

**MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT	David Cornwell	Julia Fiehn
	Mike Allsop	Cathy Bird
	Teresa Read	Peter Lamb
	Cllr Claire Head	Andy Miller (observer)

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Marlow, Pam Crisp, Siobhan Okay.
Declarations of Interest: As previously declared

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

3. Matters arising: MA had written to the Council in a personal capacity to question the fitting of air con units on a house in Strawberry Hill Road. He had not received a response but noted that the units had been removed. It was noted that the local recycling areas had been very messy over the past few weeks. PL also raised the issue of the garbage accumulating in the alley way behind the station, and the new graffiti.

Action:

- The Council to be alerted to state of the alleyway.

4. Bulletin 166: The bulletin was scheduled for delivery after 19th March, following the SHRA committee meeting on 7th March. The following were considered for inclusion - some recently discovered early postcards of Pope's Villa and Strawberry Hill, progress on the Pope's Grotto restoration, an explanation of the carol singing cancellation, the 'lost treasures' exhibition at Strawberry Hill House, Hunt for Heroes, neighbourhood watch news (including increased burglary) and the improvements to Radnor Gardens café as a result of the successful bid for funding for a canopy.

The cost of the bulletin was discussed and it was agreed that the matter would be further discussed at the next SHRA committee meeting. In order to reduce costs, it was agreed that the next Bulletin would be 4-pages only.

Action:

- CH to write about the Radnor Café improvements
- CH to talk to Marcus and Michael about advertising in the bulletin
- PC to put the cost of the bulletin on the next agenda

5. SHRA Christmas event December 2017: The Chair explained that the inclement weather and the anticipated subsequent loss of money led to the decision to cancel the carol singing.

6. Village Planning Fund: Following an email from Siobhan Oktay, DC informed the committee that there was £22,000 available for Twickenham for the following half year. PC and DC would feed back the results of meetings with the local architects and Council officers at the next SHRA committee meeting.

Action

- PC to put Village Planning on next agenda

7. Planning: MA had nothing to report.

8. SMU Update: DC, MA and PL had attended a meeting, chaired by John Brewer at SMU on 10th December. The university acknowledged that the handling of the publication of the masterplan could have been dealt with more sensitively. They were, however, still committed to their original vision and were considering other options for expansion, having listened carefully to local opposition. It was noted that there had been no further University newsletters, after the first three, the last of which was in July 2017. MA had asked John Brewer to ensure that SHRA was consulted over the university's proposed travel plan. He also noted that the community section of the website required updating, and that there had been little recent communication from the University to residents.

A further meeting with the estates personnel at the University had highlighted two issues – the need to soften lighting on the campus and the removal of a conservatory from a Victorian Villa on Waldegrave Park, without planning permission.

The committee noted the continuing problem of student runners on the pavements.

9. Safer neighbourhoods: The committee expressed their concern at the increased burglary rates in Teddington, reported by PL. This and other crime issues would be discussed at the next PLG on 13th March.

10. Treasurer's report: CB presented the report of income and expenditure since the last meeting and also the draft accounts for 2017. She noted the increase in subscriptions and donations and also the increase in printing costs. CH offered to run a joint event with FoRG to raise money for SHRA. Further fund raising ideas would be considered at the next meeting.

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 6th November 2017	£4559.83
Balance today	£4,560.33

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 6th November 2017	£1,522.43
Add income:	
Subscriptions & donations	£418.00
Advertising	£190.00
Book sales	£40.00
Total income	£648.00
Deduct expenditure:	
TENS (Sept, Dec)	£42.00
Website	£47.98
Printing	£763.00
Landscaping	£83.78
Total expenditure	£936.76
Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£288.76)
Balance today	£1,233.67

Action

- PC to add income generation to agenda of next meeting

11. AOB: CH raised the issue of the potholes and poor drainage in Cross Deep. She understood that the potholes would be filled in. However the drainage issues remained.

It was noted that there would be a London Form meeting to discuss the London plan on Monday 29th January. JF and AM agreed to represent SHRA.

PL agreed to represent SHRA at the Mayor's and Leaders' New Year reception on Monday 29th January.

12. Date of the next meeting: 7th March 2-018

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.