



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018 AT 7.30pm STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB

PRESENT

Chairman	David Cornwell
Vice-chairman	Peter Lamb
Treasurer	Cathy Bird
Secretary	Pam Crisp
Committee members	Julia Fiehn Teresa Read Mike Allsop Andrew Miller
Ward Councillor	Cllr David Porter
Residents	20+ present

APOLOGIES

Committee members	Charles Owens,
Ward Councillors	Cllr Marlow, Cllr Head

David Cornwell welcomed everyone to the AGM of SHRA. Minutes of last year's AGM, 26 April 2017, were approved. This was proposed by Michael Hutchinson, seconded by June Collins and residents voted in favour.

Chairman's report – David Cornwell

David outlined SHRA's activities during the last year.

- 3 bulletins were produced and delivered to residents. David thanked Julia Fiehn the editor for her work securing advertisers and preparing the bulletin for printing.
- The Strawberry Hill Village Plan was adopted following a lot of local consultation. The plan includes proposals for improvements to the village centre which were produced by local architect and resident Sam Kamleh. SHRA committee members were involved in consultation with St Mary's University regarding their Vision 25 and expansion plans. Priorities have changed for the university and they now intend to concentrate on improving existing buildings. A supplementary planning document for the site will not be produced. SHRA will continue to meet quarterly with St Mary's and will keep a close eye on their plans.
- Consultation on extension to the CPZ in roads close to the Green closed in mid March. Cllr Porter gave an update from his recent meeting with Mick Potter who said that feed back is being processed but results will not be published until after the local elections.
- We hear that there is still no plan to invest in and let the buildings on platform 1 at the station, SHRA will continue to pursue Network Rail and South Western Railways
- SHRA supported Radnor Gardens in their successful application to the Village Planning fund to finance the building of a pergola at the cafe. We were disappointed that poor weather led to a small turnout at our summer event and to the cancellation of carol singing in the gardens.
- The chairman encouraged people to continue to subscribe to SHRA and explained how we use the funds to improve our local area – for example by improving and maintaining the planter near MKG. David thanked Sally Cornwell for her work on the planter.

Andrew Miller then gave a brief update on the results of the survey that residents had completed before the start of the meeting. 50% of responses suggested increasing the subscription to £10. A resident asked how many people currently subscribe. The treasurer said about 300 pay currently out of a potential 2,400 households. There were suggestions about setting up a Face book page and a door knocking exercise to engage residents and collect subscriptions.

Treasurers Report – Cathy Bird

Cathy thanked John Naish for verifying the accounts. She said that SHRA remains in good financial health but noted that the balance is gradually decreasing but noted there is anomaly with the timing of grant payments from LBRuT. We need to increase the amount and the number of residents subscribing and review advertising rates. Bulletin costs have increased as we are paying for professional layout services prior to printing. The £55 shown as a current liability is a payment made into our account whose source cannot be traced.

David thanked Cathy for her work as Treasurer. He also thanked St. Mary's University for printing the AGM papers for tonight's meeting.

Election of SHRA committee

Following the revised constitution, it was noted that Mike Allsop, Cathy Bird, Pam Crisp, David Cornwell, Julia Fiehn, Peter Lamb and Teresa Read had been properly nominated to the committee. The following officers were appointed by the committee: David Cornwell as chairman, Peter Lamb as Vice Chairman, Pam Crisp as Secretary, Cathy Bird as Treasurer. Andrew Miller has joined the committee and Charles Owens and Lyndon Law have resigned. David thanked Charles and Lyndon for their contribution over a number of years and wished them both well.

Any Other Business

Andrew listed some of the events suggested in the survey responses. These include:

- SHRA quiz night
- Summer family BBQ
- Jazz evening in Radnor Gardens
- A special event for residents at Strawberry Hill House
- A child focussed event with the opportunity to raise money and meet other residents

Other responses were – increase subscriptions, better marketing e.g. Face book and encouraging donations. Three residents expressed an interest in joining the committee.

David concluded the business part of the meeting and invited Mike Cherry from Pope's Grotto Trust to talk to residents. Mike said that next year will be the 300th anniversary of Alexander Pope's arrival in Twickenham and a number of celebrations are planned. Restoration of the Grotto continues with further work planned following a Heritage Lottery Fund application. The Grotto is now open one day per month and a 3D 'reconstruction' of the villa and garden is being created.

David then welcomed Emily Pugh from Strawberry Hill House. Emily told residents that the annual Music & Fun Day will be on 29 July this year. The Lost Treasures Exhibition bringing back 150 items from Horace Walpole's collection will take place between October 2018 and February 2019. The House will be open 7 days a week with a late night on Friday. Tickets will be on sale later this week and more volunteers will be needed to support the increase in visitor numbers.

Sam Kamleh talked briefly about the plans for improvements to the village centre. Some of the ideas have been included in the Village Plan and, following a meeting with Mick Potter about the CPZ consultation, he has agreed to include us in consultation about any plans for implementation.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.