

**MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2016**

**PRESENT**

Lyndon Law	David Cornwell
Mike Allsop	Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird	Julia Fiehn
Charles Owens	Claire Tomlins
Peter Lamb	Gill Litherland

In attendance: Siobhan Oktay, Community Links Officer, LBRuT.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Teresa Read, Cllr Marlow, Cllr Head.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 9 March 2016 were agreed and David signed a copy. AGM minutes also agreed.

**3. Committee away day:** David thanked everyone who attended the away day and suggested we should review regular agenda items at each meeting. David and Julia had a very positive meeting with Dawn Stoddart editor of the TW Mag.

**4. Matters arising:** The issue of the sundial was raised. Cathy has completed a feedback form on the Civic Pride grant and included the sundial expense. Members agreed that finding a location for it in the village should be a priority. Pam will email Cllr Marlow about the comments made at the AGM re parking. Peter has written to Cllr Marlow to follow up on the issue of speeding cars in Waldegrave Road but has not yet received a reply. He will follow this up.

**5. Bulletin 161:** Clare has started to work with Julia and Lyndon. All articles have now been proof read and sent to Lyndon. The article on Radnor Gardens will include promotion of the SHRA event on 2 September. Charles will ensure that appropriate licensing is in place for the event. Articles will include the 1st World War, Drama Cube, 2 pieces on Strawberry Hill House, Pope's Grotto, Neighbourhood Watch and St Mary's. The bulletin will comprise of 6 sides and should be ready by next week. David thanked Julia, Claire and Lyndon for their work.

**6. Planning:** Mike said that MKG have submitted revised plans for retrospective approval. He proposed that David send a letter to the planning department from SHRA stating that despite supporting the current building, the Association deplores any departure from formally approved plans. The planned garden development at 40a Strawberry Hill Road has been rejected. A new set of plans has been submitted for the demolition and re-build at 17a Tower Road. Objections have been lodged by neighbours.

Cross borough planning policies and sites – a document relating to 2018 has been released for consultation. The St Mary's University site is referred to in the document.

**7. SMU liaison:** Mike, David and Cathy attended a meeting with pro Vice-chancellor Ruth Kelly and secretary Simon Williams to discuss the University's corporate plan. A very brief and somewhat vague statement about the plan was received yesterday. An article will be drafted for the forthcoming bulletin.

Mike is still chasing copies of travel surveys. The community section of the web-site is not very effective. There is still a safety issue with runners on pavements.

**8. Safer Neighbourhoods:** Charles reported that the three main types of crime are more aggressive burglary, theft of vehicle contents and motor bike and pedal cycle theft. Residents are encouraged to close windows and use Chubb locks when leaving a property, not to leave valuables in vehicles and to ensure all bikes are properly secured.

**9. Treasurers report:** Cathy presented a summary and said that there had been very little change since the last meeting. A budget of £400 has been allocated for the 2 September event.

**Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 9 March 2016	£5,554.70
Balance today	<b><u>£5,555.67</u></b>

**Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 9 March 2016	£1,692.34
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Add income:

Subscriptions	257.00
Book sales	6.99

<b>Total income</b>	<b>£263.99</b>
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Deduct expenditure:

Courtlands landscaping	120.00
Stag printing	548.00
London Forum	19.00
Retirement present for Bruce	48.99

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(£735.99)</b>
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£472.00)
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<b>Balance today</b>	<b><u>£1220.34</u></b>
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**10. Village improvement plan group:** David, Pam, Cathy and Julia met to progress plans for the event on 2 September. This will be held at the cafe in Radnor Gardens. A 'first come, first served' voucher will be put in the bulletin inviting residents to get a free drink. This will be limited to the number in our budget and drinks will then be available to purchase from the Cafe. David will try to find out what is happening to the station buildings where some development has started. It was agreed that SHRA should see what can be done to improve and maintain the garden area behind the seat and bicycle racks.

**11. Any other business:** Siobhan Oktay outlined her role as Community Links Officer. She is particularly pleased to be involved with Strawberry Hill as she was a student St Mary's. One of her roles is to use Facebook to promote local events that cannot be promoted on the Community pages of the borough web-site as they do not have a web link. A Facebook page has been set up for Strawberry Hill and committee members were encouraged to use it. Siobhan also mentioned the supplementary planning documents that will be released in Spring 2017.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 7 September 2016 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm