

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD ON THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2020

PRESENT: David Cornwell, Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Cathy Bird, Julia Fiehn, Mike Allsop, Jeremy Thomas, Siobhan Oktay LBRuT, Cllr Mike Butlin,

1. Apologies for absence: Peter Lamb, Sam Kamleh, Richard Hudspith, Teresa Read

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

3. Matters arising: MKG have still not paid for their bulletin adverts so they won't be included again.

4. SMU liaison group: Mike said that there has been no meeting. David will arrange to meet the new Vice-chancellor in due course. Mike said the board minutes up to November 2019 are now available on the website. Mike has now handed responsibility for SMU liaison to Cathy who will arrange to meet Richard Prescott at the end of August,

5. Covid-19 related issues including Twickenham Green: Pam read out an email that had just been received from Cllr Allen. He and his fellow ward councillors are working with officers on the challenge of dealing with the impact of the increased number of visitors to the Green. Siobhan Oktay said that both Arthur's and the Cricket Pavilion were required to make their toilets available as a condition of their lease however it was understandable that this was sometimes difficult given the hygiene requirements arising from the pandemic and their responsibility for the safety of their staff and customers. Sainsbury's are no longer allowed to sell alcohol after 9pm and must remove any duplicate displays. Other retailers could also have their licencing hours changed if this becomes necessary. Provision of temporary or permanent toilet provision is being considered including those that are self-cleaning. The public money invested in the maintenance of the pavilion was not conditional on their providing toilet access but reflected the council's responsibility as landlords. No request had been made for use of the mobile CCTV unit. SHRA will suggest that this is done. David said it sounded as if things were moving in the right direction whilst acknowledging that people living close to the Green were suffering from appalling unsocial behaviour by some of the people who congregate in the area. June commented on how good the council communications have been during the pandemic.

6. AGM arrangements and Christmas event planning: It is still not practical to plan to hold the AGM at the moment however it was agreed that the next committee meeting date of 16 September would provisionally be considered. The Christmas carol event date of 11 December would be submitted to the council to get road closures etc agreed. Cathy will submit the request.

7. Planning Hermes bin and Ajanta: Mike said that approval (with many conditions) was granted for the Ajanta proposal on 19 December 2019. Siobhan said she hadn't been able to get any information re the Hermes box. No planning approval was requested or granted and she is still following up this infringement.

8. Bulletin 173: As no summer bulletin was produced Bulletin 173 will be postponed until November. Following a lengthy discussion and acknowledgement of the disadvantages, the committee agreed that for financial and logistical reasons, this would be the final printed copy distributed. It will be used to highlight the availability of an on-line version in future.

Signed

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9. Bulletin advertising: As MKG have not paid we now have four advertisers. It has been very difficult to find anyone else but this would be less of an issue if we stop the printed version.

10: Treasurer's report:23 July 2020

(Statement 284, 12 July 2020)

Deposit Account:

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| Balance at the time of the last meeting on 4 March 2020 | £4,574.33 |
| Balance today | £4,578.61 |

Current Account:

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| Balance at the time of the last meeting on 4 March 2020 | £756.58 |
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Add income:

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| Subscriptions & donations | £357.00 |
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| Total income | £357.00 |
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Deduct expenditure:

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| London Forum | £19.00 |
| Bulletin printing | £655.00 |

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| Total expenditure | £674.00 |
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| Net cash increase / (decrease) | (£317.00) |
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| Balance today | <u>£439.58</u> |
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Cathy circulated the report showing business since March. Cathy will hand over the treasurer role to June at the beginning of September.

11. Councillors' update: Recycling and fly-tipping Cllr Butlin said that fly-tipping was an issue across the borough. David suggested it was time to get the Pope's Avenue re-cycling site removed as everyone now has access to kerb side collection. The committee agreed that we should pursue this. Siobhan said there was a precedent as a site outside Twickenham studios was removed some years ago.

12. Any other business: Radnor Gardens café Siobhan said that the Dillons had been given notice to quit by 21 August. The process to find new tenants would then be started. Recent visits have confirmed that the café toilet is not available for staff or the public as it should be and that it is being used for storage.

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David has been given a quote of £240 + VAT for clearance of the area behind the planter by the contractors working nearby. The committee agreed we should go ahead with this and consider applying for money from the local area fund. The fund amounts to £10k per ward and is part of a rolling programme.

David has written a letter of support for Strawberry Hill House regarding a funding bid for maintenance of the building.

Siobhan asked the group to circulate leaflets about the forthcoming community conversation. This would be held via Zoom on 18 August.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Signed

Date