MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 20th JUNE 2011

Bruce Duff PRESENT John Armstrong

Clare Phelps Pam Crisp Mike Allsop Teresa Read John Naish Charles Owens

Cllr Marlow

Sheila Horsham is not now able to join the committee.

Bruce chaired the meeting.

1. Apologies: Robert Youngs, Cllr Head

- 2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 7th March 2011 were agreed and Bruce signed a copy.
- 3. Matters arising: Volvo are pressing the council to agree to the sign at MKG motors.
- **4. Treasurers report:** John Naish presented the first accounts since January.

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17 th January 2011:	£3734.27
Interest received:	.65
Balance today	£3734.92

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17th January 2011: £2294.79

Add income:

Subs and donations	£570.00
Advertising	£99.00
Book sales	£220.00
LBRuT	£518.00

Sub-total £1407.00

Deduct expenditure:

Printing	£498.00
AGM	£147.64
Donation	£250.00
Landscape	£68.22
London Forum	£17.00

(£980.86)

Net cash increase/ (decrease) £426.14

Balance today £2720.93

A donation of £250 has been made to Kinnear House from the Carol event proceeds and a payment to Sue Youngs for plants for landscaping. There has been a £420 increase in the balance so £500 has been transferred to the deposit account to replace the money withdrawn for the History Book re-print. Eugene needs to give the list of advertisers to John for invoices to be raised. John then left the meeting.

- **5. Parking Wellesley Parade etc:** Cllr Marlow reported that Cllr Porter has requested space for short term parking in Wellesley Parade. It was suggested that alterations were made in the narrow part of Pope's Avenue to provide parking spaces in place of the second pavement. Concerns were expressed about the lack of parking at the Gifford House development 8 spaces for 28 flats. Students parking in Shacklegate Lane make it effectively single carriageway. This will be made worse when flats and houses are built on the corner opposite the cemetery. Cllr Marlow will pass these concerns on to the Hampton Hill/Fulwell councillors.
- **6. Traffic:** Cllr Marlow said that the introduction of one-way streets in Pope's Avenue and Orford Gardens would be a major scheme however he did agree that Grotto Road should be considered as a possibility for one-way traffic.
- **7. Road safety:** Safety issues at the junction of Cross Deep/ Waldegrave Road and Strawberry Vale were discussed. Potholes in Walpole Gardens and Pope's Grove were considered those most in need of attention.
- **8. Road markings:** Fading markings and lack of enforcement were an issue at Spencer Road/Pope's Avenue and by Wellesley Parade. The junction of Radnor Road/Pope's Grove is more dangerous as a result of the additional parking space on Pope's Grove. The consultation about the additional parking spaces and signs on Pope's Grove was questioned and it was suggested that the council should consult SHRA about issues like this. Cllr Marlow will email the appropriate people and ask for follow up on these points.
- **9. T2K bus campaign:** The initial request for a direct bus from Twickenham to Kingston has been rejected however Cllr Marlow thinks it should be reconsidered. Charles Owens has written to the Informer to challenge inaccurate reporting on the issue.
- **10. Planning update:** Mike said that nothing significant had been lodged. There appears to be no objections from residents regarding the application for a new hall at St James's school.
- 11. St Mary's University College liaison group: Mike reported that there have been two meetings since March, one in April and one last Friday. Another travel survey for staff and students will take place in September. The suggested improvement in travel patterns is a long way from being achieved and there are some issues with the data which Mike is working on. The new Sports Hall is due for completion at the end of July. When it is in full use, by students and the public, an assessment of the impact on traffic and parking will need to be completed. The proposed re-cycling area will now be split up and dealt with across the site. Hazardous materials will be contained within the main building.

There has been no complaint about student behaviour since Christmas. There were many complaints about noise relating to the very loud music at the students' end of term party but the college said the noise levels met Health & Safety guidelines. They will look at arrangements in future to attempt to minimise noise.

The college has received a letter relating to security during its use as an Olympic training venue. It is believed that teams from Ireland, China and South Africa will be accommodated. The response from the College's Head of Sport was very general and not satisfactory. Mike will contact Prof Esler to discuss residents concerns. Charles Owens said that the Borough

Police were involved in Olympic planning. He also raised the issue of road closures for the cycle races.

- **12. Music and Fun Day:** Bruce, Clare, Pam, Robert, John and Ros Armstrong and John Naish are available to help on the day.
- 13. Any other business: Clare asked if Charles Owens would report back from the Police Liaison Group. He replied yes, and referred to the current report which highlighted the theft of spare wheels from certain cars. There have also been 'walk in' thefts from garages and theft from unlocked cars. The Safer Neighbourhood teams are trained to give Crime Prevention advice. Surgeries are still happening and there will be a briefing on 22nd June from the Chief Superintendant about the future of Policing in London following budget cuts. College wardens at SMUC have led to a reduction in complaints about student behaviour. The Richmond Police and Metropolitan Police websites will be mentioned in the SHRA bulletin. John A queried the replacement of lamp posts in Upper Grotto Road as he did not understand why money was being spent on this. Cllr Marlow explained that there is a planned programme for replacement as there is a failure rate of 27% for old posts.

14. Date of next meeting: September 5th 2011

The meeting closed at 9:20pm