

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting held at St Michaels Church, Chichester, West Sussex

7.00pm Monday 14th September 2022

Residents Working Together

Present: Mrs Jill Shaw – Chairman

Mr Roy Littleford – Goodwood Liaison

Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees

Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership Secretary

Mr John Halliday – Planning

Mrs Sara Wain – Vice Chair & Assistant Planning

Mrs Mary Quinney – Newsletter Editor

1. Welcome

JS welcomed all committee members attending and also Mrs Carmen Cooke, a member who had come to observe

2. **Apologies.** Received from Mrs Janet Leonard, Mr Peter Bickley, Mr Michael Steel, and Mr Jeremy Hunt

3. **Approval of Minutes of meeting of 11th July.** Approved and signed by JS.

4. **Matters arising not mentioned in minutes.** JS suggested that the SRA should commemorate the Queen's death in some way. After discussion it was decided to wait until the details of the coronation are known and possibly combine the two

5. **Open Forum.** No items for discussion.

6. Chairman's Report.

AGM Date and location: To bring us closer to home it was agreed to move the AGM to 24th May and, if possible, at St Michael's, when the weather may be good enough to spill outside. There will be new chairs by then but there are concerns over capacity. JS agreed to find out the legal capacity and review typical numbers so that a decision can be taken, next meeting.

Speedwatch: Jason Lemm has been good to his word and applied for a grant for £250 for the Speedwatch equipment which has now been approved. The total cost of the equipment (incl VAT) is £535.80. The Committee has agreed to pay £285.80. Jason is arranging for a large cheque to be presented (date TBA) so we have a photo opportunity. The Team are keen to get more volunteers so that they can go out more often and make full use of our equipment.

JS has arranged a meeting with other local RAs to see what others are doing and whether there are opportunities / advantages in working together. We received a grant of £150 from the City Council to do this in 2015 and formed the Network of Chichester Residents Associations but it dwindled so we thought we would resurrect it.

Warm spaces meeting: Maureen Corfield has organised a meeting (6th October) with Chichester Community Development Trust and local RAs to discuss the setting up of warm spaces for people in real fuel poverty. Graylingwell has significant facilities that could be used but Summersdale only has St Michael's which is not appropriate. St Pauls have designated a warm space with a café and free teas and coffees. Both will need volunteers to man them so it was agreed to approach our members after the Graylingwell meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

Balances

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £1,543.06

Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access £0.01

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

It was suggested that as interest rates are on the rise we ought to look for a higher interest account

8. Membership Numbers

PS reported that there were now 428 members, including 2 new members.

9. 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 – ref APP/L3815/W/21/3270721 concluded last August, and was upheld by the Planning Inspector in his decision of 3 Aug 2022. Some aspects have been modified, including the S106 agreement which provides for up to 50 of the proposed 165 dwellings to be affordable and an adjacent landscaped area. In conclusion “the development proposed, paragraph 11d, and the ‘tilted balance’, is therefore engaged. For the appeal scheme, the adverse impacts I have identified are moderate harm to character and appearance, conflicts with wider master planning and physical and visual integration, and harm to the Old Place Farmhouse complex. Taken together, these would not significantly and demonstrably outweigh the many benefits, in particular the provision of housing, including affordable housing, and the creation of new areas of publicly accessible open and play space including significant biodiversity net gain.”

21/02110/FUL Lavant Road: once again Smith Simmonds continue their attempt to cram more accommodation into no 23 (appeal against refusal of new roof terrace). It is disturbing that the associated works were in progress despite no decision. The appeal was dismissed by Inspector's decision of 17 May

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 and the proposal to make a country park in the area NE of the site. See summary according to the Design and Access Statement part 1 of 4 in the detailed schedule (see the same document for illustrations). There is a Public Briefing rescheduled for this

Thursday 22 September at 09:30 in the Committee Rooms at East Pallant House: It was agreed to email all members about this meeting and put something on the website.

The Friends of Brandyhole Copse were struggling for volunteers. It was agreed to add an appeal on our website

10. Environment report

The exceptional Summer weather, which threatens to become the norm, ends as our summers do in thunderstorms. In our environment some plants, insects, animals have prospered, others not so well. For our trees, even well established trees like the oaks, have shown signs of drought induced stress, yellowing of leaves, and shedding smaller than usual acorns, earlier than usual. A number of roadside trees, in Summersdale Road, Highland Road, Chestnut Avenue, to name but a few roads, have shed all their leaves, I am told some might come back! Thanks to a number of 'tree angels' all of this year's planting of roadside trees in Summersdale, seem to have survived. As I reported earlier the CDC scheme to increase trees on public open spaces, with the exception of 'Steel's Plantation 'Maplehurst/Ferndale, all show a 100% failure rate. Canes and guards will be left in place until the spring, when lifeless sticks will be removed. Chichester Tree Wardens (CTW), The Chichester Society and the SRA (JH) as well as some residents have commented on the application by WSCC to fell 2x Giant Redwoods, planted circa 1900 in Rew Lane. CTW have also commented on redevelopment plans for Cathedral Square, which does not retain the existing 6xLimes, and expressed concern that Chichester College have chosen to fell 27 trees in an improvement to the car park scheme, NE of the main campus. It seems to be taking an inordinate amount of time for all to grasp that the tree canopies in Chichester mean we have benefited from lower temperatures and reduced harmful airborne particles reaching us this summer. Of course, the benefit to the environment generally is multi-faceted and all year round.

11. Webmaster

Web hits in July were 507 and Aug 438. The last email sent out was on 5 June to 381 recipients.

12. Goodwood.

A report was pre-circulated, with the main points being: The Revival takes place 16-18 September. Tickets are virtually sold out. Air displays are planned for 17.30 – 18.15 on 15th, 8.05 on 16th to 18th and 19.00 on 17th

Complaints Summary: No complaints have been received directly to the SRA since the last meeting. Just previous to the last meeting there were a small number of flyovers that went as far as Brandy Hole Lane. These were due to wind and air pressure conditions at the time and according to Goodwood was an unusual phenomenon. As usual the period before and after the Revival will mean that there are no flights on runway # 24 from 11 days prior to Revival and will recommence after 25th September. Goodwood are currently reviewing the route off runway # 32 to increase the separation between the helicopter and the plane circuits which will decrease the 20 degree turn to the right, to a 10 degree turn to the right on this runway. The drone trials have continued throughout the Summer and currently will run to April 2023. A question was raised by a member over how the numbers of complaints were recorded. RL agreed to discuss it directly with the member.

Planning and Goodwood The Estate, working with the planning authority, has drafted planning policies covering Goodwood Estate. This has been amended in the light of a recent appeal and development proposals. 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 Madgwick Lane decision, the Estate is thought to be proposing an appeal against said decision.

13. New Logo

A decision on the new logo is getting closer. MQ agreed to try them out in Publisher and modify colour shades and sizes to suit.

14. Newsletter

Articles to be written on: Speedwatch, Graylingwell facilities, Tree canopies in Summersdale, Jubilee Street Party photos.

Articles to be with MQ by Monday 3rd Oct.

15. Increasing our membership – brainstorm

Ideas to be discussed, at the next meeting. It was agreed to organise owners of streets that could let us know when residencies change. JS to circulate suggestions for owners.

16. Meeting dates and location

Future meetings will be in St Michael's Hall in Summersdale on Wednesday evenings. The dates are 16th Nov, 18th Jan, 15th Mar, 24th May (AGM – location TBC), 12th Jul.

17. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16th Nov at St Michael's Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.