

## MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

### MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2025 at ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY

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

**1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest:** Apologies, Mike Allsop, Louisa Carradine, Dany Mooney, Fiona Maxwell, Jonathan Bayliss, Cllr Lee. No declarations of interest.

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

**3. Matters arising:** The drainage works at the junction of Tower Road and Waldegrave Road have been completed. A replacement tree is due to be planted and committee members reminded Cllr Bennett that they had planted numerous bulbs in the bed and hoped that these would be replaced.

**4. Councillor's update:** Cllr Bennett said the lease for Radnor Gardens café was given to new providers at the beginning of November but it had only just been passed to their solicitors. He reported that the lighting on the pathway across Twickenham Green was now operating and that the lamp posts would eventually be painted black. The trial will last for a year.

**5. Chair's issues:** Andrew said that he, Pam, and Danny would meet Zoe Colbeck at Strawberry Hill House on 3 February to discuss arrangements for the picnic on 22 June. He outlined ways in which he thought SHRA could work in partnership with the House to organise the event. The proposed date for the SHRA AGM is 30 April and it was agreed that it should be marketed again as a 'social evening with AGM attached'. The Association's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary would be referenced in a presentation. Andrew circulated a list of proposed content for the next Bulletin 185. Mary asked if a question could be asked at the next PLG meeting relating to the outcome of the trial following the murder at Strawberry Hill station last January. John agreed to contact businesses about bulletin advertising but that this would not be prioritised over events sponsorship. Andrew said that it looked as though our funds would allow for some work to update the website and that he would progress.

**6. Treasurer's report:** June circulated the latest report and the draft annual accounts for 2024. She noted that the current account balance has increased slightly. She thanked Sam Kamleh for facilitating the £300 subscription from Shaftesbury Way. A charity donation from the collection at the Carols in the Village event is yet to be made.

### **Treasurer's Report, 15/01/2025**

(Up to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025)

#### **Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 06/11/2024

£4,106.66

**Current balance including interest:**

£4,115.93

Signed

Date

**Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 06/11/2024 £3,955.84

## Add income:

Subscriptions:	£489
Christmas sponsorship:	£780
Book sales	£165
Bulletin Advertising	£75
Donations at Carol Singing	£365.31

**Total Income: £1874.31**

## Deduct Expenditure:

Sparks Electrical(lamp-post testing)	£180
Christmas Tree	£660
Christmas banner	£90
Richmond Brass Band	£100
Christmas Refreshments	£164.30
Royal British Legion(wreath + donation)	£50
First Aid Kit	£13.44

**Total Expenditure: £1257.74**

Net cash increase / (decrease ) **£616.57**

**Balance today: £4572.41**

**Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown**

14/11/2024	£20
02/12/2024	£20
05/12/2024	£30
02/01/2025	£10
03/01/2025	£23
06/01/2025	£318- (£300 = FPRA)
10/01/2025	£68

**7. Carols in the village - evaluation:** Andrew said the event went well and the weather was reasonable despite forecast rain and high winds. He suggested increasing the number of carols next year. The amount of wine and mince pies etc. appeared to be about right.

Signed

Date

**8. Planning:** Andrew circulated Mike's comments which had been sent via email. Andrew said he had spoken to Louisa about the application for tree removal in Strawberry Hill Road. She agreed that these trees were important for the street scene and the environment and Mike has sent an appropriate response. Andrew will visit the Off-licence to discuss their plans in more detail. The other applications are not controversial.

**9. Any other business:** Pam proposed nominating Louisa as a Borough Community Champion for her work on organising the monthly Litter Picks and her other environmental work. The committee agreed and Pam will complete the nomination.

**Date of next meeting:** 5 March 2025 – Alexander Pope Hotel

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

Signed

Date