



# Stoughton Community Association

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## Minutes of SCA committee meeting of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Emmanuel Church, 20:00 - 21.30 hours

### In attendance:

<i>Cllr Pauline Searle</i>	<i>(PS)</i>	<i>Hon. Chair. Chair for the meeting.</i>
<i>Ian Godfrey</i>	<i>(IG)</i>	<i>Hon. Secretary. Chair of Planning sub-committee. (arrived near end of Traffic item)</i>
<i>Maureen Bell</i>	<i>(MB)</i>	<i>Committee member. Chair of Community Centre sub-committee.</i>
<i>Dinah Bisdee</i>	<i>(DB)</i>	<i>Committee member.</i>
<i>Peter Gunner</i>	<i>(PG)</i>	<i>Committee member.</i>
<i>Fred Johnson</i>	<i>(FJ)</i>	<i>Committee member.</i>
<i>Cllr Olaf Kolassa</i>	<i>(OK)</i>	<i>Committee member.</i>
<i>Cllr Jayne Marks</i>	<i>(JM)</i>	<i>Representative of Guildford Borough Council (GBC).</i>
<i>Sheila Willis</i>	<i>(SW)</i>	<i>Representative of Safer Guildford Partnership</i>
<i>Alan Noakes</i>	<i>(AN)</i>	<i>Representative of Grange Road Neighbourhood Watch.</i>

### Apologies made for:

<i>Malcolm Kimber</i>	<i>(MK)</i>	<i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>
<i>Mark Lavender</i>	<i>(PG)</i>	<i>Committee member. Chair of Traffic sub-committee.</i>
<i>Cllr Fiona White</i>	<i>(FW)</i>	<i>Representative of Surrey County Council (SCC).</i>
<i>Phil Knapp</i>	<i>(PK)</i>	<i>Committee member.</i>

### Guests:

*Paul Kassell (PKa), Edward Tudor (ET), Ken Johnson (KJ), Eileen Johnson (EJ), Mike Burgess (MBu), Rod Hunt (RH), Pamela Hunt (PH) – left after the Traffic item.*

1. Meeting started at 8pm with PS as chair.

### Apologies

2. Names of guests noted. Apologies and absentees noted.

### Traffic Sub-Committee

3. This item brought forward on the agenda because guests had been invited to discuss the Northmead and Stoughton Grange School housing developments and traffic issues along Grange Road.
4. MB reported ML had resigned his chair of the Traffic Committee.  
MB agreed to reconvene the Traffic Working Group in the near future [26<sup>th</sup> Jan]. **MB**  
PKa agreed to join Traffic Committee. **PKa**
5. PKa volunteered to coordinate traffic campaigns for Waltham Avenue, Harts Gardens and Grange Road. **PKa**
6. JM explained GBC planning could not reject an application on traffic or highways issues if SCC Highways had recommended approval.  
It was noted that because SCC is selling Stoughton Grange School there may be a conflict of interest within SCC Highways. It was unclear whether the same conflict existed with the Northmead development. A question was asked whether Highways had deliberately ignored Grange Road during the Waltham Avenue campaign [05/P/00763].  
It was generally agreed protests should be sent to Surrey Highways department. **All**
7. The dangerous conditions and problems along Grange Road were discussed.  
IG explained he had written to and had telephoned the head of SCC Passenger Transport Group [Laurie James 0208 5419367] several times [in 2003/4] who agreed to try and change timetables so that buses did not coincide with school run times. [Assumes children do not use buses to go to school. Dangerous driving often results from drivers losing patience with the jams caused by large vehicles such as buses and construction traffic.] PS agreed to contact him. **PS**

FJ said the Traffic Commissioners had a significant role in buses.

8. The Northmead proposal was discussed. PG said the proposed entrance is unlikely to meet planning guidelines.

PKa agreed to visit the school to read the minutes. PKa explained he was being asked to make an appointment which was proving difficult. It was explained to PKa that governor's minutes are on public record unless specifically placed under 'section 2'.

**PKa**

9. A number of ideas were discussed to raise public awareness and generate publicity to persuade SCC Highways to do something about the dangerous conditions in Grange Road.

- Consider pavement protest - maybe coincide with visit of Anne Milton.
- Involve press / radio / TV. JM to provide contacts to PKa.
- Carry out our own Traffic Survey. MB agreed to organise a repeat of the STAG surveys carried out in May 2001.
- Obtain photographic and video evidence. IG to pass on previous evidence to PS.
- People should attend the next SCC council meeting at County Hall Kingston on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2:30pm, where PS said that the school sale is likely to arise.
- Posters on lampposts.

**JM**

**MB**

**IG**

**PS to confirm**

**Previous minutes**

10. PS proposed and MB seconded acceptance of the minutes of the previous General Committee meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

**IG to post on SCA website**

11. It was noted there were outstanding actions for IG, AN and PS.

**IG, AN, PS**

**Charity Application and Trustees**

12. MB reported that until MK returned and is willing to sign as a trustee, she is unable to proceed with the application.

**MB /MK**

MB reiterated ML had resigned his chair of the Traffic Committee and he intended to stand down permanently at the AGM so would not be a trustee.

13. MB reported that SCA is obliged to keep its existing bank until the charity application had been made.

**AGM (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March)**

14. JM reported she had booked the large hall at Emmanuel Church.

JM said as funding was a problem she intended writing to all of Stoughton businesses next weekend looking for sponsors.

**JM (All)**

**Community Centre Project (SCCP) – Chair's Report**

15. MB reported the developers had submitted a new application for the CC [05/P/02467], this time with offices instead of flats. The deadline for responses was 9th Jan, and SCCP had already written in with its numerous concerns still outstanding from the previous applications [see web-site].

MB explained GBC officers had reported over 70 objections had been received, all from QEP residents and QEPRAs. MB said opinions had changed from 'small or not at all' to 'no need'. QEPRAs had put a page on their web-site that had many inaccuracies. GBC would be meeting with the developers shortly.

MB agreed to send a summary of S106 and legal issues to Richard Lingard and FW.

**MB**

16. DB reported she now recognised the task she had volunteered of producing the business plan was too big for her alone and asked for a small team to help.

DB, MB, IG and PG agreed to meet urgently to work on the business plan.

**DB, MB, IG, PG**

**Planning Sub-Committee – Chair's Report**

17. IG reported on other planning applications:

- WENDY CRESCENT 31 Worplesdon Road 05/P/02243. 5 bed house into 5 flats.
- KEENS LANE Worplesdon 05/P/01340. Nothing to report.
- PHONE MAST Stoughton 05/P/01316. Only 2 objections?!

18. IG reported the Wendy Crescent proposal was going to committee the next day. It had 20 objections which he had only become aware of since Xmas. IG had read the officers report to approve, but it appeared residents concerns about traffic and over-development were being ignored as usual. It was agreed IG should write a letter of objection to the planning committee. [See web-site]

IG

**Future meetings**

19. Next meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

20. The meeting closed at 9:30.

**Acronyms**

- GBC** Guildford Borough Council
- LC** Guildford Local Committee
- LDP** Guildford (town) Local Development Plan
- NbW** Neighbourhood Watch
- QEPRA** QE Park Residents Association (qep.residents.sec@ntlworld.com)
- SCC** Surrey County Council
- SCCP** Stoughton Community Centre Project (a sub-committee of SCA) (sccp@stoughtonca.org)
- TTG** Guildford Local Committee Transportation Task Group
- TWG** SCA Traffic Working Group (a sub-committee of SCA) (traffic@stoughtonca.org)

Minutes prepared by Secretary of the meeting Ian Godfrey.

Approval of these minutes was:

Proposed by .....

Seconded by .....

Approved at a meeting held at .....

On .....