

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY 2024

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Peter Lamb, Mary Hughes.
Residents attending Dany Mooney, Fiona Maxwell, Richard Hinwood.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Apologies Mike Allsop, Louisa Carradine, Sam Kamleh, John Tjaardstra. No declarations of interest.

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

3. Matters arising: Andrew will contact Cllr Bennett who has offered to talk to the Streetscape Team about pavement clutter and unsightly displays outside some of the local shops. The small bollard in Bonser Road which was a trip hazard has now been replaced by one that is much more visible. It was agreed that we do not have enough time to set up the promotional event that Mary suggested for this year but it is something we should consider in the future. Dany will contact a neighbour who may be able to help with updating the website.

4. Councillor's update: Andrew said that he had been told by Cllr Bennett that over 40 expressions of interest have been received for the tenancy of Radnor Gardens café. However, the selection process has been delayed

5. Chair's issues: Andrew said Pam had forwarded a request from Strawberry Hill House for help with displaying banners and posters to promote the House. It was decided that we should offer to display a small banner on the back of the bench on Wellesley Parade for a month and display their posters in the notice board. The updated SHRA History book has been proof read and a final edit should be ready to go the printer by the end of the week. The initial print run will be 150 copies. Andrew thanked the three residents for coming to the meeting and he outlined the SHRA committee recruitment plan. There are currently six vacancies including vice-chair and events coordinators. The AGM combined with social evening was a success and it was agreed we should do something similar next year but try a different evening e.g. Thursday in an attempt to increase attendance.

6. Treasurer's report: June said the financial situation was similar to last time.

15TH May 2024 (Up to 11th May, 2024)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17 th January, 2024	£4,062.40
Current balance including interest:	£4,071.60

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 6 th March, 2024	£3,584.79
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Add income:

Subscriptions:	£362
Bulletin	£5

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Book sales	£11
LBRuT Grant (Adopt a Site)	£120
Total Income:	£498
Deduct Expenditure:	
Printing AGM papers	£43.98
Strawberry Hill Golf Club AGM	£494.80
Total Expenditure:	£538.78
Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£40.78)
Balance today:	£3,544.01

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

20/03/2024	10
02/04/2024	10
03/04/2024	10
04/04/2024	10
08/04/2024	4
09/04/2024	10
15/04/2024	50
24/04/2024	40
25/04/2024	10
29/04/2024	15
01/05/2024	38
02/05/2024	20
03/05/2024	10
07/05/2024	105
10/05/2024	20

7. Events: As 2025 is the 60th anniversary of the founding of SHRA ideas for marking the occasions were discussed including a picnic in the grounds of Strawberry Hill House and a dinner in the Waldegrave Suite at St Mary's. We could also consider linking the anniversary to a promotional event with local businesses.

8. Planning report: Mike (via email) said a report has been written on the St Catherine's music room development but no decision has been made. It is likely to go to planning committee. The 'Accommodation unit' craned into the back garden of the house in Waldegrave Road has, to the satisfaction of the Council, met the statutory definition of a mobile caravan and therefore does not need retrospective planning approval. A new planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the bungalow at 11 Strawberry Vale (next to Mercury Motors) and the building of 2 x 2.5 story semi-detached houses. This seeks to address the grounds for the rejection of the previous application last year, and there is nothing for SHRA to object to or comment upon.

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9. Bulletin 183: Andrew asked for suggestions for content for the bulletin. Peter suggested a profile piece on a local artist. The Council verges policy is another issue that could be discussed in the bulletin.

10. Any other business: Peter has started looking into the history of the Old Stables on Strawberry Vale, the first SHRA House History for some time. The owners of the property said they would like to support a SHRA initiative.

Mary commented on the lack of communication with residents by Police during their investigations following the tragic incident at the station in January. June will raise this at the next PLG meeting.

Date of next meeting: 3 July 2024

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

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Date