

MINUTES OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

MEETING, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT

David Cornwell	Pam Crisp
Mike Allsop	Cathy Bird
Julia Fiehn	Charles Owens
Teresa Read	Peter Lamb

1. Apologies for absence: Lyndon Law, Cllr Head, Cllr Marlow, David said he had received an email from Claire Tomlins who has decided to resign from the committee. He thanked her for her contribution and her offer to help with future events.

Declaration of interest: As previously declared.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: agreed and David signed a copy.

3. Matters arising: The summer drinks event was a challenge for the cafe because of the weather and they have indicated that they would be reluctant to host it again. A group met on 1st October and successfully cleared the area behind the planter. The abandoned bike will be removed.

4. Bulletin 165: Julia said that Stuart will be doing the layout as Lyndon will be away. She circulated a draft and said there is room for more copy including something on parking, SMU and village planning. She asked for any comments and said the aim was to go to print by the first week in December.

5. Bulletin advertising: Julia confirmed that we only have 5 advertisers for this issue.

6. St Mary's University development plans: David, Cathy and Mike attended the inspectorate examination regarding the local plan. Mike spoke to reinforce written comments made in response to the plan. The GLA representative disagreed with the council's proposal to allow building on Metropolitan Open Land. Proposed changes will be finalised by the end of November for consultation.

7. SHRA Christmas event: The appeal regarding the planning application for an Ice Rink in Radnor Gardens has been upheld. Teresa said that it is unlikely that a rink will be installed this year as permission will be required from the Parks department. The carol singing at Radnor Gardens will be on Sunday 17 December at 3pm for 3:30 start. The collection will be in aid of the Strawberry Hill House Lost Treasures appeal. Cathy will complete the paperwork. Julia and Pam will organise the children's drinks etc. and Peter will invite the mayor. Teresa will supply a PA system
Pam will arrange for the Christmas tree to be put up in Wellesley Parade.

8. Village planning fund: The voting for the current round concluded at the end of October. Pam and David will investigate the possibility of an application for funds to improve the area behind the planter and make changes to improve traffic flow and parking.

Signed

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9. Planning: Mike had nothing to report apart from noting that he had seen that a house being developed in Strawberry Hill Road has had an air conditioning unit installed at the side. This is not shown on the approved plans.

10. SMU liaison group: Mike said that a meeting with Professor John Brewer is scheduled for Friday 10 November.

11. Safer neighbourhoods: Charles said that the closure of police stations at Teddington and Richmond Sovereign Gate has been agreed and the buildings will be sold. He said that there has been a rise in burglaries but a drop in theft. Theft of bicycles from sheds continues to be an issue.

12. Treasurers report: From Cathy

Deposit Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 12 July 2017	£4,559.83
Balance today	<u>£4,559.83</u>

Current Account:

Balance at the time of the last meeting on 12 July 2017	£1895.43
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Add income:

Subscriptions & donations	£10.00
Advertising	£135.00

Total income	£145.00
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Deduct expenditure:

Summer party	£305.00
Christmas lights insurance	£213.00

Total expenditure	£518.00
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Net cash increase / (decrease)	(£373.00)
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Balance today	<u>£1522.43</u>
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Cathy said that the payment to the cafe was to cover half of the labour cost for the summer drinks event. She suggested another appeal for subscriptions in the bulletin.

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13. Any other business: The amount of fly tipping by the recycling centre has decreased significantly. Pam noted during her autumn clean up of the site that there is graffiti on the fence and bins and that part of the fence is damaged. Peter attended the village forum group meeting on 3 October. The Village Planning Fund and the Air Quality Management Plan were discussed. It was noted that open spaces (small as well as large) are very important.

14. Date of next meeting: Monday 24 January 2018 at 6:30pm.

Pam will circulate the meeting schedule for 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed

Date