

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2021

PRESENT: David Cornwell, Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Julia Fiehn, Mike Allsop, Peter Lamb, Sam Kamleh, Richard Hudspith, Jeremy Thomas,

In attendance: Sharon Willoughby, Louisa Carradine

1. Apologies for absence: None. David welcomed Louisa and Sharon and asked them to introduce themselves. Both had responded to SHRA's appeal for new committee members with an interest in the Environment.

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

3. Matters arising: Pam had received a request to complete an evaluation from one of the students who volunteered for litter picking and weeding as part of their D of E. Sam is working on an update to the Village Plan which she will present at the next meeting. Andy said that two other people had responded to the appeal for new committee members which will also appear on the CVS website and in the next TW magazine.

4. Treasurer's Report, 31st March 2021

(Statement 293 12th March 2021)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 20 th January 2020	£4,578.84
Balance today	<u>£4,578.95</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 20 th January 2020	£1042.38
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Add income:

Subscriptions & donations	£55
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Total income	£55
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Deduct expenditure:

CWCS Digital Certificate (To secure website)	£70.80
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Total expenditure	£70.80
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£15.80)
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Balance today	<u>£1026.58</u>
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Signed

Date

June said that she had received some subscriptions and the only expense was the security certificate for the website.

5. SMU update: Peter has drafted a letter to Paul Bridge and Andrew McClaran and will arrange a meeting when this becomes possible. He noted that the University was now able to award its own post graduate degrees.

6. Planning including Twickenham Riverside site: Mike said there has been some activity but it is all small scale. The Cusack Close plan has now been approved.

7. AGM arrangements: Jeremy will contact the Golf Club about the possibility of using their premises for an AGM in late June.

8. Bulletins 173 and 174: David congratulated Julia on the completed Bulletin 173 that had been circulated to committee members. Following discussion about the subscription amount, it was agreed we should leave it at £5 but include a space for additional donations. June said she had still not heard from Shaftesbury Way about continuing a group subscription. Louisa and Sharon will be added to the committee list. As this will be the last printed bulletin Julia will formally thank Raj for his work over a number of years. The bulletin will be ready for distribution by 12 April and Peter will receive it and coordinate distribution arrangements. Andy said he will 'caretake' the production of bulletin 174 until we find someone else to edit and do the layout. Sam offered to help with layout.

9. Councillors' update: Recycling site and Radnor Gardens café: no update

10. Environmental policy: Sharon and Louisa introduced the (attached) draft policy that they had produced following an initial meeting with Andy and Pam. Their different backgrounds and interests make them ideal to share the Environment Coordinator role for SHRA. Committee members agreed that the policy was an excellent starting point and that Andy, Jeremy and Richard would form a sub-group with Louisa and Sharon to progress the strategy. David thanked Louisa and Sharon and welcomed them as new committee members.

13. Any other business: Jeremy suggested SHRA should have a table at the Strawberry Hill Music & Fun day in July. Sharon said that she and Louisa had weeded the planter and she would be planting some new plants when she received them next week. Louisa and family have completed a litter pick in the village. Andy thanked Louisa for suggesting two more people who may want to join the committee. He will contact them.

14. Date of next meeting: 7 July 2021 with an additional meeting end of May/early June

The meeting closed at 7:45 pm

Signed

Date

Strawberry Hill Residents' Association

For all residents of Strawberry Hill

Environmental Strategy

Exploring the Nature of Strawberry Hill

In 2020 the fragile nature of our bonds with our community and the natural world were brought into sharp focus by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we look forward to the summer and a time when we might be able to freely interact again as neighbours – the importance of the natural world, that sustains us, cannot be underestimated.

The SHRA Environmental Strategy has the following five goals to:

1. Protect and nurture the biodiversity (biological diversity) of Strawberry Hill.
 - a. Supporting residents to create bee friendly gardens – what can we grow in Strawberry Hill to protect local pollinators?
 - b. Supporting residents to nurture the bird fauna of the Thames and garden landscapes – what birds are resident in our village?
 - c. Promoting the maintenance of 'wild pockets' of biodiversity across the matrix of village gardens through information sharing and advocacy.
2. Foster an exploration, understanding and appreciations of the nature of Strawberry Hill.
 - a. Promoting seasonal environmental highlights in the Bulletin, Facebook and Village Notice Board.
3. Supporting resident enjoyment of gardening and gardens.
 - a. Holding an early spring (2022) and autumn (2021?) 'Village Seed, Cutting and Plant Swap'.
 - b. Participating in 'Richmond in Bloom' (2022).
 - c. Supporting local food growing through information sharing.
 - d. Investigating the need for a local 'Garden Share' programme (2023).
 - e. Weeding, planting and watering the SHRA garden beds.
4. Supporting residents to reduce their Carbon Footprint.
 - a. Promoting: reusing, recycling, refilling, reducing and repairing through SHRA communication channels.
5. Helping maintain Strawberry Hill as a safe and pleasant environment for all.
 - a. Reporting fly tipping – letting residents know how to do this.
 - b. Reporting pavement and road problems supporting the 'Fill that hole' campaign.
 - c. Establishing 'Litter picking teams.'

Signed

Date