

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 15 March 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  
Mrs Sara Wain – Vice Chairman & Assistant Planning  
Mr Peter Bickley – Treasurer  
Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary  
Mrs Pauline Sutton – Membership

## 1. Welcome

JS welcomed committee members and also Mrs Mary Quiney (Newsletter editor but non-committee) and local resident Mr Jerry Cullen. For the benefit of new committee member Mark Todd, committee members identified themselves and their position on the committee.

## 2. Apologies.

Received from Mr Michael Steel and Mr John Halliday.

## 3. Approval of Minutes of 18 January 2023.

Approved.

## 4. Matters arising not mentioned in minutes.

PB pointed out that the constitution needed amending to reflect our newsletter being biannually not every 3 months. It was agreed that this needs to be approved at the AGM.

## 5. Open Forum

Mrs Vanessa Stern had sent a message to SW concerning uncontrolled dogs and asked whether an item could be put in the next newsletter to highlight the need to keep dogs under control. There is a dog warden, details of which are on the CDC website.

## 6. Chairmans Report

**Speedwatch.** JS had received an update from Brian Towner. Speed Indicator Displays (SIDS) had been used for a short period in 3 spots on Broyle Road and will return later. This is apparently is the best way to make them most effective. Good results had been obtained from the Speedwatch initiative with fewer motorists recorded speeding. JS asked whether it might be an idea to ask residents who live on main roads into the city to have posters on their bins showing the speed limits. It was believed that most residents on the busier roads took their bins in quickly after collection so the impact may be minimal but SW would look mat potential sites. JS reported that Councillor Jeremy Hunt had asked whether the SRA Committee thought the introduction of 20mph speed limits throughout the city would be a good idea. General discussion revealed that most were not in favour.

**Neighbourhood Plan.** JS and RC attended the Chichester Community Collaboration Forum meeting which asked what the groups in attendance wanted out of the plan. SRA made a presentation which was well received and is now on the website.

**Local Plan.** This is now agreed by CDC and is out for consultation. The plan does not meet the 5 year housing plan because of the restrictions of the A27 and harbour conservancy concerns over pollution. It has not identified land that could be used in the event that the infrastructure issues are resolved. This could lead to developers suggesting additional building land during the consultation and/or the plan being rejected.

**Footpaths.** Goodwood are starting to plant a permissive path between Lavant and Strettington. JS asked arren Norris (Goodwod's Head of Forestry) to write an article for the newsletter.

## 7. AGM and Speaker

A representative of the Southdowns National Park has been requested as the speaker for the AGM. The name of the individual is awaited. The AGM will be held on 24 May 2023 at St Michaels Hall and a marquee is planned for the garden at the front. The newsletter will be published before the AGM which will include the agenda and abbreviated Minutes of the previous meeting. The agenda will also be sent out by email and this must be done 21 days before the meeting. MQ will arrange the food as usual and PB will obtain the drinks. JS will invite elected councillors to speak.

## 8. Newsletter

The deadline for the spring newsletter will be 17 April, as the publication needs to be in time for the agenda for the AGM to be included and delivered to residents before the date of the meeting. MQ asked for ideas for content of the newsletter. Mr Richard Plowman is connected to a group called Second chance which helps homeless people, and an article on this was suggested. Information on the rules of the countryside – closing gates, care around livestock – was also suggested, along with information on dog control following incidents recently on Centurion Way. MQ asked for photographs especially with a spring theme. Items on Brandy Hole Copse, Goodwood, volunteers needed, street ambassadors, changes to the highway code and later in the season for tree waterers were also discussed for inclusion.

## 9. Promotional leaflet

A new leaflet has been designed by SW and MQ and a mock-up was shown to committee members and declared to be excellent. One or two minor amendments were suggested, particularly about payment using cheques. MQ to check with the printers concerning the relative cost of various print run quantities and report back before the number to be printed is determined.

## 10. Brandy Hole Copse

The SRA are working closely with Paula Chatfield who is working hard to help rebuild Friends of Brandy Hole Copse. They are in need of volunteers to continue tending the Copse. We have agreed that we will advertise it in our newsletter and AGM. In a similar vein, RC to speak to CDC concerning the condition of Summersdale Copse to see if they are willing to do anything to clear the rubbish.

## 11. Street Ambassadors

JS said that this initiative meant identifying residents in each street or area who would be willing to liaise with SRA to give feedback on local matters, helping to find volunteers and letting us know when news residents move into their area. An item in the newsletter was suggested to help find people willing to take on the roles. Committee members were asked for suggestions.

## 12. Notice Board

JS to order two boards to replace the one on the One Stop wall. One section will be for volunteers needed and the other for paid advertising.

## 13. Advertising

JS asked whether the committee favoured advertising in the newsletter, website or the SRA notice board for commercial services in the area. Information notices were favoured but not those for paid-for services.

## 14. Coronation

Discussion on whether SRA would be organising anything to mark the coronation. A tree with a commemorative plaque was suggested, location to be agreed.

## 15. Treasurers Report

### Account balances

Treasurers a/c (as at 10.3.23) £4,458.07

Business Instant Access a/c £0.01

United Trust Bank

Business 40 day notice 2.5% initial deposit to be made 10.3.23 £8,000.00

Business 100 day notice 3% initial deposit made 9.3.23 £5,000.00

Public liability insurance with Zurich from 11.3.23 to 10.3.24 renewed at a premium of £96.00. Our accounts examiner Clive Gaut has signed the accounts for the year ended 31.12.22 that we agreed at the last meeting and these will be tabled for formal approval at the AGM.

## 16. Membership

As at 14 February 2023 the total number of members was 417. However, 40 of these have yet to confirm membership with payment. Emails have been sent to request payment. 11 members have decided not to renew their membership. 7 of these have moved away, 5 others are no longer interested and one said that we no longer meet their needs. Feedback has been requested.

## 17. Planning Report

A full report is available on the SRA website, but the main points are:

**22/01485/OUTEIA. Whitehouse Farm phase 2.** SRA continues to monitor with focus on the southern access route (SAR) and the proposal to make a country park in the area NE of the site. A CDC briefing on 22 September clarified that the SAR needs to be built by the time 150 phase 2 houses are occupied, later than originally planned. There is concern that this will lead to increased traffic on Westgate and the creation of a rat run in Sherbourne Road.

## 18. Environmental Report

RC reported that signs of early spring were premature but birds are becoming more active and daylight hours lengthening. A herd of 10 deer were spotted grazing to the west of the Lavant behind Maplehurst Road. The migration route of deer is now compromised by development, and it is hoped that the establishment of wildlife corridor will increase their chances of healthy survival. Changes of property ownership of property often leads to changes to garden landscaping and this is presently occurring along Hacketts Rew, an ancient monument. The route of the proposed Madgwick/Lavant linear pedestrian and cycle route remains undecided and the increase in housing is putting pressure on the pathways and countryside enjoyed by residents over the years.

## 19. Webmasters Report

MS reported that the hits on the website in January were 465 and February 354. The last email sent out was on 7 December 2022 concerning the sewage overflow petition, and 72% of recipients opened it.

## 20. Goodwood Report

New committee member Mark Todd reported that he had attended one meeting since taking over his role as Goodwood Liaison. In addition, he and JS attended a briefing session arranged with the aerodrome on the history and operations. He has also made contact with one resident who has been in touch with SRA over aircraft noise. The meeting attended covered various points. On the question of planning, Rolls Royce will be applying for an extension to their plant for battery production. Informal guidance suggests the council will support this. The Goodwood estate was reviewing the draft local plan, and whilst largely supportive it wanted some amendments to provide for flexibility in the section specifically on the aerodrome and racetrack and stronger recognition in the transport section. They continue to resist an application adjacent to Madgwick Park that has been granted on appeal. Dates for activity at the car race circuit and race course were given, and these are 15-16 April: Members Meeting, 13-16 July: Festival of Speed, 1-5 August: Qatar Goodwood Festival, 8-10 September: Revival. The northern helicopter circuit has been relaunched without complaint and there has been a successful trial of drones. The complaint report showed 36 aircraft related incidents between October and December 2022. The way these complaints was handled was discussed. A complaint should be made as soon as possible and with a time and any description for it to be pursued. Harvard and Spitfire complaints have been logged separately. There were 287 movements in the October-December quarter with one complaint reported.

## 21. AOB

SW asked for suggestions for items for inclusion on the SRA notice board. MT suggested information on the new requirement for identification to allow residents to vote. Information on joining SRA and speedwatch volunteers was also suggested.

## 22. Date of next meeting

26 April 2023 at St Michael's Hall.

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