

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26 April 2023

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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Residents Working Together

Present:

Mrs Jill Shaw – Chairman	Mr Peter Bickley – Treasurer
Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees	Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary
Mr Mark Todd – Goodwood Liaison	Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership Secretary
Mr Mike Steel – Webmaster	Mr John Halliday – Planning & Character Appraisal

1. Welcome

JS welcomed all committee members attending and also West Sussex County Councillor Mr Jeremy Hunt.

2. Apologies

Received from Mrs Sara Wain.

3. Approval of Minutes of 15 March 2023

Approved and signed by JS.

4. Matters arising not mentioned in the minutes

None.

5. Open Forum.

No matters were brought forward for discussion.

6. Chairman's Report

JS suggested that we should advertise the Lavant Road Surgery Patient Participation Group's Wellbeing event on 27 June by sending out an email and putting in on our website and notice board. This was agreed. JS had already circulated the article from Darren Norris on Goodwood paths. It was agreed that this was an interesting article and should go on the website after the newsletter had gone out.

7. AGM

The agenda for the AGM must be sent to members 21 days in advance, and as the newsletter is not yet ready, this will be done by email. A copy will also be displayed on the SRA notice board. MQ and JL are confirmed for arranging the food and PB will supply the drinks. A marquee is to be erected on the front lawn of St Michael's Hall and JS asked for 6 volunteers to help with this at about 3pm on the day. The speak will be Mr Henry Potter in his capacity as representative of the Southdowns National Park. Two sign-in sheets requested for the day – PS to print. JS to contact councillors to ask to speak after the local elections when names are known. Mr Maureen Corfield has already been invited.

8. Newsletter

Mrs Mary Quiney had just sent out an email to say that the draft newsletter is not yet ready but without significant editing will probably run to 18 pages. It was agreed that the committee would work with MQ on this offline to suggest what could be cut out to reduce it to 10-12 pages. MQ also gave SRA a years' notice of her intention to stand down as newsletter editor due to pressure of work elsewhere. JL suggested that if the newsletter could be streamlined maybe MQ might be persuaded to stay on as editor. PS showed committee members the final version of the information leaflet produced which is now ready to go to the printers.

9. Highland Road parking

WSCC have made proposals for changes to parking in Highland Road which are currently out for consultation. Several local residents had contacted Mr Jeremy Hunt and the SRA over the proposals, particularly over the reduction in parking that this would cause for residents and parking for the doctors' surgery and staff. JH said that he would go back to WSCC with comments. It was agreed that the SRA would send in a response and anyone concerned, particularly local residents, should also be encouraged to do so themselves.

10. Street Ambassadors.

We have a number of volunteers for Street Ambassadors but are still missing the Stanton Drive area (PS said that she would talk to people at a street meeting) and Maplehurst Road. (PB and MS were asked if they could suggest anyone to approach).

11. Treasurer's Report

Lloyds Bank

Treasurer's a/c (as at 10.3.23)

£4,583.65 (including £75.10 held for NCRA)

Business Instant Access a/c

£0.01

United Trust Bank

Business 40 day notice a/c @ 2.75%

£8,000.00

(savings interest rates on both UTB accounts have increased by 0.25%)

Business 100 day notice a/c @ 3.25%

£5,000.00

12. Membership Secretary's Report

PS reported that there were currently 410 members, 5 of whom have yet to pay their subscription. 6 members have either died, moved or gone into care from the last meeting. None have so far responded to communication.

13. Webmaster's Report

MS reported that there were 467 hits on the website in March. The last email to be sent out was on 28 March concerning the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse. It was sent to 382 addresses and 78.8% of recipients opened it.

14. Goodwood report

MT said that there had been little to report since the last meeting. No liaison meeting had taken place. Correspondence had been received from one resident and some points had been raised with the aerodrome. A valuable training session had been held for trainers and pilots, and will be summarised in the upcoming newsletter. The airfield is operating well below its permitted capacity and the activity it achieved 10 years ago. They have considered extending night operations but there is no business case to justify runway lighting which would in any case apply to the main runway away from Summersdale. The airfield currently has a licence to

operate on 2 nights per week, closing at 9.00pm. The training session was very useful and included a strong reminder to pilots to adhere to the noise abatement procedures and demonstrated Goodwood's intent to do as much as is practical to be good neighbours.

15. Environmental Report

RC reported that two of the trees from the Nigel Muir tree legacy had died on the green on the Broadway/Highland Road open space. He also reported on the loss of 3 highway trees in Highland Road to WSCC and was told that an annual road by road inspection of highway trees would be taking place. On the question of a coronation tree, a number of nurseries will supply container trees which can be planted to mark the occasion, and prices vary between £40 and £170. If SRA plant trees ourselves, the cost of supports and ties would need to be factored in and permission would be required. A full report on tree planting and permissive paths will be found in the upcoming newsletter.

16. Planning Report and update

A full report is available on the SRA website, with the main current concerns being:

22/01485/OUTEUA Whitehouse Farm Phase 2. SRA continues to monitor this with a focus on the southern access route and the proposal to make a country park in the area NE of the site. For an overview see the 'Indicative Landscape Plan' along with the Design & Access Statement part 1 of 4. National Highways now have No Objection subject to certain conditions including that the Local Planning Authority aims to achieve Carbon Net Zero by 2050. Extensive changes were submitted in March 2023 including minor improvements to the proposed Northern Country Park. The SRA committee joins Chichester Society in urging CDC to make this a wild-flower meadow with management integrated with Brandy Hole Copse.

Local Plan. The Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039. Proposed submission was published for consultation until 17 March 2023 with proposed housing numbers reduced from 638 dwellings per year to 575. The Chichester Society has published a useful summary in a 14 March post on their website, noting that achievement of Regulation 19 status now gives it weight in planning appeals.

Neighbourhood Plan. In February SRA committee members contributed at a Chichester Community Collaboration Forum workshop with a presentation on suggested initiatives for the Neighbourhood Plan, including aspirations for the wider city as well as Summersdale.

17. Date of next meeting. 17 May 2023 at St Michael's Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.