MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT: David Cornwell, Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, Richard Hudspith, Mike Allsop, Peter Lamb, Sharon Willoughby, Louisa Carradine, Cllr Butlin

1. Apologies for absence: June Collins, Sam Kamleh, Zoe Prindiville. Nicole Burston and Rachel Rowland have both indicated that they are unable to attend committee meetings because of work/family commitments but are keen to work with SHRA on holding family orientated events. No declarations of interest.

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

3. Matters arising: Sharon has activated Google Analytics to count the number of times the Bulletin is accessed on the website. Richard has made contact with the Friends of Twickenham Green.

4. Treasurer's Report, 15th September 2021

(Statement 300 12th August 2021)

Deposit Account: Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 th July 2021 Balance today	£4,079.06 <u>£4,079.06</u>
Current Account: Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 th July 2021	£582.58
Add income:	
Subscriptions & donations LBRUT Christmas Funding	£234 £500
Total income	£734
Deduct Expenditure	£3.62
Total expenditure	£3.62
Net cash increase / (decrease)	£730.38
Balance today	<u>£1312.96</u>

BANK ACCOUNT: (report via email)

June has received notification that, as from 1st November, HSBC will be changing communities accounts to charitable accounts and implementing charges of a £5 per month fee and various charges for transactions.

She has done some research and found that Nat West provides an account for associations without charges. Other banks which provide such accounts are not taking applications at this time. Therefore, June proposes moving our funds to a Nat West Account. Committee members agreed to this proposal.

5. SMU update: Peter and David met Anthony McClaran the Vice-Chancellor and Paul Bridge today. Peter reported that SMU are keen to liaise with SHRA and Anthony McClaran will attend the meetings each term. They confirmed that the previous Master Plan has now been shelved and any refurbishment will be within the existing footprint. SMU agreed to give SHRA advance notice of any proposed planning applications. SHRA agreed to promote community events held at the University. Students are returning, with up to 700 accommodated onto site. Freshers' week will take place and there will be a pop-up vaccination centre on campus. SHRA's objections to the advertising banners on the fence along Waldegrave Road were noted.

6. Planning: Mike reported that the application for a 5G mobile phone mast on Cross Deep was refused as the position was inappropriate. 31, Waldegrave Gardens – the retrospective application for works in the front garden that included deepening and extending the lightwell has been refused.

7. Environmental Policy update: Sharon said Habitats & Heritage are happy to work with us on the verge project. Sharon has been given a list of approved wild flowers and suggested that once we have agreement from the local authority, we should apply for a civic pride grant. The planter will be repainted when the hebe is removed and new bulbs will be purchased. Progress has been slow regarding the recycling site. It is unlikely that the bins will be removed completely but possible that the number of can and bottle bins could be reduced. It appears the bins are now being emptied more frequently but the site is not being cleaned. Andy mentioned that the plants along the river side at Radnor Gardens are very overgrown and are blocking the view of the river. Cllr Butlin said the river bank is the responsibility of the river authority.

8. AGM arrangements 29 September: Mike will ask SMU if they will print the papers.

9. Christmas tree and event: June has arranged insurance. The event insurance has been transferred as last year's was cancelled. New lights and decorations will be required as these were damaged last year.

10. Bulletin 175: Andy circulated a list of proposed content.

11: Councillors' update: Cllr Butlin said the proposal for improvements to cycling along Strawberry Vale were being progressed. There is a proposal for a pedestrian crossing at the Strawberry Hill end of Strawberry Vale. Peter asked about the success of the 20moh speed limit as speeding has increased along Waldegrave Road.

12. Any other business: David said he was sorry to see that the chemist in Wellesley Parade now has a grille at the front when closed. Andy said that he Peter and David will talk to Robert Youngs about a reprint of the history book.

13. Date of next meeting: 3 November 2021

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm