

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT

Bruce Duff	Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird	Peter Lamb
Eugene Bacot	Jackie Rowley
Mike Allsop	Lyndon Law
Charles Owens	Julia Fiehn
Cllr Marlow	

Also attending: John Addicott, LBRuT Community Links Coordinator

1. Apologies for absence: Robert Youngs

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 8 July 2013. An amendment to the wording of point 8 was agreed. Once this is made Bruce will sign a copy.

3. Matters arising: None

4. Community and Police Partnership: Charles said that the next meeting of the Police Liaison Group will be held on 19 September. A change in priorities has meant concentrating on road safety issues (including cycling and parking) instead of vehicle crime. There is a move to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Strawberry Hill and Charles will pursue this. There has been a Police crackdown on vehicles without insurance etc. The new policing model starts this month with one PC and one CSO per ward supported by a group who are mobile. Numbers of bicycle thefts in the area are still high. Illegal street collectors are an issue – all of them should have proper authority. The next Police Board meeting is 29 October and Neighbourhood Watch on 8 October.

5. Treasurers report: Cathy presented the report and said that the increase in income is from subscriptions and advertising. The cost of printing the bulletin was higher this time because of the need for a page to be re-printed.

Treasurer's Report 2nd September 2013

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 8 th July 2013	£6,542.53
Balance today	<u>£6,542.53</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 8 th July 2013	£2,070.68
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Add income:

Subs and donations	188.00	
Advertising	374.85	
Total		£562.85
Deduct expenditure:		
Printing	677.00	
Total		(£677.00)
Net cash increase / (decrease)		(£114.15)
Balance today		<u>£1956.53</u>

6. SHRA Notice Board and planters: Pam has researched replacement Notice Boards and one can be sourced for about £400. Bruce will contact Network Rail about fixing. Planters – the ‘Garden Guerillas’ have offered to plant them for a cost of up to £250. It was agreed that this should go ahead. Bruce circulated some more design ideas from David Robinson for a replacement for the large planter. The committee asked for cost estimates for this.

7. Bulletin 153: Eugene asked for story ideas. Copy should be given to him by mid October. A discussion took place about advertising cost and the size of the bulletin but no changes were proposed.

8. Community Liaison: John Addicott introduced himself and told the group about Question Time with the Council Leader on 17 September regarding Twickenham town centre re-development. John explained his role as Community Links Coordinator and how he works with local businesses and organisations to make things happen locally and to share information. John arranges events across the borough to bring local people and groups together and is proposing a ‘Your Strawberry Hill’ event to be held at Strawberry Hill Golf Club on 17 October. John would like to work with SHRA and the Fortescue Park Residents Association to organise the event. He asked for someone on the Committee to work with him on this. John then left the meeting.

9. Planning: Mike said that there hasn’t been anything significant. SMUC has submitted a proposal for a mobile floodlight to be positioned close to Waldegrave Road. This had not been mentioned to the Liaison group. Radnor House School has been given approval for the development on land behind St Catherine’s school subject to restrictions based on the sensitivity of the site. No decision has been made on their expansion plans. MKG have re-applied for their development. Bruce said that the trees in the garden funded by SHRA may need to be removed. Pam suggested that we should get independent advice on this. The new application for alterations to the roof at 1 – 12 Wigley Lane has been turned down based on its overbearing height and impact on neighbouring properties. Mike said that in view of this decision it was unlikely that any further application would be approved.

10. SMUC liaison: The next meeting will be held in October. Mike said that nothing has been done about removing the two notice boards yet despite agreement that this would happen.

11. Traffic and parking: Cllr Marlow will follow up all the issues previously raised by SHRA.

12. Christmas Event Friday 13 December: Pam asked committee members if they would do the same preparatory tasks that they did last year. Eugene will approach a 'personality' to open the event.

13. Any other business: Numerous complaints have been made about excessive noise from the work on the railway in the early hours of last Sunday morning. Residents were given no notice and the work went on all night. Cathy will draft a letter to Network Rail to be sent on behalf of SHRA.

The Twitter account will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 11 November. Meetings will then be moved to Wednesday evening.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm