

## MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2023

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

**1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:** Apologies: Robin Moran, Sam Kamleh, Richard Hudspith, Louisa Carradine.  
No declarations of interest.

The meeting was held at the Alexander Pope Hotel as the original venue, the Royal British Legion, is now closed on Wednesdays.

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

**3. Matters arising:** Andrew will forward a copy of the Radnor Road streetwise history for uploading to the website. Peter said the complaint regarding the event at St Mary's University had been referred to at the recent meeting with the VC. The University said the event had finished earlier than previous ones though it was acknowledged that it was loud. Anthony McClaren said the University had closed its print department so could not print the Bulletin. Parking outside the shops in the village is still an issue despite the response from Cllr Bennett that it was now in line with parking in parades elsewhere in the Borough. It was noted that there had been no progress on the website revisions since the previous meeting and, given Robin's changed circumstances and the difficulties in making changes to the website, it was unlikely that we could proceed with website revisions.

**4. Local issues:** Cllr Bennett said the order has been issued for a 20mph speed limit from Hampton Wick to Twickenham which includes Cross Deep. The meeting to plan the schedule for public consultation on the recent Strawberry Hill traffic survey was postponed. There are still issues with flooding affecting Strawberry Vale and Michelham Gardens. It was suggested that the Councillor and officer with responsibility for traffic (Lisa Fenn) be invited to the next committee meeting.

**5. Chair's issues:** Andrew said that Sharon Willoughby will be moving and will no longer be able to maintain the planter. We still have vacancies for two new committee members and have had no response so far to ads in the notice board and on social media. Andrew and Peter met with Anthony McClaren, Chris Paget and (separately) with Nick Doyle the Student Union's Volunteering Manager from SMU. They discussed community involvement from students during Freshers' Week in September e.g., litter picking in Radnor Gardens and weeding of the planter at the bottom of Tower Road.

**6.** June said we paid £74.55 commission to Eventbrite for the picnic and she will see if we can avoid this in future. All sponsorship money has been received and the picnic was just self-funding. Cathy Bird has produced a budget for the event which will be lodged with the Treasurer.

**Treasurer's Report, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (Up to 02/07/2023)**

Signed

Date

**Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2023	£4,020.76
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<b>Current balance including interest:</b>	<b>£4,024.67</b>
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**Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023	£2503.73
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Add income:

Subscriptions	£15
Sponsorship	£150

<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>£165</b>
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Deduct Expenditure:

Ladbrook Liability Insurance	£109.60
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<b>Total expenditure:</b>	<b>£109.60</b>
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Net cash increase/(decrease)	<b>£55.40</b>
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<b>Balance today:</b>	<b>£2559.13</b>
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**Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown**

18/05/2023	10
01/06/2023	5

**7. Transport:** This will be a major focus at the next meeting. Andrew and Mary agreed to write/amend a paper for discussion and to invite Lisa Fenn from LBRuT.

**8. Events:** Cathy thanked everyone who helped to make the picnic a success. The only thing missed in the risk assessment was the prospect of excess heat however the trees on the site provided sufficient shade. It was noted that an evaluation of the Picnic enables lessons to be learned for future events. The next Fish & Chip supper was cancelled because of the clash with darts matches at the Royal British Legion. Andrew agreed to meet with Cathy to see whether there were any options for other suitable venues.

**9. Planning report:** Mike said the he and Andrew had visited the site of the Cusack Close/Southfield Gardens building that has not been completed in accordance with the planning approval. Ten objections have been lodged and Mike had drafted a letter from SHRA highlighting the deviations from the plan and the excessive lighting on the site. The council has issued the final consultation on the Local Plan. There is concern re the site allocation for St Mary's University and Cllr Bennett agreed that this needs to be looked at.

**10: Bulletin 180:** Andrew circulated the final draft and asked for comments by Tuesday 11 July.

Signed

Date

**11. Any other business:** June commented that many of the grass verges were now looking very untidy. Cllr Bennett said that for roads classified as 'rural' verges were only cut twice a year whereas 'urban verges' were cut several times a year. It was possible for residents to appeal to have their verges reclassified as 'urban'.

**Date of next meeting:** 13 September 2023 at St Mary's University

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Signed

Date