



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2019 AT 7.30pm**  
**STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB**

**PRESENT**

<b>Chairman</b>	David Cornwell	
<b>Vice-chairman</b>	Peter Lamb	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cathy Bird	
<b>Secretary</b>	Pam Crisp	
<b>Committee members</b>	Julia Fiehn	
	Teresa Read	
	Mike Allsop	
	Andrew Miller	
	June Collins	
	Neil Coburn	
<b>LBRuT Community Engagement</b>		Siobhan Oktay
<b>Residents</b>	<b>34+</b> present	

**APOLOGIES**

<b>Committee members</b>	Sam Kamleh, Jeremy Thomas
<b>Ward Councillors</b>	Cllr Bennett

David Cornwell welcomed everyone to the AGM of SHRA. Minutes of last year's AGM, 25 April 2018, were approved. This was proposed by June Collins, seconded by Robert Youngs and residents voted in favour.

**Chairman's report – David Cornwell**

David noted local events and outlined SHRA's activities during the last year.

- The Lost Treasures Exhibition at Strawberry Hill House was a great success.
- The Strawberry Hill CPZ (initially a six month trial) implementation was completed at the beginning of March. It has been generally well accepted and is making the area safer for road users.
- St Mary's University's has announced the departure of John Brewer and Francis Campbell.
- SHRA had encouraged residents to respond to Heathrow Airport's plans to make changes to flight paths which could have a significant impact in our area.
- The committee has contacted South Western Railway to point out that the placement of the eight coach train stop meant passengers sometimes needed to rush further down the platform and asked if it could be moved back to its original place.
- The chairman noted that we now have new ward councillors following the local elections and thanked their predecessors for their contribution. He also thanked Marcus and Michael who have now left Radnor Gardens cafe and welcomed new proprietors Siobhan and Austin from Mustard and Cress. Changes in ownership and personnel at MKG Motors and Peggy's Pantry were noted. Tony at Peggy's and Joseph Owen who has opened a Barber's shop was welcomed to the village.

- David thanked residents for their support of SHRA which has resulted in an increase of subscription income. We held a summer get together in Radnor Gardens and our annual carol singing event returned to Wellesley Parade by the Christmas tree organised by SHRA.
- The chairman thanked St Mary's University for printing the paperwork for the AGM

Comments on the chairman's report were invited. Two residents of Strawberry Hill Road said that since the SH CPZ implementation they now have problems with cars blocking access to their drives. A resident of Clive Road said they had similar problems. Residents said the lack of yellow lines was confusing for some visitors and the timing meant two parking vouchers were needed for a day's parking. The chairman encouraged residents to pass these comments on to the council for inclusion in their review. A resident of Tower Road said they had a problem with students dropping rubbish in their gardens. SHRA will follow this up with St Mary's.

### **Treasurers Report – Cathy Bird**

Cathy thanked John Naish for verifying the accounts. She thanked residents who have subscribed to the association resulting in a welcome increase to our funds. Late advertising payments and the receipt of two grants from LBRuT make annual comparison difficult. We received a donation in memory of former secretary Clare Phelps. This will be used to provide plants for the planter which is kindly maintained by Sally Cornwell.

David thanked Cathy for her work as Treasurer.

Mike Allsop said that it had been a quiet year for planning issues. SHRA responded to St Catherine's school's application for an all weather pitch on part of Pope's former garden. This was refused but the school are appealing. SHRA suggested conditions re timing of use and extent of excavation impact. Julia Fiehn thanked distributors of the Bulletin and said that we will continue to produce it in hard copy. She thanked Peter Lamb for his excellent 'Hunt for Heroes' series of articles. A new series of Streetwise articles is being researched and SHRA has also launched a House History service. In a bid to save costs we will continue to look for someone to volunteer to help with layout of the Bulletin. SHRA has a presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor.

### **Election of SHRA committee**

Following the revised constitution, it was noted that Mike Allsop, Cathy Bird, Pam Crisp, David Cornwell, Julia Fiehn, Peter Lamb, Andrew Miller, Sam Kamleh, Jeremy Thomas, June Collins and Teresa Read had been properly nominated to the committee. The following officers were appointed by the committee: David Cornwell as chairman, Andrew Miller as Vice Chairman, Pam Crisp as Secretary, Cathy Bird as Treasurer. Neil Coburn has resigned from the committee because of increased work commitments. David thanked Peter Lamb for his work as Vice Chair. He also thanked Neil for his contribution to the committee and wished him well.

### **Any Other Business**

Siobhan Oktay from the borough's Community Engagement Team advised residents that the next Community Conversation will be held at Waldegrave school on 15 October. Applications are invited for the Community Fund which comes from new developments. Next year ward based budgets will be launched.

A resident said that large groups of teenagers congregate in Radnor Gardens on Friday and Saturday evenings and residents are disturbed by the sound of screaming. This will be followed up with the Police Liaison Group and Safer Neighbourhood Team.

A resident thanked the SHRA committee for their work in the neighbourhood.

David concluded the business part of the meeting and invited Robert Youngs from Pope's Grotto Trust to receive a cheque from the proceeds of the Carol singing collection. Robert said it is the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alexander Pope's arrival in Twickenham which started the development of the area. A final appeal for funds will hopefully result in completion of the restoration of the Grotto.

David then welcomed Heidi Shrimpton from Spear who thanked him for the cheque, again from the carol singing collection. Spear started in the area 30 years ago and supports rough sleepers with outreach services and a hostel in Richmond. Over 60 people were helped by them last year.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.