

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 6 JULY 2022

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, Mike Allsop, June Collins, Louisa Carradine, Peter Lamb, Mary Hughes, Julia Fiehn, John Tjaardasta, Zoe Prindiville, Richard Hudspith, Robin Moran, Cllr Bennett, Siobhan Oktay. One resident in attendance.

Andy welcomed everyone to the meeting at the British Legion in Pope's Avenue. He also welcomed Robin Moran as a new member of the committee.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Sam Kamleh, Cathy Bird, Sharon Willoughby. No declarations of interest.

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

3. Matters arising: All covered in the agenda

4. Local issues: Cllr Bennett said that he would like to encourage more engagement with residents and urged members to look at council committee papers for current issues. Andy noted the recent e-scooter trial proposal and commented that the suggestion of replacing car parking spaces in the village with e-scooter bays had raised a number of discussion points on Facebook. He circulated a proposed response to the trial which was agreed.

5. Chair's issues: Andy suggested that as we have not yet nominated a vice-chair, one of the following people would chair the meeting in his absence – Mike Allsop, Peter Lamb, Pam Crisp, Cathy Bird or Julia Fiehn. This was agreed. In reference to the proposed SHRA plan, Andy said this would be 'bottom up' and driven by issues developed by the team in their specific roles. Andy said that 250 copies of the history book have been ordered at a cost of £747.25. £500 has been paid by SHRA and the rest by himself and David Cornwell with a view to recouping their investment over time.

6. Treasurer's report: 6th July, 2022 (Statement 6-NatWest)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 18th May, 2022 **£4,000.32**

Current balance including interest: £4,000.67

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 18th May, 2022 **£1,397.54**

Add income:

Subscriptions **£35.00**

Reimbursement drinks AGM **£ 6.00**

Total income £41.00

Deduct Expenditure:

Refreshments AGM **£154.60**

Ladbrook Insurance Public Liability Cover) **£109.60**

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Total expenditure	£264.20
Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£223.20)
Balance today	£1174.34

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

18th May - £10.00, £20.00
 24th May - £5.00

June said that the insurance she had purchased will cover all SHRA events but not the Christmas tree and lights. She will speak to the same company about this cover.

7. Communications report: Robin introduced herself and said that she had met with Pam and Andy to discuss changes to the website, database and bulletin. Initially this would mean revamping the back-office element of the database and moving content and adding more sign posting on the website.

8. Environmental report: Louisa said Sharon had done an excellent job with the seed and plant swap but that it was a very quiet day. £36 was raised for new plants which have been added to the planter. Louisa and Andy have started to develop litter picking objectives and will add to this following a litter pick this Saturday. Louisa said that she has been told that there is no resource or budget for changes to the re-cycling site and it will not be removed. Cllr Bennett said that there was a plan for replacement of bins but this had not been progressed.

9. Planning report: Mike said that the 14 Waldegrave Park application was still under consideration. 31 Waldegrave Gardens has now been resolved on appeal. The Pope's Avenue entrance issue that Mike is monitoring will now be the subject of a new application. He will monitor a new application for Ryan House, a Grade 2 listed property on Cross Deep.

10. Business liaison report: John will continue talking to business owners to create a database so that we can communicate with them more easily – prioritising the Village retail outlets. He will then begin to develop a business directory which could be added to the website.

11: Events report: Julia said Robin will design a poster for the Teddy Bear's picnic on 4 September from 4 to 7pm in the grounds of Strawberry Hill House. A small group from Richmond Brass Band will provide the music and various entertainments and picnic treats will be available.

12. Roads and transport report: Mary said she was looking into a South Western Railway initiative for station adoption scheme. The committee thought this should be pursued. Andrew and Mary agreed to look into the details of the scheme. There was no appetite from members of the Committee to take on the extra burden of volunteering at the station, e.g. from looking after the flower beds on platform 1.

13. History and Heritage report: Andy gave members a copy of the fourth edition of the SHRA published local history book – Strawberry Hill: A history of the Neighbourhood. The

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formal launch will be held in the Great Parlour at Strawberry Hill House on 15 July from 5.30-7pm. He circulated a list of attendees and asked committee members for help on the evening. Peter, Pam, Louisa, June and Julia agreed to help. Peter and Andy thanked Siobhan Oktay for getting the Heritage trail added to the Visit Richmond website. Two new house histories have been completed for Lincoln Lodge/231 Waldegrave Road and 6 Waldegrave Gardens. All other house histories have been added to the website.

14. Bulletin 177: Andy thanked contributors and those who have sent him comments. Any other comments need to be sent to him by Friday.

15. Any other business: Members agreed that the British Legion was a suitable venue for meetings. Andy proposed a committee summer get together for a soiree at his house and a date of Thursday 18 August was agreed – 6-9pm. Richard said he had attended a meeting of the Friends of Twickenham Green. The availability of toilets at the Cricket Pavilion for public use will be publicised and there was a plan for wild flower planting.

Date of next meeting 14 September 2022 – venue St Mary's University

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm

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