

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 12 July 2023

St Michaels Hall, Summersdale, Chichester

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*Residents Working Together*

**Present:** Mrs Jill Shaw – Chairman  
Mr Ray Carter – Environment & Trees  
Mr Mark Todd – Goodwood Liaison  
Mr John Halliday – Planning & Character Appraisal  
Mrs Sara Wain – Vice Chairman and Assistant Planning  
Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary  
Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership Secretary

## 1. Welcome

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

## 2. Apologies

Received from Mr Peter Bickley

## 3. Approval of Minutes of 17 May 2023

Approved

## 4. Matters arising not mentioned in minutes

None

## 5. Open Forum

No items for discussion.

## 6. Chairman's Report

JS asked members what feedback they had heard following the AGM on 24 May. PS said that the AGM and subsequent social gathering had been very well received. Feedback from the newsletter was very positive, and credit goes to Mrs Mary Quiney for the production of yet another excellent publication. Candidates to become street ambassadors were sought at the AGM and some names were forthcoming. JS will contact them. The question of the quality of service at the One Stop post office was raised at the AGM and Cllr Craig Gershater had followed this up. JS had agreed with Craig that they would take this forward, possibly by meeting with them to discuss. Vanessa Stern Kindly represented the SRA at the Lavant Road PPG wellbeing event at the Rugby Club where she met a potential webmaster. JS to meet with him along with current webmaster Mike Steel, SW and JH. The question of the 20mph speed limit being extended to cover major roads in the city was discussed following a request for SRA to circulate a request to sign an e-petition in support, and it was agreed that we should not do so as it could be considered political and the Committee were generally not in support of the idea... It was agreed that if there is a public consultation then we should inform our members who would be free to express their opinions. Mr Hunt said that residents on the Lavant Road near the Co-Op store had requested bollards be erected on the pavement to deter large vehicle stopping on the path to visit the shop, causing considerable traffic congestion and making it impossible for vehicles exiting the garage to see traffic coming down the road before pulling out.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

Lloyds Bank Treasurer's a/c	£3,986.96 including £75.10 held for Network of Chichester Residents Associations
Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access a/c	£0.01
United Trust Bank 100 day notice a/c	£5,000
United Trust Bank 40 day notice a/c	£8,000

## 8. Membership Secretary's Report

PS reported that currently there are 413 members.

## 9. Webmaster's Report

No report. JH asked whether "unsubscribe" figures from the emails sent out could be monitored.

## 10. Goodwood Liaison Report

### Motor Circuit

There was a meeting of the Motor Circuit Consultative Committee on 23 May. The circuit had performed well in business terms in 2022 and the early part of 2023, with some recovery in corporate bookings. The Members' Meeting in April had been the most successful yet. Those attending expressed some concerns about traffic issues around major events, rat runs and ignoring road signs. There had been one noise complaint to Goodwood during 2022 and two to the Council. Two of these related to a permitted evening driving event. Noise monitoring equipment has been upgraded recently allowing more ready identification of individual cars. A video was being produced for the website. The equipment and its use is seen as best practice for the sector.

### Planning.

Goodwood has submitted a range of comments on the Local Plan. Most are focused on raising the importance of the estate and its various activities within the Plan. Specifically on the motor circuit they seen recognition of the changing technology of vehicles and the possible implications for circuit use.

### Airfield

MT has corresponded with a couple of residents about airfield noise concerns, updating them on the lack of progress on both tree trimming and runway extension that they had heard about. The tree trimming at the end of the runway might encourage slightly

earlier turns after take-off. This is planned to take place at the appropriate time to avoid disturbing birds and to fit operational activity. The runway extension (which would permit take-off on some flights further from houses and an earlier turn) awaits a business case. Neither step is obligatory. Airfield activity has seen a 12% reduction in the year to May 2023, possibly due to early wet weather, fuel prices and general economic factors. Complaints generally have been lower than in previous years. MT and Mr Jeremy Hunt emphasised that if residents wanted to complain they should report individual incidents immediately they happened rather than making a list of many incidences and submitting it later. This allows Goodwood to react accordingly.

#### **11. Environmental Report**

RC reported that the extended period of dry warm weather had again presented a challenge to Summersdale's trees, especially to the old, young and diseased ones. The SRA funded most recent plantings of highway trees are being watered and are surviving, Highways continues to monitor its trees in Summersdale, although unfortunately budgets only allow for removal of dead trees and of dangerous dead wood. We have just a fortnight to commit to the WSCC Donate a Tree 23/24 scheme. It was agreed that we would contribute 4 trees and RC would work with WSCC as where best to place them in Summersdale. Plenty of gaps are appearing along our roads. Private planning applications to fell trees continue at Cedar Cottage, The Drive and 29 The Broadway, but it is not just private individuals who seem to disregard the environmental disaster on the doorstep. The local authorities and developers seem to talk the talk, but their words are hollow when held up to local developments. The Kingsmead Graylingwell Park development of 218 dwellings has an application to remove the need to plant 39 roadside trees. The proposals to create a walking and cycling friendly route into Westgate are devoid of any tree planting. These actions fly in the face of government proposals to ameliorate rising urban temperatures by roadside tree plantings. New and old members of Friends of Brandy Hole Copse have begun to meet and under the direction of CDC are working in the Copse, although there is no news on the calling of an AGM.

#### **12. Planning Report and Update**

JH submitted a detailed plan which can be viewed on the SRA website, with the main points being:

**22/01485/OUTEIA Whitehouse Farm phase 2.** The SRA committee continues to monitor this, with a focus on the southern access route (SAR) 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 by support (enforce?) for a modal shift from car travel... Determination target now 3 April. Extensive changes were submitted in March 2023, including minor improvements to the proposed "Northern Country Park". The SRA committee joins the 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 – see <https://chichester.oc2.uk/document/45> . 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 (reproduce in box for Spring Newsletter).

**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

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

6 September 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm