

# SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## "Residents Working Together"

### Minutes of committee meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm at St Paul's Church

**Present:** Jill Shaw (Chairman), Sara Wain (Vice Chairman & Ass't Planning), Peter Bickley (Treasurer & Minutes II), Ray Carter (Environment), Roy Littleford (Goodwood Liaison) and Mike Steel (Webmaster)

**In attendance:** Cllr Jeremy Hunt, WSCC

#### 1. Welcome to guests

Cllr Jeremy Hunt was welcomed.

#### 2. Apologies

John Halliday (Planning), Janet Leonard (Minutes), Mary Quiney (Newsletter) and Pauline Sutton (Membership). The committee expressed best wishes to PS for a speedy recovery and to MQ for a successful operation.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes of 28 March and AGM on 27 April

Both sets of minutes were agreed.

#### 4. Matters arising not covered below

**28.3.22 minutes item 7:** it is understood that in the field adjacent to Marchwood the area within the blue pegs which has now been enclosed with a fence is intended to be a wild flower meadow.

#### 5. Open Forum

**(a) Carers - Unsung Heroes meeting on 8.6.22:** PB will put Lavant Road Surgery Patients Participation Group's flyer on notice board at One Stop. *(Done by Vanessa Stern)* **PB**

**(b) Report from WSCC on activities over past 12 months** covering inter alia community at risk activities, eg fire service and adult social care: JH will send a written report to the webmaster for the SRA website. **JH/MS**

**(c) Brandy Hole Lane closure (Minerva Heights planning gain):** JH reported that the initial proposal was on hold pending the resolution of technical difficulties. Other less expensive alternatives were under consideration.

#### 6. Chairman's report

**(a) Generally:** Nothing to report not covered elsewhere.

**(b) Headed notepaper** SG's suggestion that SRA should use headed notepaper, perhaps with a logo, so correspondence looks more professional, was agreed. SW will design, alongside the new promo leaflet. **SW**

#### 7. Treasurer's report

**(a) Balances:** Treasurer's a/c £2,446.62 including £75.10 on behalf of Network of Chichester Residents' Ass'ns; Lloyds Instant Access £0.01; and Hampshire Trust Bank 30 Day Business Account £14,683.11.

**(b) SRA donation:** The new Little Library children's book exchange at Grayingwell Cottages following the SRA donation was noted with approval.

**(c) Reserves** are held primarily as a fighting fund, but all were asked to suggest how money might be spent to benefit the amenity of Summersdale residents as required under the Constitution. **ALL**

**(d) Bank a/c signatories:** PB will add JS, SW and RL and remove retirees. **PB**

#### 8. Membership Numbers

In the absence of PS, PB reported that the cashbook indicated c.417 members.

#### 9. Planning report & update

JH's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

#### 10. Environment report RC

RC's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted.

**(a) Tree watering:** RC reported that lack of rain means that many of the recently planted trees would die unless watered. It was agreed to ask residents to water trees adjacent to their properties. JS, SW and RC would walk the area the next day to assess what needs doing, including deciding where to plant five trees to be funded by SRA (current contribution now £209/tree) and a Platinum Jubilee tree. **JS/SW/RC**

**(b) Plaques:** It was agreed to install discreet plaques for the Platinum Jubilee tree and the golden beech Golden Jubilee tree planted in January 2002 on the Highland Road green, and to repair plaques beside the Diamond Jubilee tree on Ferndale Road green and the Nigel Ellis Muir memorial tree on Highland Road green. *(Done)* **RC/PB**

**(c) Information Board at Hacketts Rew:** The design and costings are in hand – may cost 3 or 4 figures. JS will investigate grant aid but the amount claimable may depend on our reserves. **JS**

**(d) Smugglers' Stone board:** All were asked to investigate who installed it with a view to facilitating its repair. **ALL**

**(e) River Lavant pollution:** Lavant Parish Council has been trying to meet Southern Water owing to frequent river water discolouration and smells caused by outfall from the Fordwater treatment plant. Southern Water has a

statutory obligation to remove sewage from properties but rarely objects to new housing as it would highlight the need for it to upgrade sewage treatment plants. The Environment Agency, responsible for rivers, seems ineffectual.

**11. Webmaster's report**

751 hits. 81% of 382 recipients opened the email to members on Raughmere development circulated on 11.4.22. Authors of documents to be posted on the website were asked to date or version number their documents. **ALL**

**12. Goodwood report**

RL's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Events include 28-29 May Goodwoof (New Road will be closed between roundabout and Strettington junction), 23-26 June Festival of Speed, 6-7 August Cycling event on pre 1982 bikes (Charlton Hill will be closed), 16-18 September Revival. (*Note: cycling event cancelled 'til 2023.*)

**13. AGM Feedback**

The AGM had been a success save for the absence of a sound system/microphones. Attendees many have stayed away as St Paul's Church is not within comfortable walking distance of Summersdale. Next year the AGM should return to home turf. JS will investigate venues; also for committee meetings. **JS**

**14. Speedwatch**

(a) The local group has been active in Lavant Road and is considering targeting other local roads. Of the 58 groups in CDC area, some have ceased owing to abuse from motorists/motorcyclists. Sussex and Hampshire groups share a database so a warning letter from one group is a letter from all. Speed limit reductions on other roads are under consideration. It was agreed to invite local group lead, Brian Towner, to the next meeting. **JS**

(b) Equipment is loaned by police for the first six months – would SRA be willing to contribute to the cost of kit for the local group - £534. JH suggested that Jason Lemm may be able to contribute £500 from the police seized goods fund. JS will ask him. **JS**

**15. Potholes**

JH reported that potholes form faster than WSCC can repair them despite extra teams and new equipment. As funds are limited, repairs are made only once the depth exceeds 4cm. It was agreed that potholes less than 4cm are dangerous too and suggested that as a priority to protect cyclists, potholes less than 4cm deep on the edges of roads should be fixed.

All were asked to report potholes via the Love Clean Streets (alias Love West Sussex) app (link via SRA website) which should result in a repair within 28 days, failing which report again citing the job reference (NB report also other problems, eg fly tipping, via this app; but hedges overgrowing pavements are the householder's responsibility if the householder has planted the offending plant even if on someone else's, eg Highways', land).

JH will continue to press for improvements. **JH**

**16. Increasing our membership**

Discussion was carried forward. All were asked to consider ways of increasing membership. **ALL**

**17. Revision of promo leaflet**

In the absence of MQ discussion was carried forward.

**18. Date of next meeting**

Monday 11 July 2022 at 7pm at St Paul's Church. (*NB: Now to be held in the **Community Hall in Roussillon Park** (still on **11 July at 7pm**).*)

JS agreed to investigate meeting venues in Summersdale to make it easier for members to attend. **JS**