

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 AT THE ALEXANDER POPE HOTEL

PRESENT: Andrew Miller, June Collins, Pamela Crisp, Mary Hughes, Jonathan Bayliss, Dany Mooney, Louisa Carradine, Cllr Richard Bennett.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest: Apologies from Peter Lamb, Fiona Maxwell, Mike Allsop. No declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: agreed following the removal of the reference to the Fortescue Park donation being outstanding in the 2025 accounts. Andrew signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: Andrew said the Summer Picnic date has been confirmed as 5 July and the music and entertainer have been booked. There has been no update from the Golf Club regarding social membership. Andrew spoke to the parent who had asked SHRA for assistance with D of E volunteering. As her son is relatively young Louisa was asked to liaise with them about litter picking activity. June said the donation cheque from the Carol Event collection will be sent shortly.

4. Councillor's report: Cllr Bennett said a mega skip for community use will be placed in Vicarage Road in the near future (4 April). He said that communication regarding emergency roadworks needs to be improved. Water storage tanks will be installed on Twickenham Green and a flower garden will be planted near the Staines Road/First Cross Road junction. Complaints have been made about the impact of 24hr operation of the Mediterranean supermarket on Heath Road. Andrew commented that a dropped kerb is needed at the Staines Road end of the path across Twickenham Green. Cllr Bennett said there is slow progress on the Twickenham Riverside development and the budget is a challenge.

5. Chair's issues: Andrew said that graffiti on council and utility company owned property was usually removed promptly but owners of private property tended to be slower to react. SHRA costs for the Summer Picnic amount to £425 and it was agreed that we will ask for less sponsorship than last year.

6. Treasurer's report: 04/03/2026
(Up to 02/03/2026)

Deposit Account	
Balance at the time of the last meeting on 14/01/2026	£4,158.31
Current balance including interest:	£4,168.17
Current Account:	
Balance at the time of the last meeting on 14/01/2026	£4,151.41

Signed

Date

Add income:

Subscriptions:	£122.00
Bulletin advertising	£75.00

Total Income: £197.00

Total Expenditure: £0.00

Net cash increase/(decrease) £197.00

Balance today: £4,348.41

Subscriptions/Donations Breakdown

12/01/2026	5.00
12/01/2026	5.00
12/01/2026	20.00
12/01/2026	10.00
12/01/2026	10.00
12/01/2026	12.00
12/01/2026	5.00
12/01/2026	10.00
12/01/2026	5.00
16/01/2026	5.00
23/01/2026	10.00
02/02/2026	25.00

June said St Mary's short courses have still not paid for advertising. Jonathan will follow this up. She said the Final Accounts have been audited and thanked John Naish for doing this. Subscriptions are in line with last year apart from Fortescue Park.

7. AGM: June has booked the room at the Golf Club and will arrange the catering with them. Representatives from the Police, Strawberry Hill House, St Mary's University, and the current councillors will be invited.

8. Business Liaison Update: Jonathan said he will continue to focus on what we can offer to businesses in return for their sponsorship. He will interview the owners of Mercury Motors and the managers of the British Legion for the next Bulletin.

9. Bulletin 188: Jonathan circulated a first draft and said he has enough copy for this issue. He thanked June for her proof-reading comments and will now pass the copy to Sam for final presentation.

Signed

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10. Planning: Mike sent a report via email

New Applications since the last meeting

1 St Catherine's School has just put in a retrospective application (25/4536) for six new playing field lights to replace two previous smaller lights. There are currently five objections from occupants of properties in Cross Deep and Cross Deep Gardens that back onto Grotto Road on the basis of excessive brightness, intrusive shining into bedrooms, no assessment of the impact on bats and other wildlife, and errors and inconsistencies in the details provided in the application, including on the height of the columns. I do not think SHRA need to get involved at this stage.

Updates on Applications previously reported

1. 11 Strawberry Vale

Whilst the third application for the demolition of the bungalow at 11 Strawberry Vale (next to Mercury Motors) and the building of 2 x 2.5 story semi-detached houses has not yet been formally approved, recent correspondence indicates the Council are content to approve the plans subject only to agreeing a small change in the access.

2. 16 Strawberry Hill Road

The second application submitted in January 2025 for the change of use of 16 Strawberry Hill Road (formerly owned by St Mary's University) from use as a student accommodation to a single-family dwelling has just been rejected in late February 2026. The main reason for rejection is on the same grounds as the first application, that it offends against local policy by reducing the amount of student accommodation. As reported previously this is despite St Mary's University providing written confirmation that it is uneconomic for such an off-campus building to be brought up to an acceptable standard for student accommodation.

3. 1 Tower Road

Recent correspondence from the Council on the 1 Tower Road application to attach a two-bed dwelling on to the side of the existing semi-detached house indicates that it will be approved subject to completion of certain agreements with the developer.

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Draft Supplementary Planning Documents out for Consultation

The Council has issued four new supplementary planning documents in draft form for consultation. These deal with Biodiversity, Trees, Transport and Local Views. The first three are detailed documents setting out details of what the Council requires on those topics in relation to planning applications. The Local Views one lists the views across the Borough that are considered of particular significance and that would warrant special consideration in relation to any planning application, although it makes clear that views and street scene are important matters that routinely need to be considered in relation to all planning applications. I have reviewed these draft documents and not noted any matters on which I think we need to comment.

Andrew noted thanks to Mike.

11. Any other business: Cllr Bennett said he would raise the issue of the bed at the bottom of Tower Road at a meeting on Friday. Louisa said she is continuing to ask for the return of the newspaper bins to their original position outside the station. Dany said a meeting of the Friends of Radnor Gardens was held three weeks ago. Pam said that she has noticed building work at the station buildings on platform 1. Mike said there is no planning application for the site. Pam also commented on the ugly builder's fence that has been in place outside a house on Walpole for years.

Date of next meeting: AGM 22 April at Strawberry Hill Golf Club, committee meeting 13 May at St Mary's University.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed

Date