

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT

Pam Crisp	Mike Allsop
Peter Lamb	Julia Fiehn
Cathy Bird	Charles Owens,
Teresa Read	Bruce Duff
Lyndon Law	Cllr Porter

1. Apologies for absence: Robert Youngs, Cllr Marlow

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 12 November 2014 were agreed and Bruce signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: Christmas Event. This was deemed a success and £268 was collected for charity. It was agreed that a PA system would be sourced for next year and that Helen Astrid would form a small choir to rehearse in advance.

4. Bulletin 157: Robert had circulated a list of content via email. Peter has interviewed George Kerpner and others for his Hunt for Heroes feature and also has the piece on Marcia Hughes the artist. Julia has met with June Turner and will do an article on the SHRA 50th anniversary but with a different focus to the 40th feature. Peter will contact Tony Beckles-Wilson. Teresa has supplied a piece on The Ice Rink. An appeal for volunteers for the committee will be included.

5. Bulletin advertising: Julia has sourced one new advertiser and asked committee members to let her know if they could think of any other potential advertisers as she is finding it difficult to generate any more interest.

6. Planning: Mike reported that very little has happened since the last meeting. An application has been lodged for the building of a new house in Poulett Gardens next to an existing semi. 50 Waldegrave Park - the developer now wants to put basements in the pair of semi-detached properties. 3 objections have been made and Mike thinks there may be more. 159 Heath Road - the application remains under review. 47 Strawberry Vale - still no progress. The Wigley application was refused on all grounds. Some complaints have been made regarding the Ice Rink but these are relatively minor compared to the original concerns of residents. The council have been monitoring noise levels etc and have found no issue.

7. SMU liaison: There was a meeting in mid-December. The vice-chancellor will not attend the meetings routinely and the Head of Student Services attended the last one. Behaviour is generally better but there are still some complaints. Travel survey results are way behind schedule. Some complaints have been made about the conduct of runners on the pavement. External signage continues to be an issue. Poles on Waldegrave Road remain in place but they are not being used. A deadline has been given for their removal. The university has employed another 60 staff since last September and is a major employer in Strawberry Hill.

8. Community and Police partnership: Charles said that the next Safer Neighbourhood ward meeting would be on 27 January in York House. South Twickenham Police Liaison meeting will

be on 19 March in May Road. Charles will be stepping down as chair. There were few issues to report apart from speeding and traffic. Peter commented on speeding traffic on Waldegrave Road. Meetings have been held to discuss Rugby World Cup related events and policing matters. The council contact for this is Andrew Darvill. St Mary's will be hosting some teams. Statistics indicate that anti-social behaviour has decreased since the University increased patrols. There have been some incidents on local buses with one leading to an arrest.

9. SHRA 50th Anniversary: Bruce has found out that the Kneller Hall band do not attend events between May and July. He has found a Fulham brass band that is available and will charge £400. He suggested a bouncing castle and roundabout could be sourced and people should be encouraged to bring picnics. A PA system and insurance will be needed. May 17 was agreed as a suitable date. Charles will find out if the Scouts' marquee is available. We will need to get formal permission from the council.

Charles has found suitable space in the gardens for the sun-dial. He circulated some suggested designs with a maximum cost of £500.

10. AGM 2015: April 22 was the agreed date. Bruce will book the Golf Club.

11: Treasurers report:

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 12 November 2014	£6,549.42
Balance today	<u>£6,550.56</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 12 November 2014	£1,697.34
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Add income:

Subscriptions	348.00
Carol singing	268.87
Donations (Mallard Place)	100.00

Total income	£716.87
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Deduct expenditure:

Printing	548.00
Refreshments, decs	29.81

Total expenditure	(£577.81)
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	£139.06
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Balance today

£1,836.40

Cathy said that £268 was collected at the Carol event. It was agreed that a cheque for £300 would be presented to SHOCC at the AGM. Mallard Place residents association sent SHRA a donation of £100 in recognition of the work we do. Cathy has written a letter of thanks.

The annual accounts will be presented at the AGM. Cathy will ask John Naish to verify the accounts as they do not need to be formally audited.

Julia asked if any other standing orders had been raised on the account. Cathy said that the bank has agreed not to proceed with anything without her consent and that she is still trying to set up internet banking.

12: Any other business: Pam reported that, following much effort including a request for help from Vince Cable, something has finally been done about the derelict building on the station platform that has had a dead pigeon in the window for months.

Bruce introduced David Cornwell, Chairman of Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust. The Trust is hopeful that progress can be made with preservation of the Grotto. David Paton the head teacher of Radnor House School is supportive and David Cornwell is trying to get support from other organisations like SHRA. The committee agreed unanimously to support the project and Bruce will write a letter confirming this.

13. Date of next meeting: 11 March 2015

The meeting closed at 9:20pm