

## MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2019

#### PRESENT

David Cornwell	Pam Crisp
Mike Allsop	Peter Lamb
Julia Fiehn	Andrew Miller
Cathy Bird	Neil Coburn
Jeremy Thomas	June Collins
Cllr Bennett	

**1. Apologies for absence:** Sam Kamleh, Teresa Read, Siobhan Oktay.

**Declaration of interest:** As previously declared.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:** agreed and David signed a copy.

**3. Matters arising:** Pam has updated the website page headers to reflect the changes made to the bulletin. Jeremy asked about issues raised in the Community Conversation. Main discussion points were the 20mph consultation and TFL's proposed changes to bus routes. The Strawberry Hill CPZ implementation will start on 11 February with full implementation beginning on 1 March.

**4. Bulletin 169:** Julia circulated a list of suggested content. This was agreed with some minor changes and a suggestion to include a note on the immediate impact of the CPZ implementation.

**5. Bulletin advertising:** At least two more advertisers are needed. Payments are outstanding from Mercury Motors and MKG.

**6. Christmas event 2018:** The event was successful with about 50 residents and the mayor and mayoress attending. However, it was disappointing that more children didn't come to decorate the tree. It was agreed that we would arrange a similar event this year. Just over £100 was collected in donations. This will be shared between Spear and the Pope's Grotto restoration appeal.

**7. Planning:** The Strawberry Hill House marquee application has been withdrawn and a new one submitted with a decision due on 29 January. The marquee will be removed by the end of February and no complaints have been lodged.

An application to remove a tree at 33 Strawberry Hill Road has been approved.

St Catherine's school have submitted an application to install an all weather surface on their playing field. Mike circulated a draft response to the proposed development on land that formed part of Alexander Pope's garden. Members agreed that this should be sent.

**8. SMU liaison group:** A meeting was held in December. Freshers' weeks were noisy resulting in a number of complaints from neighbours. Changes are being considered for this year. Since then it has been much quieter. The university has made no progress with the development plans. Groups of runners on pavements are still causing concern to residents. No board minutes have been posted on the website since April 2017. A Freedom of Information request will be submitted if they don't appear soon. Heavy vehicles have continued to use the side

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entrance by the tennis hall running over tree roots. The group was told that the issue is being dealt with by the University.

**9. Treasurers report:** Cathy pointed out that subscriptions had increased significantly following the note in the last bulletin. The draft annual report tabled reflects the increase in donations compared to last year. Advertising revenue is lower as some payments are still outstanding. Two AGM payments are included in 2018. Net income has increased compared to last year. The accounts will now go to the auditor. David thanked Cathy for her work. Andrew asked a question about the timing of annual subscription payments. Following discussion it was agreed that in future the subscription form would be featured on the front page of the first bulletin of the year but then moved to the back page.

(Statement 264, 12 January 2019)

**Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 November 2018	£4,562.92
Balance today	<b><u>£4,565.20</u></b>

**Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 November 2018	<b>£1931.03</b>
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Add income:

Subscriptions & donations	£862.76
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£863.76</b>

Deduct expenditure:

TEN	£21.00
Website	£13.19
Printing	£786.00
Summer party drinks	£40.00
Christmas baubles and refreshments	£43.20
Christmas carols insurance	£60.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£963.39</b>

Net cash increase / (decrease)	<b>(£100.63)</b>
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<b>Balance today</b>	<b><u>£1,830.40</u></b>
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**10: Councillors update:** David welcomed Cllr Bennett who said that he had circulated an update regarding Rochester House and bin storage which, if actioned, could solve the litter problems on the footpath by the station. The broken fence at the re-cycling site had still not been repaired and the fence has fallen onto the cycle racks. Cllr Bennett was asked to follow this up again. He said there is no date yet for the result of consultation on 20 mph speed limits or Conservation Area changes.

**11. Group subscriptions and income generation:** Pam will ask Siobhan Oktay for a list of local residents groups. A small group (David, Pam, Julia, Peter and Cathy) will meet to progress this and discuss ideas for approaching local businesses.

**12. Any other business:** Andrew said that the next FoRG meeting is scheduled for February. Following the closure of the cafe it is understood that five existing cafe operators have expressed interest. Interviews will be held early in February with a view to opening at the beginning of March. 24 April or 1 May were suggested as SHRA AGM dates. Cathy will contact the Golf Club.

**13. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm

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