



Stoughton Community Association

including the Stoughton Community Centre Project (SCCP)
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MINUTES OF THE SCA COMMITTEE MEETING, MONDAY 14th MAY 2007

Emmanuel Church, 8.00pm

Present:

Paul Kassell	Chair. Chair Planning & Traffic.
Dinah Bisdee	Vice Chair.
Ian Godfrey	Secretary. Secretary for the meeting.
Wendy May	Committee member.
Maureen Bell	Committee member. Chair SCCP. Fundraising Secretary.
Cllr Pauline Searle	Committee member.
Cllr Jayne Marks	Guest. (Was Rep for GBC.)
Christine Stacey	Guest.
John Hamilton-Williams	Guest.

1. Apologies:

Malcolm Kimber	Treasurer.
Cllr Fiona White	Committee member. Rep for SCC.
Peter Gunner	Co-opted committee member.
Robin Clinch	Chair ASBC.

2. Guests

- 2.1. Paul welcomed **Christine** and **John**, who as Conservative party representatives and local residents had responded to SCA's invitation for all election candidates to attend. Paul asked them to take part and have a think about how they might like to contribute at future meetings. The same request was made at the end of the meeting.
- 2.2. Note: the Labour Party also had been sent an invitation but had not responded. The invitation was also made by letter in the Surrey Advertiser 11th May edition.
- 2.3. All thanked **Jayne** who has been a trustee committee member as GBC Representative since our first AGM, a founder of STAG and has fought for a community centre in Stoughton for over 21 years. Jayne stood down as GBC councillor at the May elections. The committee's gratitude was also shown with a splendid bouquet of flowers. *[Also see items 5.9 and 6.2]*

3. Previous meetings minutes:

a) Agree/amend

- 3.1. Maureen proposed the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting of March 12th seconded by Wendy. Approved.

b) Review actions not covered elsewhere

- 3.2. All thanked **Dinah** for hosting the party at her home on the 31st March to celebrate SCA becoming a charity. £16 had been raised from the book sale there, which together with £27 raised from pavement protests totalled £43 towards SCA funds.
- 3.3. **Jayne** explained GBC can only place reasonable restrictions on construction deliveries such as normal hours of operation *[anything else may be appealed by the developer]*. It is unlikely anything could be done about vehicles parking in the road waiting until 8am for work to start. The restriction that QEP developers agreed with SCA was voluntary. The police could be called if there was an obstruction.
- 3.4. Other actions were reviewed and carried over.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1. Generally agreed not to bother chasing sponsors payment for the 2006 AGM.
- 4.2. Maureen reported £21 subscription had been paid to Community Matters.
- 4.3. Noted that Maureen had previously agreed to be Fundraising Secretary for SCA, so no need to look for anyone else.
- 4.4. Paul reported that the Planning and Traffic sub-committee did not require a fixed budget and would raise their own funds as necessary. Maureen said SCCP would do the same. **Action: Malcolm** to produce budget for SCA based on previous expenditure plus contingency, so we know what funds we need to raise.
- 4.5. Other actions were reviewed and carried over.

5. Miscellaneous

- 5.1. Thanks were given to **Maureen** for her successful work resulting in SCA gaining Charity status. *[Registration number 1118348]*
- 5.2. There was a general discussion about plans for the coming year, to identify targets for each part of SCA that fall within our general objectives, with some actions to address these. **Action: All to review and agree before next meeting.**
- 5.3. **Action: Paul & Ian** to contact QEPRA to offer to organise a party for organisers and public after the QEP fete.
- 5.4. **Action: Ian** to contact local schools, churches and groups to compile a list of events.
- 5.5. Dinah proposed SCA should promote at least one positive planning initiative and suggested the area around the Royal pub. Jayne said it was possible for GBC to produce planning briefs. **Action: Pauline** to ask John Davey about producing planning briefs for various parts of Stoughton. Also invite him to the next meeting. *[Flats in Barrack Road had been approved in March 07/P/00082; block of 14 flats on the corner of Worplesdon and New Cross Road had been approved in July 2005 but not yet started 05/P/01779.]*
- 5.6. **Action: Pauline** to find out if there is a planning brief for the Puttock's site.
- 5.7. **Action: Pauline** to enquire about the proposed lights for the Woodenbridge bridge. *[Currently held up by the Highways agency.]*
- 5.8. **Action: Pauline** to enquire about Guildford City Boys FC plans for their pavilion improvements. *[Mike Beckwith says GCBFC also needed funds from the Football Foundation in addition to the £20K from QEP. They are now in a position to proceed.]*
- 5.9. Ian reported he had written to GBC asking them to nominate a new **Statutory Authority Representative for GBC** to replace Jayne, as demanded by the SCA constitution now she had stood down. Ian explained that Jayne was nominated by GBC; likewise Fiona is nominated by SCC. Two years ago, Sheila Willis was a representative for the Police until they decided they would prefer not to have formal position. Pauline is the only councillor publicly elected onto the committee and with Fiona, both being GBC and SCC councillors are very useful to have on board. Ian asked if anyone was aware of any other statutory authorities that should be represented on the committee. **Action: Ian** to follow up. *[GBC have sent a form which Ian needs to return.]*
- 5.10. Ian suggested the Police may like to have one of us on their committees, but it was felt this should come from the ASB sub-committee if they chose.

6. Community Centre Project (SCCP) Section

- 6.1. Maureen gave the SCCP Chair's Report *[see page 5]*.
- 6.2. Maureen reported that **Jayne** had accepted honorary membership of SCCP in view of her long term involvement and solid support, and wishing her to remain involved although she is no longer a councillor or representative.

7. Traffic Sub-Committee

- 7.1. Paul gave the Traffic Sub-Committee Chair's Report [see page 8].
- 7.2. Paul asked John and Christine what plans they had for **STAN** (Stoughton Traffic Action Now! Campaign recently organised by local Conservatives) and whether they wished to join forces with SCA in a united voice, especially as SCC appeared to be using the different approaches as a reason to delay things. Christine reported that the few responses received needed to be reviewed first. **Action: Paul** to invite Christine to next TWG meeting if Christine feels it will not compromise her position as Deputy Chairman (Political) of Guildford Conservatives.
- 7.3. Maureen reported she had attended a Guildford Local Committee meeting on May 10th and asked a question about how SCC Highways arrived at the £4m total for 'Stoughton Traffic schemes' as published by the Local Committee on 27th March. The temporary SCC Highways Director, Richard Bolton emailed back the next day stating that every suggestion in the report had been costed by the two designated Guildford traffic engineers. He admitted he knew this was not what was required. Maureen had also asked, as £4m is way over the £660k annual budget for our Local Committee, where could such a large sum come from? No response has been given to that question. **Action: TWG** to follow up.

8. Planning Sub-Committee

- 8.1. As details of planning objections were going to be discussed, Wendy May and Pauline Searle left the meeting.
- 8.2. Paul gave the Planning Sub-Committee Chair's Report [see page 6].
- 8.3. Paul said he expected the Headway application to come before the planning committee 22nd May. Wendy and he had done a leaflet drop and there were 20-odd objections. Paul would volunteer to speak and would seek to persuade a resident of North Road to assist.
- 8.4. Stoughton Grange would come before the committee either 5th or 26th June. Residents' main objections are the mass of the building and parking. Both these applications, although following principles of parking standards, would cause overflow parking in Harts Gardens, North Road and Grange Road.
- 8.5. All gave **Paul** a vote of thanks for the amazing amount of effort he dedicates to planning and traffic matters, on top of everything else.

9. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Sub-Committee

- 9.1. Wendy presented the minutes of the ASBC meeting on March 28th, and gave an overview of the initiatives that had been considered. There were no issues to escalate to the SCA committee.
- 9.2. **Action: Wendy** to contact other ASBC members in Robin's absence to organise the next meeting.

10. AOB

- 10.1. Generally agreed the process for emailing newsletters was good. It was suggested that the newsletters and web-site should include dates for public events. [See item 5.4]
- 10.2. Generally agreed the minutes of the 3rd AGM on the 5th March are an accurate record of that meeting and could be posted on the web-site. They will be formally proposed at the next AGM.
- 10.3. Paul reported he had a meeting with Grace Blake, Chair of QEPRRA. They had discussed a variety of issues and, as a gesture of openness; Paul had agreed to include Grace in the circulation list for his planning and traffic group report.
- 10.4. Paul asked all members to remove all political references from emails and be mindful of whom they were sent to. He also wished to make it clear to John, in spite of what had been written in the paper, that he is apolitical, merely interested in helping residents of Stoughton, and wished to remain that way.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **MONDAY 11th JUNE 8pm at Emmanuel Church**

Acronyms

- GBC** Guildford Borough Council
- SCC** Surrey County Council
- LDF** Local Development Framework – replaces the old Local Plan
- TBHSPA** Thames Basin Heath Special Protection Areas – includes Whitmoor Common
- SCCP** Stoughton Community Centre Project, sub-committee
- ASB** SCA's Anti-Social Behaviour sub-committee
- TWG** Traffic Working Group, SCA's traffic sub-committee

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

Stoughton Community Centre Project Report
March 2007

Progress

1. Unfortunately, I have no progress to report further to our March meeting. The mediation process undertaken by Guildford's Head of Legal Services, Richard Lingard, has been delayed due to his work as Returning Officer for the Local Elections. I do know that Richard was to meet with Ivan Ball, representing the Developers, Wednesday 9th. Richard emailed me to say he would report back to us as soon as it was practical.
2. A good piece of news is we have received our first donation of £100 from the local branch of the Buffaloes, made specifically for the community centre project.
3. Another good bit of news is the announcement of a Community Groups Fund of £80m to be awarded over four years and will use local distributors such as Community Foundations. I understand from Community Matters who will be actively involved as advisors that this fund has been instigated with the intention to work with Local Authorities on transferring assets to community groups. I have requested we be considered (having copied R Lingard with the information).

See http://www.communitymatters.org.uk/projects/community_alliance/index.php
And <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2421>

Issues / Decisions

4. None that require escalation.

Plans

5. To date we currently have 112 signed forms from residents throughout Stoughton supporting the community centre being built. To demonstrate there is more support for the community centre than against we should have at least double this number.
6. I will keep you posted with any new information.

Planning Sub-Committee – Chair's Report

March 2007

Progress

SPA

1. Dinah and Ian attended an SPA Interim Avoidance Strategy workshop run by Elizabeth Mitchell on March 14th. Inconclusive.

Applications ~ Stoughton and Other wards

2. See summary below.
3. Leaflet drops undertaken:
4. 07/P/00493, Grange Road / North Road – Headway development.
5. 07/P/00510, Mast at Grange Road / Deeprise Close / Railton Road (thanks to Dinah)
6. 07/P/00515, Provided material for the Crescent for their own leaflet drop
7. On April 23rd, addressed residents of Harts Gardens on the subject of Stoughton Grange School. Gave an interview with Surrey Advertiser on the same subject.
8. Residents have grave concerns on this and the Headway development:
 - a. Both developments follow parking advice, to the letter. Residents do not believe the developer's spin on the subject of traffic generation by the two sites and believe that overflow parking will affect the streets of Stoughton.
 - b. Access to both sites will be problematic during the construction.
 - c. Residents want to be protected from the sort of disruption caused by the development on 56/58 Grange Road.
 - d. The size and mass of the Stoughton Grange School will dominate its surrounds. It is entirely out of keeping with neighbouring buildings.
 - e. Stoughton Grange overlooks the immediate neighbours – the design proposal is factually incorrect when it asserts that these properties have no side windows.

Issues / Decisions

9. Please help by objecting to plans promptly when asked to do so.
10. Headway.
11. Stoughton Grange School.

Plans

12. Continue in line with North Guildford Alliance.

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Planning Reference	Address	Ward	Details of Application	Date for Comments	Status
06/P/01426	39 Woodbridge Hill	Stoughton	Retrospective relaxation of condition 07 of 02/P/01693 approved 22/11/2002 to allow extended opening hours from 0800 to 0000 (midnight) Mondays to Thursdays (inclusive), 0800 to 0030 Fridays and Saturdays, and 0800 to 2330 Sundays and Bank Holidays.	Appeal 27/04/07	APP/Y3615/A/07/2038411 Objected to Planning Appeals Inspectorate
06/P/02223	Land at, Shepherds Lane, Guildford, GU2	Westborough	Erection of four x three bed dwellings with rooms in the roof, two two bed dwellings and a pair of three bed semi-detached dwellings with fifteen allocated car parking spaces following demolition of single storey building.	Appeal Hearing Comments By 24/05/07	APP/Y3615/A/07/2036294 I have written to Planning Appeals Inspectorate and asked to attend hearing
06/P/02316	30 Woodbridge Hill	Stoughton	Erection of a detached building including a shop and five flats, car parking, landscaping a bike store and a bin store, demolition of existing dwelling and shop.	Appeal 15/03/07	APP/Y3615/A/07/2036655/NW F Objected to Planning Appeals Inspectorate
06/P/02605	27 Woodbridge Hill	Stoughton	Change of use from A1 (hairdressers) to A5 (takeaway)	Appeal 06/05/07	APP/Y3615/A/07/2040523
07/P/00244	95 Broadacres	Worplesdon	Land to side of 95 Broadacres – new building on corner green space	Appeal 25/04/07	APP/Y3615/A/07/2039054 Objected to Planning Appeals Inspectorate
07/P/00493	North Road	Stoughton	Headway Centre, 4 Flats and 6 Affordable Homes	16/04/07	29 Objections Insufficient access, Insufficient Parking, stealing back gardens from Grange Road residents.
07/P/00510	Railton / Grange Road	Stoughton	Phone Mast	20/04/07	18 Objections Too many masts in Grange Road, will obstruct a future school drop off point. Unsure as to safety aspects. Refused
07/P/00515	11 The Crescent	Westborough	Conversion of Bungalow into 6 Houses	11/04/07	33 Objections out of character, loss of privacy, dangerous junction, insufficient parking. Residents have appealed to both WBDRA and SCA for help
07/P/00556	28 Harts Hill	Westborough	Conversion of existing dwelling to create an additional two storey attached house.	18/04/07	10 Objections Garden Grabbing
07/P/00606	8 Cobbett Road	Westborough	Erection of two storey attached building to form two, one bedroom flats with associated parking cycle and refuse store. and addition of utility room to rear of 8 Cobbett Road	03/05/07	13 Objections Garden Grabbing
07/P/00621	Stoughton Grange School	Stoughton	Erection of two, two storey buildings containing eight care apartments each and a part two / part three storey building containing eight care apartments and a fifty bed care home with associated parking and landscaping following demolition of existing school buildings	03/05/07	30 Objections (will rise) Insufficient parking Mass too large Overlooking Neighbours
07/P/00638	2 Broomfield	Westborough	Erection of two storey semi-detached dwelling with associated parking.	25/04/07	12 Objections Out of Character Garden Grabbing

Traffic Working Group – Chair's Report
March 2007

Progress

1. Overall there has been little progress – the launch of an alternative Traffic initiative in Stoughton has led to a halt in activities until the situation can be resolved.

Escalation

2. Due to the launch of STAN, I have dropped the complaint with the Ombudsman. On two differing occasions, SCC have quoted differing opinions within Stoughton as a justification to do nothing. I believe our next move has to be to show a united front.
3. Awaiting details of a meeting with Derek Lake.

Traffic 2000

4. No response as yet on the subject of pavement surfing.

Northmead School Governors Meeting

5. I have sent them the s106, which describes some money put aside for a safer route to Northmead School. No response as yet.

Arriva

6. After a promising start, still awaiting a formal response to a number of issues.

Community Speed Watch

7. Still needs one last push.

Issues / Decisions

8. None.

Plans

9. Meeting with Derek Lake
10. Progress speed watch