

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



"Residents Working Together"

NEWSLETTER
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A message from our Chairman, Roger Hobbs

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2016.

When I wrote last we had a number of issues on the horizon which could have potentially detrimentally changed the character of the Summersdale area for ever.

A Northern Bypass? (see page 2)

- The main issue that would have affected the Summersdale area more than anything else was the shocking news that the consultants commissioned by Highway England were examining 6 routes - 2 of which contained a northern option running through the strategic gap between Summersdale and Lavant; Summersdale Residents' Association had fought hard at the public enquiry to protect this gap from residential development.

Gravel Extraction? (see page 2)

- The other main issue was that gravel deposits around Lavant and West Stoke were contained in a site assessment process being undertaken by WSCC for possible inclusion in their minerals local plan.

Local Plan Review (see page 2)

- The last issue is the requirement on Chichester District Council to review their Local Plan within the next 5 years, giving time to find solutions to the waste water treatment and the A27 delays. There will be pressure on CDC to increase their housing allocation to align closer to the government's Objectively Assessed Housing Numbers.

Lastly, may I thank all of the SRA Committee who work so hard throughout the year helping to ensure that Summersdale remains a beautiful place to live and if we get conservation area status (see page 3) it will help to protect some of our historic buildings for future generations to enjoy.

Can I also give a special mention to Michael Berry who has worked hard on the Committee over many years—in particular organising the distribution of our newsletters. Michael has been very poorly over the past few months but I am happy to say that, with the skills of the nursing staff at St Richards intensive care unit, some convalescence at the new facility at Wellington Grange, and the dedicated care of his wife Gillian, Michael has made great progress and I know you will share with me in wishing him all the best with his continuing recovery.

Dates for diaries 2016/2017

Committee Meetings		Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall			
2016	2017		
Thu 28 July	Thu 5 January	Glorious Goodwood 26—30 July	For other information please go to our website www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk
Thu 8 September	Thu 16 February (AGM) Thu 23 February	Bank Holiday Weekend 26—28 August	We post information on our notice board by the letter box in The Broadway.
Thu 27 October	Thu 6 April	Friday Fireworks, '50s Fun & Frivolity	We will also advise you of any urgent matters by email ; the most recent email was sent on 29 June entitled
Thu 24 November	Thu 1 June	Revival Meeting 9 - 11 September	"Land East of Graylingwell - exhibition on 1st of July".
	Thu 27 July	For information on events go to: www.goodwood.co.uk/whatson/whatson.aspx	If you did not receive it please email the membership secretary.
	Thu 7 September		
	Thu 26 October		
	Thu 23 November		

Planning Matters

Local Plan Review — Chairman's Comment

The review of the development Local Plan has been imposed on CDC by the Inspector at the Local Plan Enquiry.

"...need to be an increase in the number of properties delivered..."

There would need to be an increase in the number of properties delivered during the life of the plan in general in order for CDC to conform to the Objectively Assessed Housing Numbers; more specifically there would need to be an increase in

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the short term to meet the 5 year housing allocation. Otherwise the CDC will open itself up to the challenge from developers that the DC does not have its 5 year housing allocation in place. This may lead to house builders trying to cherry pick inappropriate sites for their developments.

We need to be vigilant but hopefully there will be enough land available on the existing Strategic Development Sites to make the allocation of further sites unnecessary; it all depends on what housing number are finally agreed with the government.

Gravel Sites for the Local Plan — Chairman's Comment

With regards to the Site Assessment for the Local Plan, the SRA attended workshops and made our views known regarding the inappropriateness of gravel sites at Lavant and West Stoke.

Following an assessment of gravel requirements to the end of 2031, it was concluded that there were already enough gravel deposits in the existing

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gravel sites to satisfy the future demands through to the end of the Plan period and so no new sites were required.

Therefore, the deposits located at Lavant will not feature in the current Minerals Local Plan and will not need to be considered for extraction until after 2031 at the earliest.

Again this is good news for Summersdale.

A Northern Bypass? — Chairman's comment

Well what a difference 6 months make!

After consideration of the 6 options, the available budget, and the criteria set out in the Government's 2015 Road Investment Strategy, the Secretary of State directed the

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Highways England to consult solely on options that focused on improving the A27 along the existing on-line route. This is what the SRA had been advocating from the time we first heard about the 6 options being considered.

"...it seemed illogical to build another route that would despoil beautiful countryside..."

Whilst it was always recognised that there were many positive attributes to a northern by-pass, it seemed illogical to build

another route that would despoil beautiful countryside through the National Park and destroy the site of the

Goodwood Festival of Speed and Revival (that help get Chichester on the map), while still not solving the existing A27 problems in the long term. It seemed more sensible to resolve the problems of the current A27 with a well thought through engineering solution.

Consultation solely on improvements to the A27 existing southern alignment is the approach that is to be adopted by the Highways England. The consultation programme has drifted back, as it was necessary for the consultants to update their 'technical work'.

It is still important that many Summersdale residents attend the consultation and make their views known.

(Stop Press see dates →)

Chichester consultation dates and venues:

Assembly Rooms
25th July 10 am – 8 pm

Chichester Baptist Church
9th & 10th August
10 am – 7 pm

However, the good news is that the northern route options will not be consulted upon

The Mystery Shell House

After 23 years this house is at last being finished and is going on the market. Do you know where it is?



Summersdale part of Chichester's Conservation Area? Chairman's Comment

Historical England recommends that the District Council's Conservation Appraisal Areas are subject to reviews to ensure that they are up to date and relevant as planning policy documents. The original Conservation Area Character Appraisal for Chichester was approved in 2005 and CDC has been looking to update their document and has recently been consulting on their current appraisal areas.

However, despite the Summersdale area having a wealth of Edwardian

attractive arts and crafts properties, it did not feature in the CDC appraisal documentation. The SRA felt that this was an omission and, together with local residents and the Chichester Society, we added our weight to the argument to get our area appraised for inclusion in the planning policy document.

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In the officer's report to the Cabinet, there was a recommendation 'that an assessment of the Summersdale area be undertaken to assess its potential for conservation designation, raised by a number of respondents to the Chichester Conservation Area Consultation. On 7th June the Cabinet deferred a decision on accepting the officers' report as they felt: firstly, that the officers needed more time to fully consider the wealth of consultation input that had been received and, where appropriate, any suggested changes to the revised character appraisal document to be addressed; secondly, for representation in respect of the proposed changes to the conservation area boundaries to be fully considered.

I hope that, in due course, the officers' recommendation will be accepted and the Summersdale Area assessed for possible inclusion..

Brandy Hole Pond rejuvenated - by Christopher Beazley

One of the many flourishing organisations supported by Summersdale residents is the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse. Over many years conservation work has been carried out by the volunteers to preserve the natural heritage of the copse to the benefit of the environment - much valued by many walkers, with their dogs or without, by the children cycling to school, by ornithologists and natural history enthusiasts, joggers and by all those who value this, as yet, unspoiled gem of Chichester's woodland.

Its history bears witness to our city's Roman past, then known as NOVIOMAGUS REGINORUM (THE NEW MARKET OF THE POND PEOPLE). The name 'Brandy Hole' is thought to derive from the often nefarious activities of the smugglers of the 18th and 19th centuries. There are also preserved in the copse the tank traps, 'Dragon's Teeth' etc, which formed part of the defences of our city during the 2nd World War to face the threat of invasion.

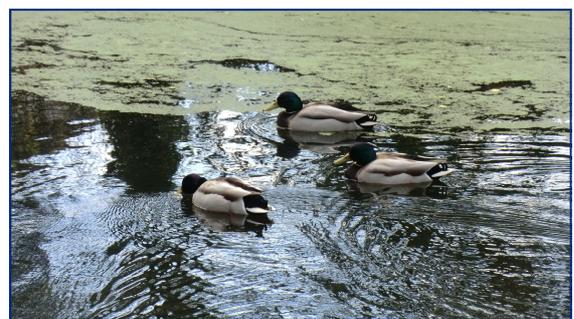


Last summer a new problem arose. The pond was dredged by Chichester District Council and, in the process, sediment was stirred up which resulted in a blanket of surface pond weed. This had serious



consequences for the habitat of the creatures - great and small - which have habitually made the pond their home - not least the ducks and moorhens.

Accordingly, action was taken by the Friends together with CDC environmental and ecological staff—expert, though sadly depleted. The central section of the surface weed was skimmed off, resulting in the return of 4 ducks and a pair of moorhens, who have now raised 6 chicks, to the delight of all passers by and, fortunately, not to that of any potential predators!



Further action is envisaged, supported by our local Scout Group and we look forward shortly to the rejuvenation of Brandy Hole Pond restored to its former glory.

The Hazard of the Bend in Highland Road



← Cars parked on both sides of the road just round the corner and another one parked on the left blocking the driver's view as he/she approaches.....



on this occasion a learner!→

The driver takes a line in the middle of the road—unable to see round the corner. What happens if someone is coming the other way at the same time and isn't so careful?



Supposing this → had been coming the other way—as indeed it did moments later!



Is there a case for parking restrictions on the bend?

Second Care Home in Summersdale



Situated in Winterbourne Road, Anchor's Augusta Court offers a care service for elderly and sick people, including those with short-term memory loss, physical frailties and dementia.



Situated on the corner of Wellington and Broyle Road, Colten Care's Wellington Grange offers residential, assisted and nursing care and short stay respite care.

Opening of Wellington Grange

Wellington Grange was officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr Peter Budge on 6 April. However, the first residents arrived on 4 April.

Cllr Peter Budge and Home Manager, Clare Gibson by the newly unveiled plaque



Members of the Summersdale Residents' Association with Customer Advisor, Richard Upshall at the beginning of their guided tour on 22 March

Further update on the refurbishment of Chichester RFC Club House

Due to having to wait for funding and some contractor delay, progress has been slow. However we now have a lift for disabled, a top grade new kitchen and the flooring is complete throughout the very large room where several dinners have already taken place **seating 100 to 150 people**. There is an active plan to improve acoustics and the toilets are in the process of improvement.

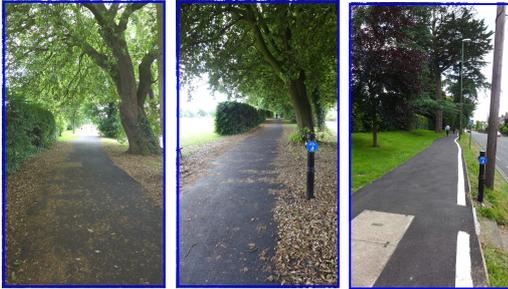
Roger Gould

**To book for meetings:
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The New Cycle Route alongside Oaklands Park

The SRA welcome the new shared pedestrian cycle route that runs alongside Oaklands Park from Wellington Road down to the Chichester Theatre road entrance.

From the top ..
on your bike
and off you go



into the shade and
down the beautiful path - clearly marked

However, when you are near the bus shelter at the bottom there is a sign requesting cyclists to dismount which conflicts with the sign showing the path to be a joint pedestrian/cycle path...??



The SRA hope that the sign has been left in error and will soon be removed.



From the bottom ..



here you could cut across the park to College Lane



on up the beautiful path



Aha—back at the top.
What's this cyclist going to do?



He's turned right.
Why hasn't he carried on?

The Missing Link?

Unfortunately the short link northwards from Wellington Road in front of Wellington Grange Care Home to Roussillon Park, which would have enabled cyclists to travel safely from Winterbourne Road through to the city centre has not been delivered.



There are a **number of obstacles** that will need to be relocated to make the route more commodious **including:**

a concrete block



a lamp post



a large Wellington Grange sign



a telegraph pole



another lamp post



the Smugglers' Stone and notice board



and finally,

another concrete block,

another telegraph pole

and a **PHONE BOX**



“If there’s something strange in the neighbourhood—who you gonna call?...”

999
is for an emergency -
something happening now
and you need someone
now!

101 is the non emergency number for everything else
- things that you're not sure they'll deal with,
- things that may seem insignificant even,
(eg noises at night).
The police will prioritise and deal with them accordingly.

All crime should be reported
- however small -
so the police know where to
patrol, or so they can look for
patterns in behaviour.

The Numbers Game — or Bus Confusions

*The residents of Summersdale
Don't like to make a fuss.
Although a lot of us have cars
We sometimes catch a bus.
And certainly we like to know,
When we get on, where it will go!*

*In recent times we've not been sure,
When a 60 we have hailed,
Hoping to go to Maplehurst Road
For half the time we've failed.
And if we didn't concentrate
A trip to Midhurst was our fate.*

*But now it seems that all is clear.
We're no longer in the dark.
We board the bus that's set to go
Into Graylingwell Park.
Just sit tight—eventually
We'll get to where we want to be.
It seems that Stagecoach, being thrifty,
Have merged one 60 with the 50!*

Times for the 50 bus:

Winterbourne Road: 11 mins and 41 mins past
Ferndale Road: 13 mins and 43 mins past
Fordwater Lane: 14 mins and 44 mins past



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go to
WSCC Highways and
the link is there to
Love West Sussex Potholes
Recently two were reported
and were filled in within a
week!

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