

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2021

PRESENT: David Cornwell, Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Julia Fiehn, Mike Allsop, Peter Lamb, Sam Kamleh, Richard Hudspith, Jeremy Thomas, Siobhan Oktay LBRuT, Cllr Richard Bennett.

1. Apologies for absence: None. Sam declared an interest in item 6 as she is a trustee of Twickenham Riverside Trust.

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

3. Matters arising: Pam will ask for an update from the students who volunteered for litter picking and weeding as part of their D of E. Andrew said he thought that the Christmas tree and lights had been damaged, possibly by vandalism. This appeared to be in addition to the damage to the lamp post which caused the lights to fail. Mike had drafted a letter in response to the proposed planning changes. This was agreed by David and Sam before it was sent. David said that Cathy had resigned from the committee following the last meeting. This followed the incidents which led to the ongoing suspension of Teresa Read who did not declare a conflict of interest in an item she had asked to be put on the agenda.

4. Treasurer's report: (Statement 291, 20 January 2021)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 11 th November 2020	£4,578.73
Balance today	<u>£4,578.84</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 11 th November 2020	£883.38
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Add income:

Subscriptions & donations	£159
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Total income	£159
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Deduct expenditure:	0
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Total expenditure	0
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	£159
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Balance today	<u>£1042.38</u>
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June said that the £500 invoice for the Christmas tree was outstanding. She is concerned about the fall in subscriptions (from £345 last year) as a result of not producing a Bulletin. The Fortescue Park group subscription will be followed up. The draft annual account which she circulated still show a £55 liability. She suggested this should now be written off. It was agreed that the accounts should still show £2,000 as contingency and legal fees.

5. SMU update: Peter said all teaching is on line and that students need a negative COVID-19 test before being allowed on campus. One of the lecturers received a British Empire medal in the New Year's honours list for work with COVID-19 patients.

6. Planning including Twickenham Riverside site: Mike said the Cusack Close plan has still not been approved. The updated plan for Twickenham riverside is now out for consultation. Changes have been made following input from the Environment Agency regarding flood risk. The changes do not look contentious. Sam reported that the Twickenham Riverside Trust was involved in serious discussions with the council about the plans. It appears that the view from Radnor Gardens would be improved by this proposal. The committee agreed that we did not need to comment as an Association as all residents could respond individually to the consultation.

7. Results of CPZ consultation and review: Cllr Bennett said that some further details needed to be agreed before decisions were finalised and any changes implemented.

8. AGM arrangements: Given the ongoing situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic any decision about holding an AGM in April 2021 will be made following the next government announcement.

9. Review of the SHRA constitution: Andy thanked committee members who took part in the Zoom meeting on 9 December. He has circulated a paper on potential new roles and suggested another Zoom meeting is held to discuss this.

10. Bulletin 173: Julia said that one of the aims of the Bulletin had been to harvest email addresses. The idea of an interim bulletin circulated electronically was discussed but the committee agreed that we should still aim to produce a hard copy bulletin when restrictions are eased to allow delivery. In the meantime, Julia will see if we can have a piece in the TW mag. The website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram will be used to explain the situation to members.

11. Councillors' update: Community fund, Local Fund and Recycling: Cllr Bennett said that consultation had started about making Grotto Road one way. He will circulate the details. Siobhan Oktay said the Community Fund results should be available in February. The Local Area Fund priorities were agreed before Christmas. David said we would continue to press for removal of the recycling bins as the area had once again been subject to significant amounts of fly tipping.

12. Village plan: Sam reported that planning approval would not be required for a council project. She has continued to work on the plan and suggested relocating the recycling area to the area by MKG where the planter is. The committee felt that this area was too prominent. Pam and David will work with Sam to progress further ideas. David thanked Sam once again for her work on this.

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13. Any other business: Sam said she will be working on an Instagram project to highlight Buildings of Townscape Merit and listed buildings in the area. Mike agreed to help Sam with this.

Andy and Julia raised the issue of roads being closed and water turned off without notice. Andy said that following the resurfacing of Orford Gardens a 'lake' developed at the end of the road when it rained. Cllr Bennet said this should be reported to the Richmond highways team using the on-line form on the website.

14. Date of next meeting: 3 March 2021

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm

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Date