

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 25 JANUARY 2017

PRESENT

Mike Allsop	Pam Crisp
Cathy Bird	Julia Fiehn
Peter Lamb	Teresa Read (from item 9)
David Cornwell	Charles Owens
Gill Litherland	

1. Apologies for absence: Lyndon Law, Cllr Marlow, Cllr Head.

Declaration of interest: As previously declared.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 7 November 2016 were agreed and David signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: Peter will follow up again re any update on the proposed speed check in Waldegrave Road. Still no information on the station buildings. Pam will order the new door for the notice board and will contact Lesley Hill again regarding the planter. The bus shelter in Waldegrave Road is finally back in place. Members noted the sad death of Stefan owner of MKG garage.

4. Bulletin 163: Julia circulated a plan for copy and a timeline for publication of an earlier and shorter bulletin. The lead article will be about proposed development at St. Mary's with reference made to the forthcoming drop-in session and walkabout regarding the Village Plan.

5. Bulletin advertising: Julia said we have the same advertisers as the last issue. We will need to review advertising charges and recruit more advertisers to cover the increased cost of the bulletin.

6. SHRA carol event 9 December: The unexpected, but very welcome, arrival of three brass instrumentalists added to the success of the event. It was agreed that we should hold the event in Radnor Gardens again this year. Suggestions for improvement include more lighting, better management of the collection of donations and the addition of a Christmas tree for children to decorate.

7. Away day progress update: Still no communication from Network Rail re the station but this will be followed up with the council following the Leader's Question Time on January 11. This meeting was extremely well attended particularly in comparison with the Twickenham event. The main issues raised were traffic and parking and St Mary's university's proposed expansion plans.

8. Planning: Mike said that the appeal regarding 40a Strawberry Hill Road has been dismissed. The Radnor Gardens ice rink application was refused.
6 Vicarage Road – application withdrawn.
20 Waldegrave Gardens – both applications have been refused
Mike has objected on behalf of SHRA to an application to fell a protected tree in Spencer Road.

Signed

Date

St Mary's have lodged an application for a storeroom behind the Sports Hall without advising SHRA as agreed previously.

9. SMU liaison group: Mike said there had been no liaison meeting. Mike then shared details of the presentation that St Mary's gave to the SHRA sub-group regarding their expansion plans. David updated members saying that, as at lunchtime today, the university had nothing more to say and that they were 'weeks' away from any communication. David has written to Frances Campbell requesting a meeting but is yet to receive a response. David and Mike met with Martin Supple (a resident who had contacted SHRA) and a local Richmond architect. They pointed out that the local plan consultation ended on 15 February and advised SHRA to make a comment before that date. They also suggested that SHRA should appoint a planning consultant. Teresa made some suggestions about organisations that may be able to provide free advice. Mike will follow this up. David asked the committee to confirm that they agreed the group (DC, MA, PL and CB) should continue. This was agreed. Other communication will include SHRA presence at the Local Plan drop-in on 25 February and sending a copy of the bulletin to the Richmond & Twickenham Times. Mike will contact the ward councillors and the Teddington society.

10. Safer Neighbourhoods: Charles chaired the recent Safer Neighbourhood board meeting. The three priority issues discussed were anti-social behaviour, burglary and motor vehicle crime. 20 mph speed limits on non A roads were discussed. Consultation on the way forward for policing in London is now under way.

11. Treasurer's report: Cathy said income and expenditure were as expected. Draft annual accounts were also circulated. Advertising revenue is down and this will have an impact on the bulletin cost. A stronger emphasis on payment of subscriptions was suggested.

Statement 234, 12 January 2017

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 November 2016	£5,557.63
Balance today	<u>£5,558.25</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 November 2016	£870.34
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Add income:

Subscriptions	£350.00
LBRuT	£500.00
Advertising	£124.95
Carol singing donations	£150.00

Total income	£1124.85
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Deduct expenditure:

Thames Landscaping	£360.00
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Stag Printing	£763.00
Carol singing refreshments	£250.00
Website	£13.19
Total expenditure	(£1386.19)
Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£261.24)
Balance today	<u>£609.40</u>

12. Any other business: David asked members to agree expenditure of up to £2,000 for a planning consultant. All agreed to this as long as there was a very clear brief for the work. Meetings: Richmond in bloom 21 Feb – Julia to attend. Village Plan Forum 7 Feb – Mike to attend.

13. Date of next meeting: 8 March 2017 at 6:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed

Date