications each for 20 trees for each area. The chosen trees, termed whips, were planted 1.5m apart and the groups accepting trees have undertaken to maintain them for a minimum of 3 years. Growth will be monitored by CDC. The trees were planted in late December and early January.

11. Webmasters Report

Website hits in November were 941, possibly as Daffodill Field was mentioned. December hits numbered 523. The last email sent was concerning the committee meeting of 22 November and was sent on 10 November. 75% of recipients opened it.

12. Goodwood Report

Airfield Report. RL reported that there has been one very strong noise complaint received SRA since prior to the Revival. This was from a resident in March Square which RL will raise with Goodwood at his next meeting with them. The report from the fatal accident is still awaited. As reported at the last meeting, it has been confirmed that runway 24 is to be extended by 38 metres in spring and the trees at the end of the runway are to be reduced in height. Both these measures should assist with flying avoiding built up areas.

Motor Circuit Report. The main events this year will be Members meeting 9-10 April, Festival of Speed 23-26 June, cycling event 6-7 August which could involve rolling road closures, Revival 16-18 September. Further information on an event 9-10 July involving the airfield and horse race track is awaited

13. Newsletter

MQ reported that as it was agreed at the last committee meeting that the date of the AGM was to be moved from February, it was no longer appropriate to produce the winter newsletter in January as it usually contains the AGM agenda and the previous minutes. A new date for the production was discussed as the date for the AGM was now to be the last day of June, and it was agreed that copy and reports should be sent to MQ by 6 February so the newsletter can be produced in early March. Suggestions so far for the next newsletter include progress on **Interpretation Board**, planning reports, environmental report including tree planting with photos, Goodwood, help with the speed watch programme, and update on the Raughmere appeal, change of date of the AGM, details of the speaker (Jason Lemm) and concern with the appearance of the Winterbourne Estate, with photos. MQ welcomed any other articles and photos that members may have.

14. Drop Box

A general discussion did not produce a great deal of enthusiasm for this, although the committee members concerned with planning thought a group for their communications might be useful. Some concerns were raised about security and the fact that content could be amended or deleted.

15. Date of next meeting

28 March 2022 at 7pm in St Paul’s Church.

16. Meeting closed at 8.50pm