

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

on 18 January 2023 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), Mike Steel (Webmaster), Pauline Sutton (Membership)  
**In attendance:** Brian Hebblethwaite, Rosemary Hebblethwaite, Cllr Jeremy Hunt

### 1. Welcomes and Membership news

Members Brian and Rosemary Hebblethwaite and Jeremy Hunt were welcomed.

It was reported that Roy Littleford had resigned; he was thanked in absentia for his diligent liaising with Goodwood (GW).

### 2. Apologies for absence

Janet Leonard.

### 3. Approval of minutes on 1 December 2022

The minutes were approved subject to substituting "Eastwards" for "Northwards" on item 6(g) "Footpath Eastwards from Hacketts Rew".

### 4. Matters arising from minutes not covered below

None.

### 5. Open Forum

#### (a) *Overflying from Goodwood (BH)*

BH referred to his letter dated 28.10.22 to SRA complaining about increased overflying, in particular planes heading west without making any noticeable attempt to avoid the built-up area, why noise abatement legislation is not enforced, and why GW does not stop the overflying if it wants to be considered a good neighbour. RC reported that noise abatement legislation does not apply to aircraft (government policy). The briefing room at GW contains maps showing preferred routes, eg from Runway 24 over the daffodil field. JH reported that at the latest GW liaison meeting complaints were discussed at length. The legally approved route for Runway 24 is over the built-up area; and although GW does ask pilots to fly over the daffodil field, the status of such requests is advisory. There are fewer flights than 20 years ago and overflying probably feels worse than before the pandemic owing to everyone having got used to three years' virtual silence. When funds allow GW intends to lengthen the runway and trim the trees to encourage pilots to turn right. It was agreed that a new GW liaison officer once settled in should have a conversation with BH.

**New GW liaison officer**

#### (b) *Flora on Hacketts Rew (RH)*

RH reported that the wild flowers of old have vanished owing to smothering by garden rubbish. It was suggested that neighbours approach the resident concerned).

**RH**

### 6. Chair's report (JS)

(a) **New committee member.** Mark Todd has agreed to join the committee and undertake GW liaison. JS will seek a handover from RL and JH will also brief. It was agreed to ask MT to develop an official SRA policy for GW overflying. JH will arrange for the committee to meet GW's Mark Gibb.

**JS, JH**

(b) **Rugby Club (RC):** following reports of complaints from a Wellington Road resident about late night noise at a couple of events in December when CDC noise monitoring equipment recorded noise significantly higher than allowed, JS spoke to Jeremy Martell who runs the RC pavilion. JM had not been contacted directly by complainants but had been approached by CDC. JM seems community minded and is open to discussions about events; there is no plan to hold further late discos similar to those creating the excessive noise. He is looking to develop community events to make use of the asset, particularly for youngsters. JM offered the pavilion to SRA for its AGM; consideration of this generous offer was carried forward.

### 7. Treasurer's report (PB)

(a) **Bank balances:** Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c £17,339.65 (including £14,727.07 transferred from recently closed Hampshire Trust Bank savings a/c and subscriptions & donations since 1.1.23 of £1,671.00). Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c £0.01.

(b) **Annual accounts for year ended 31.12.22:** the accounts (included with agenda & tabled) were agreed. It was agreed to make no transfer to the Fighting Fund.

(c) **Investment of Fighting Fund (£13,000):** it was agreed to deposit £10,000 in a 200-day account (interest rate 3.1%) at United Trust Bank and £3,000 in its 100-day account (interest rate 2.8%). (*Post meeting note:*

as minimum investment is £5,000 per a/c, we cannot invest only £3,000 in an a/c. And the money needs to be more accessible. The bank signatories (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer) therefore agreed on 30.1.23 to invest £5,000 in 100-day a/c (int 2.8%) and £8,000k in 40-day account (int 2.2%).

PB

**8. Membership (PS)**

428 members. PS will send recently joined and forthcoming new members' email addresses to MS so he can update the member email address group on an ongoing basis.

PS

**9. Planning (JH)**

The report attached to the agenda was noted. Particular applications discussed were:

- (a) **Glenmar House, Brandy Hole Lane:** despite SRA objection, retrospectively approved subject to s106 conditions. The vote at the planning meeting may have been swayed if more people had attended and spoken. This new block of flats sets a precedent for more.
- (b) **Whitehouse Farm southern access:** National Highways having not objected, WSCC Highways is likely to follow suit. The view was expressed that direct access between the estate and A27 would be least disruptive – the current proposals, including the shrinking of Westgate Roundabout, appear designed to increase congestion.
- (c) **Parking:** a consultation is imminent and will cover inter alia the bend in Highland Road.

**10. Environment (RC)**

The report attached to the agenda was noted.

- (a) **GW fields footpath fencing and trees** augment the wildlife corridor between the South Downs and Chi Harbour. Disappointingly, some of the Queen's green canopy whips had been uprooted (now replanted).
- (b) **Trees:** Hunter's Way pruning application has been approved despite environmental detriment.
- (c) **Graylingwell 40-car car park:** Chichester Development Trust is seeking to build near North Lodge for events and to serve sporting facilities on the other side of the estate.
- (d) **Leaded fuel:** the planes flying from GW use high octane aviation fuel which is leaded.
- (e) **Brandy Hole Copse (BHC) Friends & volunteers:** old age and ill health has meant the Management Board is no longer running: new blood is needed urgently. All were asked to think of potential members.

ALL

- (f) **Whitehouse Farm** developers want to create a country park in the field next to BHC. The BHC group considers that a wildlife park would be environmentally superior and more in keeping with BHC.

**11. Website (MS)**

Hits: November 407 and December 429. Emails to members: Sewage overflows petition, sent Wed 7 Dec 2022; 72% opened it. The draft job description for Webmaster met with no objections.

**12. Goodwood**

Covered at items 5(a) and 10(d). The report attached to the agenda was noted.

**13. Speedwatch (SW)**

Reduced activity in period. Different roads will be targeted. Temporary 30mph signs have worked well. 30mph & 20mph wheelie bin stickers may be purchased – SW will ascertain local interest.

SW

**14. Large notice board**

Alternative costs of replacing the large notice board will be ascertained.

JS/PB

**15. AGM and speaker**

The list of speakers circulated by JS was considered and others were suggested. JS will circulate a revised list and ask committee members to vote.

JS

**16. Coronation – how to mark**

Various views were expressed, eg plant a tree or revive the hedge in front of St Michael's Hall.

**17. Promotion leaflet (SW)**

A tabled three-folded leaflet was liked, but printing may be expensive as it is size A4-and-a-half. A map of our membership area is still needed – SW will design something bespoke.

SW

**18. Communications**

The draft Communications Officer job description met with no objections.

**19. Advertising**

The view was expressed that each month the SRA notice board could have a theme.

**20. Street Ambassadors**

All were asked to consider who in their street(s) may be persuaded to become a street ambassador.

ALL

**21. Date of next meeting**

**7:00pm on Wednesday 15 March 2023 at St Michael's Hall.**

The meeting ended at 10:00pm.

PB 31.1.23