

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



“Residents Working Together”

NEWSLETTER
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A message from our Chairman, Jeremy Hunt

Welcome to our Winter Newsletter for 2012.

On behalf of the SRA committee may I wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that 2012 brings you good fortune, but above all else, happiness and good health. We also hope that the present economic situation is looking a little brighter by the time the year is out!

At the time of writing this article the Government's 'new' planning proposals are still under review. The current planning laws are often blamed for being one of the main reasons behind the present depression in house building. Whilst I accept that perhaps our current planning laws may need some 'updating', I believe they have very little to do with the present financial crisis. It is the inability of developers to sell houses they have already built which is causing the slowdown in further development. In the Chichester District alone there are over 2000 unbuilt homes with planning, or outline planning, permission. I understand that in the country as a whole the total figure is nearer 330,000.

The Government's proposals have created an enormous amount of controversy, especially as the overriding principle appears to favour development at almost any cost. This rush to promote development could have disastrous consequences, both nationally and locally, with councils forced to approve developments purely to try to encourage economic activity. The 'consequences' of these decisions will be with us for many years to come.

Without effective planning laws our countryside would look very different, littered with random developments rather than reflecting the more structured way our villages, towns and cities have generally evolved over the past forty or fifty years. Summersdale is a good example of this 'structured'

development. With the sensible application of current planning laws plus a constant vigil by the SRA, the 'special character' of this area still survives to this day. This 'special' character is clearly described in 'The Summersdale Neighbourhood Character Appraisal', a copy of which can be found on our website.

Planning issues aside, what is more concerning is that most of the recent local development has happened with virtually no improvement to the infrastructure of the City. The roads, schools and, especially, the sewage works are all at bursting point. The question our politicians, both at local and national level, need to address is not how can they build more houses but how and when are they going to provide the infrastructure to serve the people living in the houses that are being built now! I understand the Chichester District Council intends to publish its infrastructure proposals alongside the Draft of the Preferred Core Strategy. Both these documents were due to be ready for public consultation in January 2012. However, the CDC have now put this next stage of the LDF process back to August 2012. I hope their proposals are worth waiting for!

Surely it is not too much to ask for our politicians to come up with proposals that find some balance between the 'need' to encourage economic activity, the 'needs' of society and the 'need' to protect and preserve our countryside. For the sake of future generations it is imperative that they get this right.

Lastly, I have great pleasure in inviting all members who attend our **AGM on Thursday 16th February** (see pages 4-6 for full details) to our annual Cocktail Party which will follow the business part of the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Happy New Year.

Planning Matters

There are two main planning concerns.....

Hunters Rest Lavant Road Chichester West Sussex PO19 5RD (Lavant Parish)

Erection of 20 dwellings including 2 x two bed houses, 8 x three bed houses and 10 x four bed houses with ancillary car parking, landscaping and public open space.

A new planning application was submitted by Seaward Homes in September for the development of Hunters Rest. The site currently comprises a single dwelling, with a restriction to an agricultural tenancy and is located immediately south of the Summersdale Garage. **The SRA has been involved in several previous campaigns to stop development on this important gateway site.**

In the Summer of 2011, Chichester District Council approved the Interim Policy Statement on Housing Development, "Facilitating Appropriate Development", to allow appropriate development, where the boundary is contiguous with the Settlement Policy Area, subject to a number of criteria. The policy Statement was a response to the government planning requiring a Council to demonstrate a 5 year housing supply.

Following the new policy, Seaward Homes have submitted a scheme for 10 large detached houses and 10 other dwellings. The site is within Lavant Parish immediately adjoining the City boundary

The SRA has submitted an objection on the following grounds:

- a) In the strategic gap and outside of the SPA.
- b) The development fails to meet the requirements of the Interim Policy Statement and will result in the coalescence of Chichester and Lavant.
- c) The terrace of houses facing Lavant Road does not reflect the character of Lavant Road.
- d) The capacity at Lavant sewerage works being insufficient to serve additional development.

The application has received a number of objections including Chichester City Council and Lavant Parish and is expected to go to full planning committee in January 2012.

Goodwood Motor Circuit Claypit Lane Westhampnett Chichester West Sussex PO18 0PH

The application approved last year, which limited the use to 10 Sundays per annum, was limited to one year at which time the applicant would need to seek a variation. Based on no complaints being received

in the last year Goodwood are now seeking removal of the one year restriction. The number of track Sundays per annum will not increase. This application is currently being considered by the SRA.

(Goodwood Liaison Groups Report on page 4)

Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?

Are you planning a street party?

Are you holding a street party in Summersdale to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee? If so the SRA are happy to offer some limited funding to make your occasion even more festive.

Anyone interested should send full details to
admin@summersdaleresidents.co.uk
no later than Wednesday 22nd February 2012.

Shall we plant a tree?

The SRA Committee have suggested that we purchase and plant a commemorative tree. Do you have any suggestions as to where we might plant it - or other ideas as to how to mark the occasion?

Suggestions please to
admin@summersdaleresidents.co.uk

Update on Roussillon Park (previously the barracks)

Demolition work and infrastructure improvements have commenced on the ZeroC land. Building works have also started and activity will increase in January 2012. ZeroC anticipate that by the middle of January the Marketing Suite, adjacent to the main gate, will be open and site advertising hoardings and flags erected.

ZeroC are in consultation with a care home provider regarding the plot on the South West corner of the site fronting Broyle Road and Wellington Road. The proposal is currently with the Council at the developers' pre-application consultation stage. We understand that there will be a full public consultation, and possibly an exhibition, prior to the formal planning application being submitted for consideration.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation, who have retained control of the military housing and some open land to the north of the site, have promoted the sale for development of a number of individual parcels of land within their ownership.

3 sites have either been disposed of or are in the process of being sold:

1. Chapel on Young Street – sold in the summer of 2011 for development - expected to be a single dwelling.
2. Larger plot of 0.568 hectares. This is predominantly within the Barracks, fronts Otway Road, backs on to the corner of the Broadway and Broyle Road and includes a portion of the grass on the corner opposite the One Stop store. The parcel of land is awkward in shape but is suitable for residential use, although other uses may come forward. The site was for sale with an October tender date.
3. Smaller plots of 0.118 hectares fronting Young Street - suitable for 2 to 3 dwellings. The site was for sale with a December tender date.

It is expected the remainder of the site will remain as housing for use by military personnel. **The SRA is monitoring the disposal programme and the proposed land uses of existing sales.**

It's Your Neighbourhood

IYN is part of the **South and South East in Bloom competition** (under the aegis of Britain in Bloom which is sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society) and the **SRA is now preparing to enter the award scheme in 2012.**

There are **3 core areas** on which we shall be assessed, sometime in July.

- a) **Community Participation:** we are local people who want to maintain and improve the quality of life not only in Summersdale, but also in our City as well. The SRA represents the local community and we work in partnership with other organisations i.e. the police, community support officers, environmental groups, the local planning authorities, housing developers and other neighbourhood associations such as our own.

- b) **Environmental Responsibilities:** we are engaged in conservation, e.g the built environment, and we watch carefully the effect that new housing developments will have on infrastructure services such as roads, car parking, sewage etc. We are keen to encourage composting, recycling and maintaining and improving green spaces. We ask local residents to avoid litter, graffiti and dog fouling. One member of our committee liaises with Goodwood aerodrome over noise pollution.
- c) **Gardening Achievement:** we support a high standard of gardening practice such as good plant choice, presentation and management. Our front gardens are conspicuous to visitors and passers-by and thus enrich our neighbourhood. So, please, no overhanging or protruding trees.

Goodwood Aerodrome and Motor Circuit Liaison Groups

Each Liaison Committee meets twice a year. Representation is broad, including:
Goodwood Management; WSCC, CDC and City Council; Police; 6 local parishes/residents' associations
SRA is invariably represented.

The purpose of each meeting is to review

- 1) the performance according to requirements of Planning Consents
- 2) the response to any complaints received.

Compliance with planning consents has been very good since the outset. Some consents were changed in 2010 on a provisional basis. **The SRA had played a significant role in getting a number of amendments made in order to reduce the “annoyance factor”.**

One of the changes that is unpopular with us is to allow, on a provisional basis, some track activity involving cars on a number of Sundays, albeit without any racing. All this is predicated by the **installation of much improved noise monitoring equipment in 2010**. This now enables track marshals to pick out “offenders” individually and quickly.

As for aircraft - statistics show that total aircraft movements per annum are relatively low, (the economy has an effect!), approximately 50% of the numbers in the ‘80s and 30% of the total permitted. Noise from aircraft can be offensive to residents neighbouring the airfield or who live below the more frequently used flight paths. Pilots are obliged to avoid overflying residential areas where it is safe to do so on take-off and departure. For instance, when the wind is in the SW, (prevailing), planes use Runway 24 and should turn right through the Lavant Gap, avoiding Summersdale and Lavant.

At our request, a meeting was arranged recently with the Assistant Aerodrome Manager; Jeremy Hunt, Dennis Martin and a resident from Lavant attended. It was a most constructive meeting at which Goodwood agreed to tighten up procedures and performance logging in regard to flight path discipline. A review will be held in the spring.

The Complaints Hot-line is 01243 755162. Your message is recorded and, if you give your number, Goodwood undertakes to phone back within 2 days or so after they have checked through. If this does not occur **Dennis Martin** would like to hear from you on **01243 536496**.

Calls to the Control Tower should not be made as the officers are usually very busy with the live operations, assisting and monitoring pilots to achieve the utmost safety.

Finally, Goodwood has just published a leaflet **“Goodwood Motor Circuit & Aerodrome Noise Control: A Guide for Neighbouring Communities”** which is intended for estate agents and others. **General enquiries relating to this can be made on 01243 755000** (Goodwood Road Racing Co Ltd) or www.goodwood.com

Annual General Meeting

**7:30 pm on Thursday 16th February 2012
at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road, Chichester**

All members are welcome to attend (you can join on the night); we normally have good representation from our local politicians. The agenda and minutes of last year's meeting are on the following 2 pages. Members wishing to bring a **resolution** to the AGM should submit it in writing to the Chairman at least **7 days** before the meeting. Any resolutions received will be published on the SRA notice board by the letterbox outside One Stop in the Broadway.

The AGM will be followed by a **social gathering with free drinks and canapés**

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**on THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2012 at 7.30PM
at St Michael's Hall, Summersdale Road**

Please bring this document with you. Additional copies will not be available at the meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of AGM on 10 February 2011. (Abbreviated minutes attached; a limited number of copies of the full minutes will be available at the meeting).
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts for year ended 31 December 2011
5. Election of Officers, (namely - Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Minutes Secretaries 1 and 2, Planning Secretary, Assistant Planning Secretary, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Goodwood Liaison, Newsletter Distributor), and other committee members *
6. Election of Independent Examiner
7. Other resolutions **
8. Open forum

* Nominations to the Committee or for any Officer post may be made by any member provided it has the consent of the nominee. Nominations can be made at the meeting but it is helpful if they are submitted in advance to the Chairman. We are keen to appoint new and younger members to the Committee.

** If you wish to propose a resolution please give it in writing to the Chairman at 3 Brandy Hole Lane PO19 5RL (or to admin@summersdaleresidents.co.uk) at least seven days before the meeting so that it can be published on the SRA notice board next to One Stop Shop.

The AGM will be followed by our usual social gathering with drinks and canapés

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

*SRA membership subscriptions were due on 1 January. It helps us if you pay by banker's standing order. If you have not paid, or wish in future to pay by standing order, please send the enclosed form to:
the Membership Secretary - Mrs Vanessa Stern, 15 Selham Close, Marchwood, Chichester PO19 5BZ
preferably before the AGM.*

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2011

Welcome

51 households, plus guests, attended.

Invited guests included the Mayor M Woolley, District and City Councillors D. James and S. King, City Councillors Mrs. B. Rees and R. Plowman.

Minutes of AGM on 11 February 2010

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Chairman and Treasurer's Reports

Reports submitted to the meeting and copies available on request. Accounts approved.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following members were elected unanimously:

The Chairman: Jeremy Hunt

Vice Chairman: Mrs. Sue Spooner

Treasurer and No. 2 Minutes Secretary: Peter Bickley

Minutes Secretary No. 1 & Newsletter distributor: Michael Berry

Planning Secretary: Andrew Birch

Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin

Membership Secretary: Mrs Vanessa Stern

Newsletter Editor: Mrs Mary Quiney

Committee member: Dennis Napier

Barry Aldridge was stepping down from the work of the Planning sub-committee.

Election of Independent Examiner

John Yates was retiring and a new Independent Examiner, Mr C Santander, was elected.

John Yates was elected as a Life Member of the Association.

Open Forum

- 1) Mr. T. Dignum, Chairman of the Friends of Brandy Hole Copse, made a presentation and invited SRA members to join the organisation.
- 2) Councillor Plowman spoke of the local interest in the national project called "City in Bloom". The Chairman stated that it would be on the Agenda of the new Committee.
- 3) A leaflet was in production detailing the activities of the Goodwood Motor Circuit. It would be made available to potential residents of Graylingwell and Roussillon Park, particularly through Estate Agents etc.

Conclusion

The Chairman closed the formal meeting at 9:00 pm.

Afterwards, many members stayed for the social occasion. Drinks and snacks were organised by the Committee.

Neighbourhood Policing - new PCSO

We now have a very good PCSO in Karen Turrell. She has been on our patch since June and attended our October meeting. She has no regular shift pattern. Please remember, sometimes we think things are unimportant but the police think differently, as they can link information together.

Please keep your eyes and ears open; there is a lot of petty crime about at the moment and we all need to be on our guard. Please keep an eye on your neighbours' homes should they be on holiday.

Contact details for Karen Turrell:

mobile number: **07917 839044**

email: Karen.j.turrell@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Non Emergency Police number: **101**

(just that, nothing else)

Emergency Police number remains the same, at **999**.

If you can't get hold of Karen and think it is something that you should report on, use the **new non-emergency number** (see above)

Singing for Health

for all patients from Lavant Road Surgery

So you think you can't sing?

Or maybe you love singing but have the space for more fun? Whatever your background or experience, here is an ideal opportunity to join a local singing group with the aim of enhancing your health and well-being. The Patient Participation Group & the University of Chichester Music Department would like to invite all patients to

weekly sessions at the University of Chichester on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm on the Bishop Otter Campus starting in the New Year on Monday, January 16th. The sessions will be led by music department tutor Dr Rod Paton who has over 30 years experience leading instrumental and vocal groups of all backgrounds and abilities.

Summersdale Post Office Opening Hours

Would you like to avoid the queue just before and just after lunchtime? Would you like to be able to use the Post Office earlier or later in the day? Our One Stop Sub- Post Office wants to extend its opening hours but evidence of local support is needed.

Current hours: **09:00 - 13:00; 14:00 - 17:30**
Suggested hours: **08:30 - 18:00**
(no closure at lunch time)

To support this suggestion phone One-Stop Customer Services on **01543 363133**

Delays Four Ways - who returned?

*In the centre of Chi we had this year
New Christmas lights to spread good cheer.
We could stop and look or we could choose
To walk on past and admire the views.
But, further north, we had no choice;
The lights did not help us rejoice -
Red - amber - green, four ways we waited.
Arrival times were all belated.
Southern Gas - you've driven us all insane
So - are you coming back again?*

*And just before we go to print
They're back for yet another stint!!*



Membership Matters

If you do not already pay by standing order, there is a form inserted in this newsletter for you to complete and send with your payment. You can use it to set up a standing order if you wish. Membership is £5 per household, per year and is open to anybody living in any of the roads in the Summersdale area.

If you have a neighbour who is not a member, and who wishes to join, a form can be downloaded from our website. Go to <http://www.summersdaleresidents.co.uk/membership.html> to display the form which can then be saved or printed.

Alternatively, ask them to contact the membership secretary - (see below for contact details)

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Assistant Planning Secretary Vacant

New Minutes Secretary will soon be required

Dates for diaries 2012

Committee Meetings	Goodwood	Other information
7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall Wed 11 January Thu 26 July	Moving Motor Show 28 June	If the SRA receives any information regarding flying displays at the Goodwood events we will try and publish this information on our website and on our noticeboard by the letter box in The Broadway
Thu 16 February (AGM) Thu 13 September	Festival of Speed 29 June - 1 July	
Wed 29 February Thu 25 October	Glorious Goodwood 31 July - 4 August	
Thu 12 April Wed 28 November	Revival Meeting 14 - 16 September	
Thu 7 June		