

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT

Mike Allsop	Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird	Julia Fiehn
Peter Lamb	Teresa Read
David Cornwell	Charles Owens
Cllr Marlow	

David started the meeting with a few moments of silence in memory of Clare Phelps and Tony Beckles-Wilson who both died recently

1. Apologies for absence: Lyndon Law, Claire Tomlins, Gill Litherland, Cllr Head.

Declaration of interest: Julia and David - Pope's Grotto. Teresa – Twickenham Alive Radnor Gardens Ice Rink.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 9 September 2016 were agreed following rewording of Item 8 as suggested by Mike. Pam will re-circulate and give David an amended copy to sign.

3. Matters arising: Peter asked if there had been any update on the proposed speed check in Waldegrave Road. Cllr Marlow will ask for this information.

4. Bulletin 162: A draft copy was circulated. The chairman thanked Julia for all her work on this issue and Julia asked for comments to be sent to her by tomorrow. Julia will put a box on the front about the Christmas event and will re-size the item on page 5 to raise awareness.

5. Bulletin advertising: Julia said we have a new advertiser Live Edge Designs and added that we could increase to 8 in total. Advertising charges will be reviewed in the New Year.

6. SHRA carol event 9 December: Pam said that arrangements have been made for the tree in Wellesley Parade and for the electricity supply. Mike will confirm that we do not need any road closure this year. Cathy has contacted Marcus and Michael about arrangements for December 9. They will provide all the refreshments and arrange licences. Peter will contact the Mayor's office with an invitation. Mike is waiting for a response from St Mary's about a choir. The collection will be donated to Pope's Grotto restoration. Pam will ask Lyndon to create a poster. Julia confirmed that she had 60 carol sheets left from last year.

7. Away day progress update: David suggested that we should get the planter re-planted in memory of Clare. Pam and David will pursue this. Still no communication from Network Rail about the work on the platform 1 buildings. The committee agreed to the replacement of the damaged notice board door. Pam will progress this.

8. Planning: Mike said there was nothing new to report.

MKG have received retrospective approval for changes made that were not in the agreed plan. Their application for a second flat has been withdrawn.

The Radnor Gardens ice rink application is being assessed. A large number of objections had been lodged alongside an even larger number of letters of support. Noise, traffic, parking potential damage to the gardens and light pollution were some of the reasons for objections.

Signed

Date

The committee agreed that the decision should rest with the planning department and the council.

40a Strawberry Hill Road – an appeal has been submitted.

6 Vicarage Road – application still being assessed.

Mike will send an update regarding the Waldegrave Park extension application.

9. SMU liaison group: The article on page 4 of the bulletin summarises the current situation. Growth in student numbers is likely to be 5% per year with a larger growth in staff numbers. Off-site development of student accommodation is a possibility. Mike said that two meetings were now overdue. Cllr Marlow said that council officers and councillors will be attending a meeting with the University in a couple of weeks. He will update SHRA on the outcome.

10. Safer Neighbourhoods: Charles said that Neighbourhood Watch is expanding in Strawberry Hill and South Twickenham. There have been several instances of burglars targeting the rear of properties in Strawberry Hill during the afternoon. The latest in Queen Anne's Close was using the same method of forced entry. Similar events have occurred in Pope's Grove and Orford Gardens.

11. Treasurer's report:

Cathy circulated a report up to the last statement on 12 October. Income is as usual but expenses have increased because of the timing of invoices.

The committee agreed to a new bank mandate that will include David and Peter as signatories.

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 September 2016	£5,556.65
Balance today	<u>£5,557.63</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 September 2016	£1,638.29
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Add income:

Subscriptions	£285.00
Advertising	£374.85

Total income	£659.85
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Deduct expenditure:

Thames Landscaping	£360.00
Strawberry Hill Golf Club (AGM 27 April)	£205.50
Stag Printing	£548.00
Radnor Cafe (2 Sept 2016)	£105.00
Event insurance (9 Dec 2016)	£209.00

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Total expenditure	(£1427.50)
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£767.65)
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Balance today	<u>£870.64</u>
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12. Any other business: Meeting dates for 2017 were agreed with a change of start time to 6:30pm. David said the bus shelter on Waldegrave Road had still not been replaced. Members commented about the number of heavy lorries that are using local narrow roads. Peter asked about enforcement of the 20mph speed limit. Teresa said traffic monitoring is now in place on Pope's Avenue. A street scene notice has been issued in relation to growth of plants over the pavements in the road.

13. Date of next meeting: 25 January 2017 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm

Signed

Date