

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 17th MAY 2010

PRESENT

Bruce Duff	John Armstrong
Eugene Bacot	Teresa Read
Pam Crisp	Cllr David Porter

Bruce chaired the meeting

1. Apologies: John Naish, Robert Youngs, Mike Allsop, Clare Phelps, Cllr David Marlow, Cllr Clare Head,

2. Minutes of the last meeting: held on 8th March 2010. Pam pointed out an error in the figure for Christmas Event expenditure. Otherwise the minutes were agreed and Bruce will sign an amended copy. There were no matters arising.

3. Bulletins: Eugene said that there had been lots of interest in the latest bulletin. He had received a number of emails and more requests from potential advertisers. He suggested continuing the shopping feature in the next bulletin and/or producing a feature on the local churches. Bruce suggested a feature on the station refurbishment as he had received a request from the project team (n.b. they have agreed to move the notice board). Robert emailed a suggestion re an interview with Dr Naylor and a regular one column editorial on a subject of local interest. Eugene circulated a list of advertisers and suggested increasing the ad rate to £7 per column centimetre. This was agreed. Eugene left the meeting.

4. Treasurers report: Pam read the report prepared by John Naish

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 8 th March 2010:	£5,232.05
Interest (received quarterly – no statement received yet)	
Transferred to current account	£1,500.00
Balance as of today (excluding interest for quarter ending 31 st March)	£3,732.05

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 8 th March 2010:	£1558.90
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Add transfer from deposit account	£1,500.00
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Add income:

Subs and donations	£278.00
Advertising	£70.00
Book sales	<u>£102.00</u>
Sub-total	£1950.00

Deduct expenditure:

Book printing	£1750.75
Stag print – Bulletin printing	£498.00
AGM – room hire and drinks	£226.00
Sue Youngs expenses for plants	£26.25
Sub-total	£2501.00

Net c/a movement (expenditure)	(£551.00)
Balance as of today	£1007.90

John commented on the AGM expenses - £50 for room hire and the balance was the bar bill. He suggested only offering a first drink in future. John also asked if the History books could be insured e.g. in a home insurance policy.

5. Planning update/Gifford House: Teresa had nothing to report.

6. SMUC liaison group: Pam read Mike's notes (briefly summarised below).

Mike reported on the meeting on 16th April. The report on the student travel survey will be issued within the next fortnight. Six responses have been received re the boundary fence with four preferences for railings. It was agreed that SHRA would look to lodge a preference for railings including a query on height. Work on the new sports hall will commence on 24 May and should complete on 30 June 2011. Initiatives to encourage green travel were continuing and Streetcar has now allocated a VW Polo to the site. There have been further complaints from residents about noise and the UC continued to take these seriously and to encourage students to be considerate. Options for a new location for the recycling compound were discussed and it was agreed that residents would be consulted before a planning application was submitted. The UC will continue to monitor the situation regarding the pedestrian risk on Waldegrave Road. There appears to be no funding for, or interest in, providing a further crossing near the junction with Waldegrave Gardens. The next meeting of the group will be held in July.

7. AGM 2010: The minutes of the AGM were agreed. It was felt that the format was good and seemed to encourage more residents to attend.

8. Summer events: The Music & Fun day will be on July 18th. John A and Cllr Porter will not be available. Pam will liaise with Clare on availability and arrangements.

9. A. O. B.: Robert suggested that we hold a separate joint meeting with our new councillors. Cllr Porter will suggest some dates when he and his colleagues are available. It was agreed that parking on and around Wellesley Parade is one of the first issues that needs to be discussed. Robert also suggested some solutions to the problem of spam emails if the group still felt that this was a problem.

10. Date of next meeting: June 28th 2010

The meeting closed at 8:45pm