

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT

Bruce Duff	David Cornwell
Mike Allsop	Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird	Julia Fiehn
Charles Owens	Claire Tomlins
Cllr Porter	Cllr Head

1. Apologies for absence: Peter Lamb, Lyndon Law, Cllr Marlow.

Bruce welcomed Claire Tomlins to her first meeting and members introduced themselves

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 11 November 2015. Mike asked for some changes to the wording of point 7. Pam will circulate an amended copy and get one signed by Bruce.

3. Matters arising: None

4. Bulletin 160: Julia circulated a list of copy and asked members to send their contributions to her by Feb 14.

5. Christmas event: The event was successful and £191 was collected for the Peacock Appeal. Members agreed that this should be rounded up to £250 from SHRA funds and a cheque presented to Nick Smith before he leaves Strawberry Hill. It was disappointing that the decorations on the lower half of the tree mostly disappeared after about a week. Bruce suggested that we should consider having the event on Saturday afternoon in future.

6. Planning: Mike said that the Wigley proposal had been rejected at appeal.

50 Waldegrave Park -- the appeal was rejected. A further appeal lodged after Christmas has been withdrawn.

27 Pope's Grove – the application for a replacement house has been approved

17a Tower Road – this has been assessed.

37/39 Strawberry Vale – the application has been withdrawn.

7. SMU liaison: no meeting.

8. Safer Neighbourhoods: Charles (Safer Neighbourhood co-chair) said that crime in the area is down by 19.7%. The Mayor's office has introduced an on-line dashboard showing crime figures. Neighbourhood Watch – a new inspector has taken over and packs have been sent to Police Liaison Groups. It is hoped that the initiative will expand to other areas. A single point of contact has been introduced for coordinators and a Seminar will be held on 25 February at 6:30pm. Charles said there has been a rise in the number of complaints about Police and Police staff in the borough as a whole.

9. Treasurers report: Cathy said the £250 cheque will be presented to Nick Smith on Friday. Invoices for the Christmas tree and the garden clearance are outstanding.

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 11 November 2015	£5,553.73
Balance today	<u>£5,554.70</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 11 November 2015	£1,435.10
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Add income:

Subscriptions	461.00
Carol singing	191.50
Sales	5.00
Advertising	389.90
LBRuT	120.00

Total income	£1167.40
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Deduct expenditure:

Printing	548.00
Electricity	28.23
Refreshments	105.01
Christmas tree baubles	5.94

Total expenditure	(£687.18)
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	£480.22
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Balance today	<u>£1915.32</u>
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10: AGM 2016: The date was confirmed as 20 April. David agreed to take over as Chair when Bruce leaves the committee. Bulletin distributors will receive a specific invitation and will be thanked for their work.

11. Constitution review and 5 year plan: David will chair a small working group to consider this before the AGM.

12. Any other business: Members discussed a letter from Helen Astrid about an event she is holding. A notice about the event will be put in the SHRA notice board. Cllr Head said that two local business men will be taking over the running of the cafe in Radnor Gardens and it should open just before Easter. The Friends of Radnor Gardens AGM will be held on Monday 18 April at 6:30pm followed by a quiz at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm