MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Bruce Duff Cathy Bird Peter Lamb Charles Owens David Cornwell Pam Crisp Julia Fiehn

1. Apologies for absence: Mike Allsop, Lyndon Law

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 15 July 2015 were agreed and Bruce signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: David asked if there was any update from Lyndon regarding maintenance of the area around the planter as a resident had spoken to him about its poor appearance. Pam will email Lyndon to find out if he has had a response. David will get a quote from a gardener for clearance of the area.

4. Bulletin 159: Julia circulated a list of ideas for content and asked for copy to be sent to her by the end of October.

5. Bulletin advertising: Julia is contacting regular advertisers to confirm that they wish to continue in the next issue. Cathy will deal with the invoicing.

6. Planning: Mike sent the following update via email

New Applications since the last meeting:

1. No. 37, 39 and 41 Strawberry Vale (Application 15/1796) -- this involves the demolition of a detached house and one half of a pair of semi's of 1930/40's typical design on the river side of Strawberry Vale to be replaced by a modernist design pair of semis. There are now four objections on file from immediate neighbours who feel the design is out of keeping with the area.

2. 17A Tower Road (Application 15/2911) -- demolition of a bungalow on a small plot towards the river end of the road which was the subject of a similar failed application a year or two ago. The bungalow is undistinguished and the proposed detached house replacement looks far more in keeping with the street scene. It has understandably received strong objections from its two immediate neighbours who will undoubtedly be more overlooked and lose some light. Short of an issue of community interest being raised there is no case for us to get involved.

3. 50 Waldegrave Park (Applications 15/2971 and 15/2974) -- despite already having approval for two large semis with basements and been refused a subsequent application for two detached houses the saga continues. The applicant has now appealed the refusal for two detached houses and simultaneously submitted these two new applications for a pair of semis, the only difference from the earlier approved semis being one of the pair being slightly bigger. These new applications appear to be a tactical move to enhance the chance of establishing acceptable building lines as a precursor for new detached applications should the appeal fail. SHRA has submitted objections to the two new applications and written to the appeal inspector confirming our continuing opposition to the detached houses.

4. Ice Rink (Application 15/3525) -- application along similar lines to last year to run for 7 weeks over the Chrismas/New Year period at Strawberry Hill House. Having just got back from holiday I have not had a chance to look at this in any detail but I note the website currently notes only one objector (a Michelham Garden resident who has also contacted us to ask what stance SHRA are taking) and 20 supporters. It is early days and I suspect there will be some more objectors as well as more supporters. If there are significant concerns raised by residents we will clearly need to treat these seriously as we did last year.

Progress on Other Applications previously reported

1. 27 Popes Grove (Application 15/2342) -- Demolition and rebuild of detached house. No objections recorded on website. Currently being assessed by planners.

2. MKG Tower Road (Application 14/5039) -- new build flat over workshop entrance. No objections on file. Currently being assessed by planning. (Despite trying I have not managed to get to speak to Stefan to get an update regarding the departures from approved plans on the shop rebuild.)

3. Wigley (Application 14/3514) - applicant has appealed against the refusal of application for a one bedroom house over the entrance to Wigley. SHRA have written to the appeal inspector confirming our continuing objections to the proposal.

7. SMU liaison: Peter said that there was nothing to report and he is still awaiting a date for the next meeting. A Police Partnership meeting is scheduled for tomorrow and Peter will raise the issue of the danger of speeding cars on Waldegrave Road.

8. Safer Neighbourhoods: Charles has attended two executive meetings and a board meeting. Money has been allocated to youth and inter-faith projects. Police Liaison Group – it is proposed that South Twickenham and Twickenham riverside should merge as crime levels in the area are very low. Charles said that despite this, we should support the maintenance of police numbers in the area.

9. Treasurers report:

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 15 th July 2015 Balance today	£5,552.76 £5,552.76
Current Account:	
Balance at the time of the last meeting on 15 th July 2015	£1,881.90
Add income:	
LBRuT (Civic Pride Fund) Advertising Subscriptions	500.00 124.95 8.00
Total income	£632.95

Deduct expenditure:

	235.75 206.00
Total expenditure	£441.75
Net cash increase / (decrease)	£191.20
Balance today	<u>£2073.10</u>

10: Any other business: Peter said that he has received the new base for the sun-dial and is just waiting for another screw. Members discussed the possibility of locating the sun-dial in the children's' play area in Radnor Gardens. Pam will contact Cllr. Head about this suggestion and Charles, Bruce and Peter will visit the site to confirm suitability.

David reminded everyone about the invitation to the Pope's Grotto launch event at 10:30am on Saturday 26 September.

11. Date of next meeting: 11 November 2015

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

SHRA 50th Picnic

Income

Civic Pride Fund	500.00	
Total income		£500.00
Expenditure		
TEN Event insurance	21.00 231.99	
Brass Band	400.00	
Sun dial Concrete base Brass plaque	359.99 80.00* 84.00*	
Pony Magic	345.00	
Flowers	15.00*	
PA system	42.00*	
Printing & sundries	26.84	
Total expenditure		£1,605.82
Cost to SHRA		£1,105.82

* not yet deducted from SHRA account, 15.7.15