

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chichester, West Sussex



"Residents Working Together"

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A message from our Chairman, Jeremy Hunt

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter for 2012.

In the time since our last Newsletter I think we have had all the seasons of the year, a cold but dry winter, warm early spring that had us all getting excited, then a terrible month or so of heavy rain and cold wind, more like autumn, then more winter frosts and now, as I write this, finally summer has started! Never a dull moment, especially for the gardeners amongst you!

This strange weather pattern has now produced a fabulous display of luxuriant foliage on our trees and shrubs. At this time of year all the vivid greens of the different trees make Summersdale a really attractive area. A 'leafy suburb', as described in our Neighbourhood Character Appraisal, is never truer than at this time of year. With this in mind your Committee decided that we would enter Summersdale into the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' section of the City in Bloom Competition. There is an article elsewhere in the Newsletter telling you about this but I just want to encourage you all to make that little extra effort to make your front gardens neat and tidy. I would also urge you to encourage any neighbours who are not members to do the same, and possibly give a helping hand to elderly residents. I would also ask you all to ensure that any greenery overhanging pavements is kept well trimmed, especially at this time of year when it is growing at a furious pace.

Planning issues are covered with more detail on page 2; however, I must mention the **strategic gap between Summersdale and Lavant**.

You might be aware of the **recent application to develop 24 houses on the Hunters Rest site**, just to the south of Summersdale Garage. At the Planning Meeting **the application was approved** - despite robust speeches objecting to the proposals by several speakers, including the SRA, and fantastic support from our members and from residents of Lavant. It appears that, despite the **Settlement Policy Area (SPA) boundary being to the south of this site**, both the planning officers and several councillors stated that they had always **'considered' the boundary to be to the north of Summersdale Garage!** I would like to know "when is a boundary not a boundary?" and since when have boundaries been movable at the whim of planning officers and councillors alike. Following on from this application, and as a consequence of the CDC's Interim Housing Policy Statement, **all greenfield areas on the boundary of the SPA are potential development sites.**

The next fight is against **Taylor Wimpey who are proposing to develop between 80 and 100 houses in the Lavant Gap**, directly next to Keepers Wood and Rew Lane, in what is known locally as the 'daffodil field'. **A committee of interested parties has been formed and the campaign is known as RAGE2 - Residents Against Greenfield Encroachment.** Please watch this space and if we send out a 'rallying call to arm the barricades' I am sure we can count on your unflinching support.

I hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations and I wish you all a long and fine summer.

Dates for diaries 2012

Committee Meetings

7:30 pm at St Michael's Hall

Thu 26 July
Thu 13 September
Thu 25 October
Wed 28 November

Goodwood

Glorious Goodwood

31 July - 4 August

Revival Meeting

14 - 16 September

Other information

The **OLYMPIC TORCH** will arrive in Chichester at **11.50 am on Monday 16th July.**

It will go down **Lavant Road**, through **Oaklands Park**, then along **North Street** and **East Street.**

It will leave the city via **Westhampnett Road.**



Controversial Planning Matters - a decision received and an application

Ref 11/03912 Hunters Rest, Lavant Road...

Despite the strong objections from SRA, RAGE2, Lavant Parish Council and the District Council, the controversial outline **application by Seaward for 24 dwellings at Hunters Rest**, located between Summerdale Garage and the City Boundary was **approved by the Northern CDC committee**. The planning meeting was packed full with objectors from Lavant and Chichester, however the committee were generally not sympathetic. The committee considered the "perceived" boundary for Chichester to be the garage and not the actual City boundary 100 yards further South. The wooded border to Lavant Road was considered to provide some protection to views into the site and the inane comments of Southern Water with regards to sewage disposal, were not subject to further debate. The Hunters Rest application will now be subject to a detailed application for design and finishing. **The SRA will be seeking to secure the access way to Centurion Way** which was indicated by the applicant on the initial drawing. However, due to the steep nature of the elevation between Centurion Way and Hunters Rest, this will only become a planning condition if it is physically achievable at a reasonable cost.

Taylor Wimpey application, Daffodil Field, north of Summersdale...

We await more details of the Taylor Wimpey application for **80-100 homes, on the land North of Summersdale. The SRA, RAGE2 and Lavant Parish Council are working to oppose the application**. The Planning Officers have, in the committee report on Hunters Rest, played a dangerous game of recommending one application while attempting to differentiate the site from other sites which may come forward, within the Lavant gap. By the time of publication of this newsletter, Taylor Wimpey will have arranged an exhibition to raise public awareness and, hopefully, will be left with no uncertainty as to the strength of opposition. The significant fight will come with the application and a probable appeal.

When the application is received, the SRA and RAGE2 will need to seek significant support from the public to raise awareness and object to the Taylor Wimpey proposals.

If you are not on our mailing list you will not be kept up to date, so please ensure that we have your current e-mail address by sending it to membership@summersdaleresidents.co.uk

New Planning Applications received

Ref 12/01551/FUL - Land at the corner of Broyle Road and Wellington Road

The expected application from **Colten Care** for a **72 bed care home**, at the southern end of the former Rousillon Barracks site, on the corner of Broyle Road and Wellington Road has been received. The comments from the public exhibition have been considered by the applicant and, whilst the SRA has reservations regarding the bulk and size of the new building, the committee is broadly supportive of the proposals. The site has existing outline consent for either a Care home or student housing. The character of this prominent corner site will change significantly, with a tall building fronting Broyle Road and the removal of existing trees. The SRA is of the opinion that, in the context of the existing barracks site, the outline planning consent and the Nuffield private hospital opposite, seeking a refusal of the application would be difficult.

The SRA will be submitting **comments** on issues such as landscaping, overlooking and car parking.

Ref 12/01599/FUL - Everything everywhere (T Mobile/Orange) phone mast -

verge South West of North Lodge, Summersdale Road, Blomfield Drive, Chichester, West Sussex

The SRA has **objected** to an application for an **additional phone mast** on Summersdale Road on the boundary of Summerdale Road and Graylingwell Park. The location is close to the refurbished North Lodge and the Zero C - Rousillon Development. The application has several objections based on concern of unsightly proliferation of masts in this location and issues on car parking and traffic. The existing mast is shared by O2 and Vodafone and further site utilisation is not possible.

Ref 12/01157/FUL - 12 Brandy Hole Lane

An application has been submitted to demolish an existing house at Brandy Hole Lane, (located on the North side between Centurion Way and The Rummings), and replace this with two large detached dwellings. An application to demolish the existing dwelling and replace with a single dwelling was approved earlier in the year. The SRA is reviewing the application and issues on design and access.

Democracy at Work - or not?

The SRA is concerned that planning applications, such as Hunters Rest, which directly abut and have an impact on the northern part of the City, are considered by the Area Development Control Committee (North) which has **almost no representation from the local community**. It is mainly made up from councillors who represent wards such as Fernhurst, Midhurst, Petworth, Plaistow and Wisborough Green.

In future we suggest that the determination of any **planning application that abuts the Northern boundary of Chichester** by the Northern planning committee **needs to be contested**.

We recommend that such applications are **referred to** either the **Area Development Control Committee (south)**, or some **combination of both committees**. After all, if a Strategic Gap boundary can be moved on a whim, then surely the line dividing what is considered by the Southern and Northern planning committees can also be moved to ensure that those residents most affected by the committee's decisions are fairly represented.

A Message from Ray Brown



FRIENDS OF CHARTRES **CHICHESTER'S FRENCH TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The Cities of Chichester and Chartres, in France, have been Twinned since 28th February 1959 (more than 52 years) and in 2009 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary. Some information about our twin city and the Friends of Chartres Association:

Chartres: is situated approximately 60 miles south-west of Paris in 'Cosmetic Valley'; is famous for its 'Chartres Blue' stained glass; enjoys international renown thanks to its cathedral which is listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site; has picturesque markets, arts and crafts workshops, gourmet specialities and is the 'county town' of the Eure et Loir Department.

Membership is open to all (*single/couple/family/corporate*).

Our Annual Programme comprises:

City Link Newsletter (*published 4 times a year*)

Annual Exchanges (*to/from Chartres and Chichester*)

Programme of Events (*talks on French subject matter*)

Language Circles (*to practise conversational French*)

Annual Dinner (*and other social events*)

Schools Art Awards (*working with Pallant House Gallery*)

We welcome new members. For more information please telephone: **Ray Brown – 01243 783776**

Jubilee Street Parties

For more pictures



Guess the weight of the cake!

visit our website



The Avenue party in full swing



Maplehurst and Ferndale celebrate on the green

It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme 2012 - Summer Update

This year's area appraisal date is

Wednesday 11th July at 10 am

Geoff and Bridget Thicket, nominated by South and South East in Bloom are our appointed assessors.

The **judges will spend approximately one hour in Summersdale**, and it will be our chance for residents to meet the judges and to show off their neighbourhood.

- Tree planting on 'The Green', Highland Road.
- Verge side bulb plantings and individual maintenance
- Maintaining recent tree plantings by WSCC
- Tree planting the length of The Broadway
- Wild Flower plantings in Highland and Ferndale Roads

We envisage a **circular route** starting in the Broyle Road - including The Broadway, Ferndale Road, Maplehurst Road, Marchwood, The Drive, The Avenue and back to the start.

SRA Committee Members and residents in general who would like to make an input into Your Neighbourhood's appraisal should contact **Ray Carter 07702105855** raymond.carter@sky.com.

We would welcome and encourage all residents to contribute to the neighbourhood effort by cutting back any overhanging vegetation from public footpaths, sorting any litter and generally making a effort to impress.

Goodwood Aerodrome and Circuit Report

The **Boulton Spitfire Academy** relocated from Oxfordshire in May. **Two Spitfires are based at Goodwood**. The Management has agreed to keep a close watch on noise annoyance in the Summersdale and Lavant neighbourhoods.

Planes taking off to the south-west on Runway 24 use the Strategic Gap between Summersdale and Lavant; consequently **Goodwood will be voicing opposition to any plans to build in the gap**, especially in what we now call the "daffodil field".

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