

**MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, 5th JULY 2010**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Bruce Duff	John Armstrong
	Eugene Bacot	Clare Phelps
	Pam Crisp	Cllr Clare Head
	John Naish	Robert Youngs
	Mike Allsop	

Bruce chaired the meeting

- 1. Apologies:** Teresa Read, Cllr David Marlow, Cllr David Porter,
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 17th May 2010 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4. Treasurers report:** John Naish

**Deposit Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2010:	£3732.05
Interest (received quarterly – no statement received yet)	

**Current Account:**

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2010:	£1007.90
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Add income:

Subs and donations	£95.00
Advertising	£124.95
Book sales	<u>£130.00</u>
Sub-total	£349.95

Deduct expenditure:

AGM – St Mary's printing	£8.40
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Net c/a movement (expenditure)	£341.55
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Balance as of today	£1349.45
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John pointed out that it had been a quiet period. Advertising rates have been increased and one payment has been received so far. Invoices have been issued and John will continue to chase payment. The history books are selling well. In response to questions about the interest rate on the deposit account, John thought it was best to leave things as they are as we do not pay any bank charges.

**5. Planning update/Gifford House:** Teresa had nothing to report. Other members were not aware of any issues but Mike agreed to check the planning web-site regularly. John A commented on his difficulty in navigating the planning site. Cllr Head will write to the planning officer about this. Construction of the Contact Centre on part of the Gifford House site is finished. Cllr Head has visited the site. Teresa is unhappy with the siting of the security camera and this will be partly shielded. Bike stands are to be moved and will be screened. The colour is

still an issue but cannot be changed as it is embedded in the wall covering. The remainder of the Gifford House site is apparently under offer with a view to creating another Old People's Home. Pam will write to Ishbel Murray the Assist Director of Environment to ask for more details.

**6. SMUC liaison group:** There has been no meeting since the 16th April. Results of the student travel survey have still not been issued. The college is considering 6 possible options for a new location for the waste and recycling compound. Residents will be consulted before a planning application is submitted. Work on the new Sports Hall has started. Mike has been given a tour of the site. The site is very dusty and there is a lot of noise associated with drilling for ground source heating. The builders will leaflet drop residents every couple of months. Security arrangements for the Pope's visit in September are being discussed. Dr Naylor leaves the College in October and his replacement will be Dr Esler. Cllr Head said that residents in Southfield Gardens had asked for an extension of their CPZ to cover 12 months of the year. She is going to suggest that money is released by the College to fund the consultation required.

**7. Bulletins:** Eugene said that the bulletin was now with Robert. An article about Gifford House will go on the front page. Bruce has been told by Mark Richard of Osborne's that they are hoping to hand over the completed refurbishment of the footbridge this week and then the SHRA Notice Board will be moved. Mark is writing a history of the job which could go into the bulletin. Cllr Head will be meeting S W Trains this and Network Rail and she will follow up any points the group have. She also commented that the Cafe in Radnor Gardens is due to re-open on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July with a new tenant Alan Dillon who is a local resident. Clare P asked if there would be space in the bulletin for a notice about the Police Liaison Group.

**8. Summer event:** The Music & Fun day will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Clare P has been told that there is already someone doing strawberries and cream. It was agreed that the SHRA stall would provide cakes with strawberries. A small group will meet to finalise arrangements.

**9. Appearance of the village:** Clare pointed out that the wall of the garden by the Off Licence is constantly being knocked down by cars and suggested that a 'Civic Pride' initiative with joint funding by SHRA and the Council could replace bollards that protect the wall. Cllr Head will follow this up. Clare also suggested that SHRA buy a hosepipe to make it easier to water the garden. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

**10. Station including SHRA notice board:** See item 7.

**11. Any other business:** Cllr Head is continuing to pursue the issue of the poles in Pope's Grove and the problem with parking spaces in Abbotsmead. She is also suggestion new consultation on the parking arrangements in Wellesley Parade.

Cllr Head raised the issue of the road closure at Hampton Wick railway bridge. Following consultation with residents a 15 week period of alternate traffic has been agreed rather than complete road closure.

Strawberry Hill golf club has queried its rent charge with Cllr Head as they feel it is now too high to allow them to operate effectively.

Pam commented that the Royal Parks have abandoned plans for parking charges in Richmond and Bushy parks.

Clare asked if the Christmas Event could be put on the agenda for the next meeting and suggested that the Mayor should be invited to open the event as he is one of our local councillors.

John A said he was still being troubled by Spam emails. Robert agreed to change the set-up to a generic email address which should address the problem.

**12. Date of next meeting:** September 6<sup>th</sup> 2010

The meeting closed at 9:35pm