

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 16th JANUARY 2012

PRESENT

Bruce Duff	John Armstrong
Clare Phelps	Pam Crisp
Mike Allsop	Teresa Read
John Naish	Charles Owens
Eugene Bacot	Robert Youngs
Cllr Marlow	

Bruce chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 7th November 2011 were agreed with these amendments: After 'public interest' on line 8 there should be a comma followed by "the proposals would manifestly fail to provide adequate protection of the public interest." Also under the planning heading immediately above there is an 'h' missing from "nothing' Apologies were received from Cllr Marlow.
Bruce signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: there has been no progress with the proposed Rotary sign at the Golf Club.

4. Treasurers report: John Naish presented the report.

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 th November 2011:	£5,036.89
Interest received:	000
Balance today	<u>£5,036.89</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 th November 2011:	£2,246.15
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Add income:

Subs and donations	316.00	
Advertising*	472.85	
Book sales	175.00	
LBRUT	120.00	
Total		1,083.85

Deduct expenditure:

Printing	522.00	
Web page	47.98	
Total		569.98

Net cash increase / (decrease) 513.87

Balance today £2,760.02

All monies for advertising have been received apart from Thames Landscaping. As a result the Association is in a good financial position. It was agreed that some money should be kept aside for a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of SHRA in 3 years time. It was also agreed that we would fund replacement planters for those outside Sopa. Eugene suggested engaging a consultant to re-design the Bulletin but this was not felt to be necessary at the moment as the Bulletin is one of the best of its type. John A asked about the availability of email addresses for communication to residents. Robert suggested using the facility that is available on the web-site. John N then left the meeting.

5. Bulletin 148: Eugene proposed a feature on Swan Island. Bruce suggested an article about unusual house names in the area. Teresa will supply a piece on the Twickenham Riverside project and Mike will contact SMUC to see if there is anything interesting relating to their involvement in the forthcoming Olympics.

6. Bulletin Advertising: Clare and Pam will, in future, manage the 'selling' and invoicing of advertising in the Bulletin. 7 advertisers have pre-paid for the next bulletin.

7. Planning and National Framework Policy: Mike said that there were no new planning applications of significance in the area. An application has been submitted for the opening up of the railway arches on The Green side of Heath Road.

Select Committee hearings have now been held to discuss The National Policy Framework. A 60 page report has been produced, criticising a number of aspects. The government has indicated that it is prepared to accept points raised and make some changes. A report will appear in the next issue of the SHRA bulletin.

Robert noted that a planning application has been submitted for the extension of the platforms at the station to accommodate 12 coach trains.

8. SMUC liaison group: Mike said there was nothing new to report.

9. Community and Police partnership: Charles said the main concern was the number of burglaries from student bedrooms at SMUC. Unattended rooms are being left unlocked. Metal theft is still an issue with some taking place from domestic properties. Plants have been stolen from the communal gardens at Shaftesbury Way and from the SHRA planters in Strawberry Hill. The Police report that aggressive groups are trying to sell dusters etc. and that they can be very intimidating. We now have a new Sgt in the area – Juliet Calver. A photograph and brief detail will be put in the next bulletin.

10. Christmas event: Pam reported that no one had come along to help decorate the Christmas tree on Saturday afternoon 17th December. Approx 40 people attended the 'alternative event' on Friday evening. It was publicised by a Town Cryer in local roads and by a large number of posters in the village. Hot chocolate and mince pies were available and there was carol singing but no choir or music. It was agreed that SHRA would organise an event for Christmas 2012 on 14th December. Pam, Robert and Eugene will work on arrangements.

11. Parking etc: Cllr Marlow said that a plan was being developed for Strawberry Hill village based on the responses to the One to One consultation.

12. Vandalism of planters: As mentioned in point 10 above, plants have been stolen from the planters that SHRA has provided. This is particularly upsetting as the plants are funded by the Association from members' subscriptions and the planters are tended by a volunteer. Charles will ask the PCOs to be particularly vigilant in the area.

13. Any other business: Robert said that he will be standing down as co-chair at the AGM in April. A new Joint or Vice-Chair will be sought at the AGM. Robert will stay on the committee for the time being. He was thanked for his continued work on producing the bulletin.

Charles Owens raised the issue of tree felling in the area. Friends of Twickenham Green report that the Horse Chestnut trees will be tested for decay following the toppling of one tree in recent high winds. Trees that are dangerous will be removed and eventually replaced by Plane trees in the autumn. Trees in Wellesley road were removed because they were diseased. These will also be replaced.

Bruce circulated a leaflet produced by the Friends of Radnor Gardens which included a piece on SHRA. It was agreed that, in view of the lack of any proper consultation, we would offer FoRG publicity of their summer event in the SHRA bulletin in lieu of any payment.

The Jazz event at Strawberry Hill House will be held on 3rd/4th June and the Fun Day will be 22nd July.

John A suggested we might want to consider an event to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The committee felt that as there are many things already planned for the Jubilee we should concentrate on an event to mark the 50th anniversary of SHRA.

14. Date of next meeting: March 12th 2012

The meeting closed at 9:20pm