

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2009

PRESENT

Mike Allsop	Eugene Bacot
Bruce Duff	John Armstrong
John Naish	Teresa Read
Councillor Clare Head	Clare Phelps

APOLOGIES

Councillor David Marlow	Pam Crisp
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Bruce chaired the meeting.

Before the minutes for 29th June were agreed and signed, Mike Allsop requested an amendment on paragraph 13, line 5 to read “students are **discouraged** from bringing their cars into the college, and **encouraged** to register their cars”

- 1. Outcome of strawberry stall in Radnor Gardens** – we have made a profit of £125.90, which was considered very good, and worthwhile doing, on what was a good family day event.
- 2. Treasurers report** – John (Naish) said that he had had a letter from the council, continuing their financial support for our Christmas event.

Deposit account		£5,230.22
Current account	Balance June 29 th	£1,655.51
Income		£ 350.75
Expenditure		£ 435.96
Net income (expenditure)		£ (85.21)

Current Account Balance to-day	£1,570.30
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3. Planning update – Teresa reported that building on the family contact centre has started. Gifford House site has still has no buyer. Robert said that 5 antennas owned by O2 and Vodafone, remain on Rochester house. Orange is appealing against the council’s refusal to allow more antennas on the roof. Mike said that a 15 metre high new mast had been installed on the site of the railway depot (at the bottom of Southfield gardens), but this didn’t need permission. Referring early to SMUC, Mike said that there are still plans to re-route the 33 bus by Twickenham station. He also said that there are limited parking spaces on campus for students and staff. Mike also referred to a new planning application for an annexe building in the garden of one of the large houses and gardens off Waldegrave Road, that would affect residents in Southfield Gardens.

4. Station refurbishment – Clare (P) and Pam, with Clare Head and David Marlow, had met up with Mark Richards (contractors Osborne) and Matthew Crittle (Network Rail) earlier in the week, to discuss the plans for refurbishing the sides of both footbridges – the footbridge itself is not due for any maintenance. They plan to put up the scaffolding this week, and start work Sept 7th. All the wood will be replaced with new wood, and painted, and will take 15 weeks to complete. The estimate for the work is £200,000. They have promised to move the SHRA notice

board temporarily on the wall above the newspaper bins. Clare (P) pointed out that only one lot of scaffolding has gone up so far, the work hasn't started, and they may need reminding. As Clare (P) and Bruce will be away for the next 4 weeks, Robert said he would do this, if necessary.

5. Parking Wellesley Parade – Clare (Head) said that the limited parking scheme had been abandoned, as there was no response from the traders. There was a discussion about the background to the issue.

6. Zebra-crossing at the Waldegrave junction – Robert said that he had had a letter from Mike Potter (Council Transport Officer) saying that they were still analysing the data taken from the junction earlier in the year, and a decision about the crossing would be made later this month.

7. Police issues – Clare (P) said that she continues to go to every other borough wide police meeting on behalf of SHRA, and that this area remains relatively crime free, apart from a few burglaries. South Twickenham SNT has a sergeant – Clare ?

8. Plans for the Christmas event on Dec 11th - Clare (P) said that Rob Brydon had been invited to open the event. Robert said that Phil Rochford seems happy to hold the event again outside Sopa. Clare also said that she and Bruce could start the ball rolling (insurance permissions etc) on their return from holiday, but she felt that we should have some efficient amplification, so that the singing wasn't drowned out by trains and traffic. There was a discussion about it, and everyone said they would put their thinking caps on!

9. Walkabout with ward champion – this took place on August 6th, with Juliette Taylor and others, in limited roads within SHRA, but no one from SHRA was involved. John (A) did his own assessment the following day.

10. Planters – Clare (P) has suggested that we have a hose pipe to water the planters during the hot days of summer, as watering by can is back breaking. She will get permission from Justin Smith (River Trading) to have an attachment to his tap, before getting the hose. Clare also pointed out that the fir trees in the walled garden are growing out of control, and suggested that Leslie Hill gives us advice on what to do. She asked that the committee consider the cost of any work that might involve.

11. SHRA history book – Clare (P) said that she has finally found out that the firm who printed the last addition in 2004, do not have the art work to print more from. Robert said he would ask Raj, who prints the bulletin, to see if he could re-print/photocopy them.

Date of the next meeting – Monday, November 2nd

The meeting closed at 9pm.