

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Mike Allsop, Mary Hughes, Julia Fiehn, John Tjaardstra, Cathy Bird, Louisa Carradine, Peter Lamb, Richard Hudspith, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Lee.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Robin Moran, Zoe Prindiville, Sam Kamleh, Sharon Willoughby, Siobhan Oktay.

No declarations of interest. Prior to the start of the meeting Andrew welcomed Cllr. Lee for her first meeting and asked Committee members to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: agreed with an amendment to John's name and the addition of apologies from Sharon.

3. Matters arising: Andrew said that half of the history books have now been sold and suggested more publicity on Facebook and Twitter. Cllr Bennett said there was no plan for a warm hub in Strawberry Hill. Andrew has circulated a note on the meeting with SMU and will put a piece in the Bulletin. He said SMU has offered SHRA a place on the next First Aid course and this will be taken by either Mike or Louisa. Some issues, including an increase in the speed of traffic in Waldegrave Road, have become apparent as a result of the CPZ extension.

4. Local issues: Cllr Bennett said that a Strawberry Hill traffic survey is being conducted. Issues have been identified but solutions will be difficult to find. The next stage of consultation on the Local Plan will take place in February.

5. Treasurer's report: 2nd November, 2022 (Up to 28th October)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 14th September, 2022 £4,000.68

Current balance including interest: £4,002.40

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 14th September £815.03

Add income:

Subscriptions £20.00

Book sales £76.00

Christmas tree sponsorship £400.00

Total income £496.00

Deduct Expenditure:

S.H. House Duty Manager (First Aid Big Picnic) £40.00

Total expenditure £40.00

Net cash increase / (decrease) £456.00

Signed

Date

Balance today

£1271.03

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

15/09/2022	10
27/09/2022	10

June said the £500 grant payment from the council was on its way. £675 has been received from local business in sponsorship for the Christmas tree. Given this success it was suggested that we seek sponsorship for next year's family picnic. June noted that subscriptions are currently £300 less than last year.

6. Carols in the village and Christmas tree: Andrew circulated a checklist for the event. June said she was concerned about the electrical fitting for the lights. Following a telephone conversation with Andrew Porter it was agreed it could be used this year then the council would update if necessary. Andrew has written the text for a marketing poster which Robin will design. The committee agreed that it was a good idea to put battery operated lights on an obelisk in the planter by MKG. Thanks to John business sponsorship of £750 has been achieved against an initial target of £250. John is building a database of sponsors and they will be invited to the Christmas event.

7. Dates 2023 – Big Family Picnic, Big Litter Pick: Andrew circulated a revised list of dates which included 1 April for the Big Litter Pick and some suggested dates for the Picnic.

8. Twilight tour of Strawberry Hill House: Julia said this would now be in the new year. She thought there should be a charge to deter people from booking then not turning up and suggested inviting residents who help with the litter pick. Cathy suggested we consider putting on talks on local history. Given the difficulty of arranging booking for a one off event, Pam suggested that SHRA could negotiate a discount for subsidise residents' attendance on a scheduled tour.

9. Planning report: Mike said there was nothing new to report. He has spoken to the owner of the property on Pope's Avenue about the disputed gate and the owner has agreed to write to the council asking for formal agreement to the planter arrangement. The Golf Club application has been withdrawn.

10: Bulletin 178: Andrew circulated a list of copy. He thanked Sam for her work on the layout. He asked for comments by Friday and agreed that a piece about subscriptions should be included. He said we have about 600 contacts on the database but should try to find more contacts for street and estate groups.

11. Website update: Andrew said Robin planned to start work on this soon. Pam has updated the links and added committee members photos.

12. Any other business: Andrew said that in response to the drop in subscriptions we could produce a four-page leaflet which would look like the Bulletin and deliver it in advance of the AGM. Committee members agreed that we should get costs for this and pursue the idea.

13. Date of next meeting 18 January 2023 – venue SMU.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm

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Date