

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2024

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, Pam Crisp, June Collins, Peter Lamb, Mary Hughes, Mike Allsop, John Tjaardstra, Cllr Bennett

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Apologies, Louisa Carradine, Cllr Lee. Residents Dany Mooney, Fiona Maxwell. No declarations of interest.

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

3. Matters arising: Andrew will contact Dany Mooney about her neighbour who may be able to help with the website. Pam has not received a response from Strawberry Hill House regarding a promotional banner and posters. Peter is continuing the Stables house history. June said the lack of cutting of verges is still a point for discussion but views differ. Andrew said that he posted on our Facebook page to seek residents' views on the urban and rural cuts strategy of the Council – there would be an article about this in the next Bulletin.

4. Councillor's update: Cllr Bennett has contacted Lot 56 who say they are waiting for the shop front to be replaced following an attempted breaking some months ago. He said that the St James school 'school street' consultation, which will affect Wellesley Road, has just finished. Lighting for the path across Twickenham Green is planned. The council is intending to hold a town twinning celebration (with Konstanz and Fontainebleau) in 2025 and has said the civic centre will be decarbonised. A borough transport strategy is being considered.

5. Chair's issues: Andrew said recruitment of new committee members is ongoing. Dany Mooney and Fiona Maxwell are both interested in joining the committee but Richard Hinwood has decided not to. Andrew is awaiting responses from Jonathon Bayliss and Christine Robinson. He noted that St Mary's University has been granted the right to set up a medical school. The updated SHRA History has been printed and is on sale at Strawberry Hill House. The café in Radnor Gardens has been cleared but there is concern that the process to recruit new tenants will result in another failed operation. Andy will email Cllr Neden-Watts outlining SHRA's concerns. The Strawberry Hill Ballet School, keep fit group and Strawberry Hill Pre-School group that operate in St James's Hall have been given 6 weeks' notice to find alternative premises. The church plans to hand the building to St Catherine's school for use as a music classroom and a textiles room. SHRA is concerned about the impact on residents who use these facilities. Andrew was tasked to contact the Church to raise our concerns about the loss of community assets.

6. Treasurer's report: June said that reprinting the history book has increased expenses. We should refer to the need for subscriptions in the next bulletin.

3rd July, 2024 (Up to 30th June, 2024)

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 15th May, 2024

£4,071.60

Current balance including interest:

£4,081.96

Signed

Date

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 15th May, 2024 £3,544.01

Add income:

Subscriptions: £15

Total Income: £15

Deduct Expenditure:

Printing of History Book £480.72

M. Ladbrook Ltd. Annual Liability Insurance £137.47

Total Expenditure: £618.19

Net cash increase/(decrease) **(£603.19)**

Balance today: £2940.82

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

20/05/2024 £10

03/06/2024 £5

7. Planning report: Mike said the St Catherine's three storey music block development is awaiting a decision. It is likely to go to planning committee. The application for the demolition of the bungalow at 11 Strawberry Vale (next to Mercury Motors) and the building of 2 x 2.5 storey semi-detached houses is still in progress.

8. Bulletin 183: Andrew thanked June and Mike for their comments on the draft of the bulletin.

9. Any other business: None

Date of next meeting: 16 October 2024

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Signed

Date