



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm
STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB

PRESENT

Chairman	David Cornwell
Vice-chairman	Andrew Miller
Secretary	Pam Crisp
Committee members	Mike Allsop Richard Hudspith Peter Lamb Sharon Willoughby Zoe Prindiville
Residents	3 present

APOLOGIES

Committee members June Collins, Louisa Carradine, Sam Kamleh
LBRuT Community Engagement Siobhan Oktay

David Cornwell welcomed everyone to the delayed AGM of SHRA and thanked Derek Purnell the director of Strawberry Hill House for joining us.

Minutes of the last AGM, 24 April 2019, were approved.

Chairman's report – David Cornwell

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

- He thanked former committee members Cathy Bird for her work as SHRA treasurer and Julia Fiehn for her work as Bulletin editor. He also thanked Teresa Read, who served on the committee for many years, and Jeremy Thomas who had both recently resigned from the committee. He welcomed new committee members Louisa Carradine, Sharon Willoughby and Zoe Prindiville.
- The chairman commented that the decision to move to an on-line only version of the Bulletin was the way forward for the Association, helping to reduce our carbon footprint and recognising the delivery challenges caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. Bulletin features on home and street histories have been well received and Andrew Miller and Peter Lamb will continue to work on these.
- Issues followed up by the Association over the last year and a half include the ongoing problems associated with the misuse of the recycling centre on Pope's Avenue. It is unlikely that the council will support removal of the site but we will continue to work with them in an attempt to improve the situation.
- The proposal for installation of a 5G phone mast on Strawberry Vale was strongly objected to by SHRA and has been rejected by the council.
- We were disappointed to see that the Radnor Gardens Cafe remained closed for a year but are pleased to welcome new proprietors' Antipodea to the area.

- The committee has contacted Network Rail Community Relations Executive to point out that the volume of the new level crossing siren has been annoying to neighbours. We are pleased to report that the volume has now been reduced.
- David Cornwell and Peter Lamb have met Anthony McClaran the recently appointed vice-chancellor of St Mary's University and will continue to meet with him regularly. The University are keen to welcome residents to 'events' and SHRA will help to publicise these.

Comments on the chairman's report were invited.

Treasurer's Report – prepared by June Collins

In June's absence, vice-chair Andrew Miller presented the report and thanked John Naish for verifying the accounts. He thanked residents who have subscribed to the Association but noted that the impact of the Covid pandemic, which resulted in the absence of a paper bulletin, has caused a significant drop in subscriptions. Andrew thanked St Mary's University for the provision of a meeting room for the committee and for printing the paperwork for the AGM.

Election of SHRA committee

It was proposed that Mike Allsop, Louisa Carradine, June Collins, David Cornwell, Pam Crisp, Richard Hudspith, Sam Kamleh, Peter Lamb, Andrew Miller, Zoe Prindiville, and Sharon Willoughby should be 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, June Collins as Treasurer. Resigned from the committee Cathy Bird, Julia Fiehn, Teresa Read, Jeremy Thomas.

The proposal was agreed.

Proposed amendments to the SHRA Constitution

The attached paper was introduced by Andrew Miller who explained the thinking behind the proposed changes to the 2016 Constitution. The AGM approved the new Constitution.

Any Other Business

Zoe asked if anyone was aware of the detail of the Strawberry Vale cycle Lane proposal. Robert Youngs drew attention to the consultation by South Western Railway on timetable changes. These do not appear to affect Strawberry Hill other than at peak times. The situation will be kept under review by SHRA.

David introduced Derek Purnell who talked about recent and future events at Strawberry Hill House. Following the pandemic closures, the House has continued to welcome many visitors. An autumn Flower Festival will be held instead of the usual summer event and a series of smaller feature exhibitions will take place over the coming months. These will include a focus on the sculptress Anne Damer and Lady Frances Waldegrave,

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.