

**MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 25th JANUARY 2010**

**PRESENT**

John Armstrong	Teresa Read
Mike Allsop	Cllr David Marlow
Bruce Duff	Eugene Bacot
Pam Crisp	Robert Youngs

Robert chaired the meeting

**1. Apologies:** Clare Phelps, John Naish, Cllr David Porter, Cllr Clare Head

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 2nd November 2009 were agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising:** Christmas Event 2009 was a success as we learnt from the previous year and asked for donations for drinks. Dr Naylor's opening speech was very encouraging and added to the success of the event. Mike wrote to thank Dr Naylor.

**4. Treasurers report:** Robert read the report prepared by John Naish

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2009:	£5,231.14
Interest received	.91
Balance as of today	£5,232.05

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2009:	£1807.18
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Add income:

Subs and donations	£419.00	
Advertising revenue	£35.00	
Sales	£20.00	
Christmas Event	£350.00	
Sub-total		£824.00

Deduct expenditure:

Printing	£400.00	
Web-site	£45.98	
Landscaping	£81.87	
Christmas Event	£625.18	
Sub-total	£1,153.03	

Net income (expenditure)	£329.03
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Balance as of today	£1478.15
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The committee agreed to donate £350 to Kinnear House from the proceeds of the Christmas Event. John N will complete the claim to LBRuT for a contribution towards the expenses.

**5. Planning update/Gifford House:** Teresa reported that the sale of Gifford House had fallen through and that it would be put back on the market in February. There was an issue with the colour of the roof of the Contact Centre but the council was not prepared to make any changes. Mike raised the issue of the latest planning application by Newland House School for demolition of a house and extension to the school's frontage. Neighbours are actively protesting and Mike will ask if they would like SHRA's support.

**6. SMUC liaison group:** Mike said that the next meeting is scheduled for 5th February. The College had submitted an application to move the waste and re-cycling compound as it is currently on the site of the proposed new Sports Hall. This was not on the original planning application for the Sports Hall and was not mentioned at the last Liaison Group meeting. A special meeting was held at the beginning of November and the College apologised. Mike listed the many reasons for objecting to the proposal and it has now been withdrawn pending re-submission. One resident has contacted Vince Cable and he has written to the College. Mike has invited Vince Cable to the next meeting.

**7. Bulletins:** Robert circulated printing costs for a larger bulletin. The committee agreed to an increase to 6 pages as net cost could be less if advertising increases. The next bulletin will include a shopping supplement. Robert will write a history of the shops and Eugene will draw up a list for contacting current shopkeepers. The bulletin will include reports on the Christmas event, refurbishment of the footbridge, opening of the Strawberry Hill House exhibition and Radnor Gardens Green Flag status.

**8. Bushy Park charging protest:** this will go ahead despite recent announcements from the Government. A notice has been put in the SHRA notice board.

**9. History book re-print:** Robert supplied revised costings based on a new layout in A5 format. The committee agreed to buy 500 based on the likelihood of increased demand following publicity around the Strawberry Hill House exhibition. Friends of SH house, Langton's, Twickenham Museum, Orleans House Gallery and the V & A will be contacted as potential stockists. A retail selling price of £7.99 was agreed. Robert will confirm print cost to John N.

**10. Ward Champion:** the proposed Ward Coordinator role and a potential sum of £10,000 per ward were discussed. There is confusion about the status of implementation and what this really means. Cllr Marlow will investigate and report back. John A asked if there are guidelines re overhanging hedges.

**11. A. O. B:** SHRA notice board - Bruce will mention moving this back to its original position when he follows up the completion of the work on the footbridge. The notice board will then be re-furbished.

Teresa updated the meeting about a new borough wide forum which will have a link for Strawberry Hill.

John A raised the use of email for communication. There is a subscriber link on the SHRA website. Robert asked the committee members to trial and it will then be mentioned in the bulletin.

**12. Dates of next meetings:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010, AGM 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm