

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held at Roussillon Community Hall, Chichester, West Sussex

7.00pm Monday 11 July 2022

Residents Working Together

Present: Mrs Jill Shaw – Chairman

Mr Roy Littleford – Goodwood Liaison

Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees

Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership Secretary

Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary

Mr Peter Bickley – Treasurer/Asst. Minutes Sec.

Mrs Sara Wain – Vice Chair & Assistant Planning

Mr Michael Steel – Webmaster

1. Welcome

JS welcomed all committee members attending and also Mr Brian Towner and Mr Andy Bowler who were to speak on the Speedwatch scheme.

2. Apologies. Received from Mr John Halliday and Mr Jeremy Hunt

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting of 16 May. Approved and signed by JS.

4. Matters arising not mentioned in minutes. None

5. Open Forum. No members present, so no items for discussion.

6. Speedwatch

Mr Brian Towner and Mr Andy Bowler gave out information sheets on the way the Speedwatch scheme operates. More volunteers had been recruited, up from 7 in March to 11 at present with the help of PCSO Jason Lemm. 17 roadside sessions of the scheme had taken place, and 266 vehicles had been recorded travelling in excess of 36mph, or 25mph in the 20mph zones, and had received letters from the police. 6 vehicles had been recorded twice, and if a third incident occurs the driver will receive a visit from the police. Within an hour and a half in Lavant Road and Broyle Road, between 325 and 671 vehicle movements occurred. Other locations for siting of the Speedwatch equipment were discussed, and these included The Broadway, Summersdale Road and The Avenue. These must be approved by the police. Speed indicator equipment was discussed, and this is ongoing. The detectors can only be sited in a location for two weeks at a time. The Speedwatch equipment is on loan until October, but it is possible to purchase equipment for the sole use of the SRA, at a cost of £530 including VAT. JS has spoken to PCSO Lemm to let him know that the SRA would fund up to half the cost. This was on the assumption that PCSO Lemm can get a grant for the other 50%.

7. Chairmans Report. JS said that she had nothing else to comment on that was not covered in other items except that to let people know that Jason Lemm is changing area of responsibility from Chichester North to Chichester South. He could not tell us who was replacing him as that person is currently on holiday, but will let us know as soon as possible. JS wished Jason every success in his new area and thanked him for all his help over the last couple of years. Jason remains responsible for Speedwatch in north Chichester.

8. Treasurer's Report

Balances

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £2,351.61

Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access £0.01

Hampshire Trust Bank 30 day business a/c £14,683.11

Forms were brought to the meeting to add JS and SW as signatories to the Treasurer's account and remove those who have retired from the committee, leaving JS, SW and PB.

9. Membership Numbers PS reported that there were now 426 members, including 7 new members.

10. Planning Report and Update

JH pre-circulated a comprehensive planning report, full details of which can be found on the website. The main points being: **20/02825/OUT. Development of 165 houses in the strategic gap north of Madgwick Lane.** The appeal concluded last August but the decision is still pending submission of responses relating to CDC's updated housing land supply. The outcome may be influenced by establishment of 5-year housing supply at the Raughmere appeal.

Lavant Road. Once again Smith Simmonds continue their attempt to cram more accommodation into no. 23 (appeal against refusal of new roof terrace. Associated works were in progress despite no decision.

19/02241/FUL Glenmar House, Brandy Hole Lane. Demolition of existing building and construction of 6 flats with associated parking and external works. Still no decision.

22/01485/OUTEIA Whitehouse Farm phase 2. SRA to monitor and comment as appropriate, with a focus on access routes. Summary according to the Design and Access Statement part 1 of 4 covers land use, landscape and open space, connectivity and building height - predominantly two storey with 2.5 and 3 storey development to be used in higher density areas to reinforce development road hierarchy and character.

Summersdale Character Appraisal. The update is effectively superseded by SRA's ongoing contribution to the City's neighbourhood plan.

11. Environment report

RC pre-circulated a report, with the main points being:

Both WSCC Highways and CDC Open Spaces have adopted a reduced grass cutting plan for verges and open spaces.

However, Hyde who are responsible for Winterbourne have increased their grounds maintenance and many residents continue to cut and keep grass verges tidy outside their own properties. On 17 May RC, JS, SW and Summersdale Tree Warden Laura

Eccott made an audit of trees in the Summersdale area and a map created showing recently planted roadside trees and identifying gaps where new trees could be planted. Laura Eccott and SW produced a guide to watering trees which asked residents to water trees close to their homes. A planning application was made to fell 7 maple trees, but no comment will be made by SRA. The continuing dry weather has left many trees stressed with recently planted trees particularly vulnerable. Many of the whips planted under the Tree Planting Initiative by CDC in Summersdale are struggling but those on the green at the junction of Ferndale Road and Maplehurst Road are faring better thanks to the efforts of MS. The Chichester tree wardens continue to be active, with 40 residents attending ChiTrees 18 June conference and practical session. A plaque has been ordered for the Jubilee Tree, to be located at the junction of Lavant Road and The Drive. Orders must be made soon for 4 more trees to be planted in 2023 and locations for these include The Broadway, south side of Highland Road and Maplehurst Road. SRA now has a tree policy, which is:

“Our objective regarding trees in Summersdale is to support efforts to achieve a balance which: • Maintains a healthy tree stock with a diverse age class to make full use of the environmental, social and economic benefits they bring. • Engages in proactive and proportionate tree risk management. • Retains trees, where possible, unless the risk is too great or the cost is prohibitive. As an Association, we aim to maintain a constructive approach to private (individual) tree related planning applications and will only comment, in an official capacity, in circumstances we feel effect Summersdale community”

Summersdale resident Tim Cook and some neighbours met with committee members to discuss the number and siting of whips and new trees on the Green at the junction of Ferndale Road and Maplehurst Road. He has been asked to canvas opinion from his neighbours to find out what trees they would like to retain on the green and where. SRA will then try to facilitate this with CDC agreement. Tim and neighbours agreed they will help with any replanting and continue to look after them in the future.

12. Webmaster

Web hits in May were 509 and June 543, with more people getting past the front page. The last email sent out was on 5 June to 381 recipients, 72.6% of whom opened it and 41.8% followed links, mostly to the trees map. MS asked whether members favoured allowing advertising of local facilities on the website, and it was agreed it would be better if a report was created on the activities available in The Pavillion and the Chapel and put in the newsletter. Both these facilities are Community Trust funded and must pay their way.

13. Goodwood.

A report was pre-circulated, with the main points being:

Festival of Speed took place 23-26 June. Tickets for The Revival 16-18 September are already sold out. The proposed air speed event on the horse race track has been cancelled until next year. The proposed cycling event 6-7 August has been cancelled due to logistical and supply chain challenges. The Festival of Speed was the largest so far for attendance and had good weather. The disruption in Chichester was not too bad. No complaints were received by SRA. The breakfast club meetings are back to five this year after being reduced for the previous two years. Local cycle clubs now use the circuit in the evenings and Sundays. Goodwood are looking to do a joint scheme with CDC to help Sussex Safer Road Group assist young drivers to gain experience on the skid pan. Goodwood Estate is working with the planning authority to bring forward policies covering the Estate and the circuit and aerodrome in particular. It is hoped to co-ordinate the estate policies with those applicable to areas of the Estate within the national park. In response to the Raughmere Farm decision and anticipated decision at Madgwick Lane, the Estate will be encouraging the new local plan to present positive proposals for the land involved and to allow that land to be left as open countryside and therefore to stop further speculative development proposals. A report is now available for the recent fatal accident (<https://aviation-safety.net/wikibase/264919>). Regarding flight paths, Goodwood can ask and request that aircraft attempt to fly in the designated paths but cannot demand that they keep to these routes.

14. Increasing our membership – brainstorm

Members were asked to put ideas forward. Nothing was off the table. Ideas included checking other Residents Associations to see what they offered, joining with other Residents Associations, inviting non-members to come to the AGM, leaflet dropping non-members, calling new residents, advertising locally, projects to involve potential new members, newsletters made available in doctors' surgeries and shops and advertising in the newsletter and on the notice board for new members, organise a community event. These ideas will be worked on over the coming months.

15. New Logo

Members generally agreed that the SRA needs a new logo to make it more noticeable. SW produced sheets of logos of other resident's association to give ideas for a new logo for SRA. Members were asked for comments and their preferences for type and style. A logo should work both in colour and black and white for printing purposes. PS said she would contact a potential artist to see what ideas he may have. SW will take this forward.

16. Newsletter ideas

Members were asked for ideas, and these included information on the facilities in our area, eg The Pavilion and The Chapel, information on clubs and societies (JS), Speedwatch (SW), trees, footpaths, warning about giant hogweed (RL), street party photos, pictures of bygone Summersdale, information on scams and membership invitation. Members indicated agreed to write something for the next newsletter due out at the end of September.

17. Meeting dates and location

It was agreed to return to St Michael's Hall in Summersdale on Wednesday evenings, new dates to be confirmed.

18. Date of next meeting 7pm on Wednesday 14 September at St Michael's Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

