## MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016

PRESENT Lyndon Law David Cornwell

Mike Allsop Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird Julia Fiehn
Teresa Read Claire Tomlins

1. Apologies for absence: Bruce Duff, Peter Lamb, Charles Owens.

David chaired the meeting in Bruce and Peter's absence.

- **2. Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 27 January 2016 were agreed and David signed a copy.
- **3. Matters arising:** The music event held by Helen Astrid was well attended and very enjoyable.
- **4. Bulletin 160:** Julia and Lyndon were thanked for their work on this issue. It was agreed that the sentence about the AGM should be amended to include reference to the election of the committee and the revision of the constitution.
- **5. AGM:** The committee will be formally elected at the meeting. Bulletin distributors will be given a specific invitation. Mike will ask the University to copy the papers and Pam will invite Nick Dolan to the meeting.
- **6. Planning:** Mike said that the 17a Tower Road application is still being assessed. A letter has been sent to the planners about 40a Strawberry Hill Road flagging concerns of local residents. An application has been submitted by Strawberry Hill House regarding trees. Pam will find out about the detail.
- **7. SMU liaison:** no meeting this term. It has not been possible to arrange the March meeting yet.
- 8. Safer Neighbourhoods: Charles sent a report via email:

South Twickenham now shares a sergeant with Riverside rather than West Twickenham. Crime rates in the SHRA area remain very low.

Further to research through interviewing burglars: The best deterrents are alarms, followed by dogs, people obviously on premises, and the noise of a TV/Radio within premises. NHW signs are also on the list of deterrents to criminals.

The new police NHW leader is Inspector Karen Duckworth, who is very experienced and has been working hard already to improve communication with NHW coordinators. Three NHW leads for Richmond, Teddington and Twickenham (me) are now active on the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime has launched a "Crime Dashboard" which allows all members of the public to access a wide range of London crime figures and trends via the internet. Some SNB officers have higher password protected access as they have been trained to interpret the more complicated figures.

Richmond Borough has the lowest rate per 1000 population for crimes involving violence and the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest for all crime. There was a significant spike in certain crimes during the Rugby World Cup, e.g. pick pockets.

**9. Treasurers report:** Cathy said there was very little to report. John Naish is checking the accounts in preparation for the AGM.

Invoices for the Christmas tree and garden work are still outstanding.

## **Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> January	£5,554.70
Balance today	£5,554.70

## **Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January £1,915.32

Add income:

Subscriptions 75.00

Total income £75.00

Deduct expenditure:

CWCS web hosting	47.98
Strawberry Hill Trust	250.00

Total expenditure (297.98)

Net cash increase / (decrease) (£222.98)

Balance today £1692.34

**10. Constitution review and 5 year plan:** David, Pam and Charles met to review the constitution against recommended guidelines. Following discussion, it was agreed that the group would meet again with Mike joining them to reconsider some further potential changes. The 5 year plan will be considered at the July meeting following an 'away day' in May to discuss ideas.

**11. Any other business:** Julia said that Pope's Grotto will be open to the public on 11, 18, and 25 June. She asked for volunteers to help on those days.

Mike asked about the sundial. David will ask Peter to pursue this with MKG. David drew attention to the Twickenham riverside action group. This will be mentioned at the AGM.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm