MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 7th MARCH 2011

PRESENT Bruce Duff John Armstrong

Eugene Bacot Clare Phelps
Pam Crisp Mike Allsop
John Naish Robert Youngs

Bruce chaired the meeting

1. Apologies: John Naish, Teresa Read, Cllr Marlow, Cllr Head

- **2. Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 17th January 2011 were agreed and Bruce signed a copy.
- 3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising.
- **4. Treasurers report:** John Naish was unable to supply a report as the books are with the auditor.
- **5. Planning update:** Mike reported on the plans for the Gifford House site. He said that the building was sympathetic to the area but there was a query on the proposed brick finish that had been suggested at the public meeting. Mike will write on behalf of SHRA to suggest a return to the original render finish. He will also query the small number of parking spaces. There is no update on the application from MKG for a Volvo sign. John A suggested writing to Volvo to register our concern. Eugene will draft a letter.

Robert commented on the building that has started in Pope's Avenue in the garden of a house in Walpole Avenue. There are concerns over access and the danger and inconvenience to road users.

Bruce raised the proposal for a Rotary sign outside the Golf Club. The committee was against the proposal and Bruce will pass the comments on.

Robert suggested inviting Cllr Head to a special meeting to discuss travel and transport issues in the area.

- **6. SMUC liaison group:** Mike said that the next meeting of the group is scheduled for the beginning of April.
- **7. Bulletin 145:** Robert had circulated an initial draft and he and Eugene had some suggestions for changes to this. All advertisers have been confirmed and a list will be sent to John N for the invoices to be raised.
- **8. Station and SHRA Notice Board:** Bruce said that re-cladding of the stairways is now finished and painting will start when the weather improves. The notice board has been moved and now needs to be 'spruced up'. Robert will send copies of the notices to Clare and Pam who will arrange for them to be laser printed.
- **9. Repairs to wall by Wine shop:** Bruce said that SHRA should not pursue this at the moment as MKG have said that they will arrange for the wall to be repaired and the posts replaced.

- **10. Community and Police partnership meetings:** SHRA will no longer attend the borough wide meetings but Clare will continue to go to the local ones. These will be advertised in the bulletin.
- **11. AGM:** Bruce has booked the room in the Golf Club for 11th April. A notice will be put in the bulletin. Bruce will organise the wine and Clare will ask the college to do the printing. Robert will chair the AGM in Bruce's absence.
- **12. Any other business:** Eugene raised the issue of the large boxes that BT is intending to install for broadband. He was not aware of any planning applications.

Clare said that the Music and Fun day date is June 26th. She is concerned about the layout following recent developments in the Strawberry Hill House gardens.

Clare said that 136 copies of the history book have been sold since it was re-printed. John A said that the meeting with other local associations about Council Tax charges will go ahead on Monday 4th April. He will report back to SHRA.

Robert mentioned the Windsor Line passenger group. He will find out more to see if it is relevant to us.

Pam reported that cheques had now been received from the council for the Autumn Adopt-asite payment and for the Christmas tree and lights.

13. Date of next meeting: AGM April 11th 2011 June 6th 2011

The meeting closed at 9:10pm