SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2025

At St Michael's Hall, Summersdale

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Residents Working Together

Present:	**Mrs Jill Shaw – Chairman**	**Mr Robert Lapraik – Goodwood Liaison**
	Dr Paul Stross – Webmaster (PS1)	**Mr Ray Carter – Environmental & Trees**
	Mrs Janet Leonard – Minutes Secretary	**Mr Peter Bickley – Treasurer**

1. Welcome.

JS welcomed all committee members attending, and also WSCC Councillor Mr Jeremy Hunt.

2. Apologies.

Received from Mrs Pauline Sutton and Mrs Barbara Dart.

3. Approval of minutes of 3 April 2025.

Approved and signed by JS.

4. Matters arising not mentioned in minutes.

None

5. Open Forum.

No matters brought forward.

6. Chairman's Report

JS asked that a vote of thanks be given to newsletter editor Alicia Russell for the last excellent edition. JS reported that a new noticeboard had been purchased and would be installed next to the One Stop shop. This can be done in the next couple of weeks. The installation of an information board at the end of Hacketts Rew was discussed. The location of a board was also discussed, and it was agreed that it should be at the entrance to Hacketts Rew. RC and PB agreed to work with JS on this project looking at cost, content, artwork and permissions, possibly applying for a grant to help with the not insignificant cost of creating and installing this board. JH said he would contact Richard Pailthorpe from the Weald and Downland Living Museum for ideas.

7. AGM

It was agreed that the meeting went well and the guest speaker was well received, but unfortunately the numbers were again down on previous years. Two emails were sent out about it but perhaps one the week before the meeting could help attendance. Whether the change in date affected the turnout was discussed. It was agreed that the date of the AGM would be changed to 23 April next year as a May date may begin to conflict with early season holidays.

8. Roads

JH reported that he had met with Highways concerning the junction of Summersdale Road and Blomfield Road where parked cars can make access difficult. No decision is available as yet. An assessment has been done on the pavement at the end of The Drive is under consideration. A bus shelter for The Drive bus stop on the southbound side of the Lavant Road is also under consideration as is one on the northbound side opposite the doctor's surgery. This should be possible, as there is sufficient width on the pavement if the overgrown hedge was trimmed back. JH will progress these. Feedback from a speed loop in Brand Hole Lane showed that the average speed of traffic down the lane was 25mph despite the limit being 20mph. JH said it could be possible to put speed reducing humps in and S106 money from Minerva Heights could be used, but initially perhaps white lines could help to raise awareness of the need for reduced speed.

9. Trees

RC reported that the 6 roadside trees planted for the 2025/26 season are just surviving. JS has approached nearby neighbours and hopefully they are watering them regularly. RC will continue to petition for earlier planting in future years, ideally October/November, to make the most of the wetter weather. It was agreed that we would plant another 6 trees around Summersdale this year. RC suggested that we invite suggestions from residents for sites for further planting in 2026/7 season. Mark Gibbs offer of potentially obtaining further trees from the Goodwood Estate was discussed. The SRA are very interested and RL agreed to get back to Mark to follow up on the offer and understand the details (number, type, size of trees and who would plant them). We would need to approach CDC for agreement once more details are known. The sacking ties on trees used by contractors are failing and RC will pass this information on to WSCC.

A planning application to create a drop kerb at 43 The Broadway could compromise the tree planted there a couple of seasons agon on this small plot. Some tree works have been carried out in Stanton Drive, a blue cedar has been felled in Harberton Crescent and a pine has been felled in Marchwood along with various other

tree works. JH asked RC to determine whether there are TPOs on the two large cedar trees in the garden of 29 The Avenue.

RC reminded the committee that phased 4 of the Graylingwell development included the Lavant Valley Linear Greenspace providing a continuous bridleway to Fordwater Road. The path has been fenced off but there is no further development. This area would be an ideal space for planting smaller tree, perhaps from Goodwood Estate, to mitigate noise and flooding, although we would need to consult the residents of Maplehurst Road as it would run along behind their gardens. It was agreed to keep a watchful eye on this possibility.

10. Environmental

Friends of Brandy Hole Copse will hold a Day of Discovery on 25 June. The relocation of JYS's pupils from the SRA area to the new school in Minerva Heights will begin at the start of September, and the question of traffic congestion near the school was discussed again. There is no provision for parking at the school for drop-off or a crossing over the Funtington Road to facilitate parents walking their children to the new school.

11. Planning Report

The latest detailed report showing all outstanding applications is published on the SRA website. The SRA do not believe that they should comment on any of the current applications.

12. Website

PS reported a quiet month on the website front. An updated membership list has been received from BD so that when people log on to access the website, PS can see if they are members.

13. Goodwood Report

RL reported on the Goodwood Motor Circuit Consultative Committee meeting held on 30 April. The meeting was chaired by Richard Plowman and was well attended by representatives of the local parishes, City Councillors, West Sussex CC, Chichester Society, CDC Planning, South Downs National Park and members of the Goodwood team.

Noise control at Goodwood motor circuit. The circuit was used for 23 days, of which 5 were Cat 1 (unrestricted noise). New software has been installed to collate the information from the three noise sensors on the acceleration sections of the track. During 2024 the circuit had a total of 1,424 hours of live track action during which the noise limit (the half-hour LAeq) was never exceeded. Noise reports are available on the Goodwood website. Noise propagation is affected by weather conditions, particularly wind direction and speed. Noise procedures remove the noisiest vehicles through static tests and initial drive-by and drivers can be warned, removed and required to modify their cars, or permanently excluded.

Update on Goodwood Motor Circuit. Bookings. Bookings for the motor circuit were going well with successful Members Meetings and recommencement of the popular Breakfast Club. The Race Tower has now been rebuilt and sustainable fuel has been introduced.

Environmental Issues. Several environmental and sustainability issues were raised including the ongoing work on the River Lavant to manage the river with a focus on nature and flow rate. The bat hotel was now up and running near Goodwood House and was strategically located on a key bat route from the Downs towards the harbour. Goodwood Farm is running an Open Farm Sunday on 8 June and the farm would shortly be introducing a robotic dairy.

Goodwood Educational Trust. The Trust will have its 50th anniversary next year and is currently running farm visits for schools; woodland learning, including a weekly forest school for vulnerable students and a programme for children in the community.

14. Membership numbers.

Reported currently at 376. It was agreed that how to recruit new members would be a major agenda item at the next meeting.

15. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's account	
Lloyds Bank	£2,553.84 including £75.10 held on behalf of NCRA
Interest bearing a/cs	
Lloyds Bank Business instant access a/c 1%	£0.01
United Trust Bank (interest due 31 October)	
Business 100 day notice a/c 3.9%	£5,3343.40
Business 40 day notice a/c 3.8%	£8,492.20

16. Date of next meeting

24 July 2025 at St Paul's Church.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.