

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, Mike Allsop, Sharon Willoughby, June Collins, Louisa Carradine, Peter Lamb, Mary Hughes, Cathy Bird, Julia Fiehn, John Tjaardasta, Cllr Bennett, Siobhan Oktay.

Andy welcomed everyone to his first meeting as chair of SHRA and introduced new members,

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Zoe Prindiville, Sam Kamleh, Richard Hudspith.

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

3. Matters arising: Peter has circulated notes from his meeting with SMU. Louisa said that the planter will be painted and Sharon added that this will be done when the existing plants are removed.

4. Local issues: Cllr Bennett had nothing to report. Andy asked Cllr Bennett if he could find out why utility works are not coordinated and why advanced notice isn't given to residents. There is still no date for the implementation of the cycle corridor. A large number of Platinum Jubilee street parties are planned across the borough. Andy has met with Cllr Butlin to discuss a plan/vision for the village, SHRA will revisit the plan drawn up by Sam Kamleh some years ago.

5. Chair's issues: The AGM minutes were agreed. The benefit of the flyer seemed to be limited. Mary commented that publicity of the meeting seemed to be an issue and it was agreed that this was, mainly as a result of the ending of the paper bulletin. A notice in the Post Office was one idea raised.

Andy suggested that until we appoint a Vice-chair we should have a list of people who could chair a meeting in the absence of the chair. Mary has agreed to take over the Roads and Transport role and Cathy and Julia Events. Andy will discuss the Business liaison role with John. This leaves one vacancy on the committee.

Andy said that the next committee meeting would be at the British Legion on Pope's Grove with a 7:30pm start. He would like to develop a SHRA plan with objectives and actions. Sharon said it was important that we get across the message about SHRA being part of the community and working together. Julia thought we could use events to do that.

6. Treasurer's report: June circulated up to date accounts and subscription list.

18th May, 2022 (Statement 5-NatWest)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 3rd March, 2022

£4,000

Current balance including interest:

£4,000.32

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 3rd March, 2022

£1,562.11

Add income:

Signed

Date

Subscriptions	£282.95
Refund Starprint	£5.00
Bulletin delivery	£6.00
Donation LBRUT – Adopt a Site	£120.00
Total income	£413.95
Deduct Expenditure:	
Thames Landscaping (2021 Liability)	£500.00
Star Print	£78.52
Total expenditure	£578.52
Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£164.57)
Balance today	£1397.54

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

(Received from 28th January)

1ST March - £10.00
15th March - £25.00
1st April - £10.00
4th April - £10.00, £10.00
6th April - £10.00, £4.00
29th April - £10.00
3rd May - £3.00, £10.00, £10.00, £10.00, £5.00, £20.00
6th May - £5.00
10th May - £7.00, £10.00, £10.00, £8.95, £10.00, £10.00, £10.00, £20.00, £10.00, £5.00, £10.00, £20.00

7. Environmental update: Sharon confirmed that the seed and plant swap would go ahead on 21 May. Louisa said that, following a meeting with Sharon Wright and Roland Copley in November 2021, it was agreed that two can/bottle bins would be removed from the recycling site and that signage and the look of the bins would be improved. None of this has happened and communication over the issue has been difficult. Cllr Bennett agreed to follow this up with Louisa and Pam. Andy said that he would like to set up a litter picking strategy and would discuss this with Louisa.

8. Planning report: Mike said there was no decision over the 14 Waldegrave Park application. 31 Waldegrave Gardens is still ongoing with no detail on the website. There is a Waldegrave Park application for a basement expansion with air conditioning units at the front of the house. This will be monitored. Mike is also following up another issue where access is not in keeping with the planning application.

9. History and heritage report: Andy said the revised History of the Neighbourhood is now ready for printing. 200 copies will be ordered at a cost of £527 and they will be sold for £7.50. Peter and Andy have created a Strawberry Hill Heritage Trail and would like to develop this further.

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10: SMU & other associations: Peter said he was not aware of any issues with the University. The summer ball will be held on Friday 20 May. Notice has been given to Waldegrave Road residents but Peter will suggest that notice of these events should be to a wider area.

11. Bulletin 177: Andy said that Sam will continue to work on the layout of the Bulletin but may not be able to attend meetings. Cllr Bennett agreed to write the councillors' contribution.

12. Any other business: Cathy and Julia will coordinate organisation of the book launch to be held at Strawberry Hill House on 15 July. Writers, editors, advisors and the SHRA committee will be invited along with representatives from Strawberry Hill House and SMU.

A Teddy Bear's picnic will be planned for September in the grounds of Strawberry Hill House.

The Christmas carol singing will be held on 9 December.

June is doing a review of insurance with a view to taking out an annual policy to cover all events. A charity walk will also be considered.

Date of next meeting 6 July 2022

The meeting closed at 8:00 pm

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Date