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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 13TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION – Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

DATE – 1st July 2021

PRESENT – John Archer – Chairman, Councillor John Blundell, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Councillor Tim Sawdon, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary. Plus 10 members of the Association.

WELCOME – John A welcomed everyone to the AGM. An AGM was not held in 2020 due to Covid 19.

APOLOGIES – Delma Carter, Sylvia and David Cleaver, Peter Dixon, Don Simpson.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2021 were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – **Speedwatch** - two sessions have been arranged with PCSO Paul Jackson: Thursday 8th July 2021 at 3.30pm in Mantilla Drive between Chideock and Easedale and Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 9.30am on Leamington Road near the Robins and Day dealership going towards the city. **Gilbert Richards Centre** – various meetings are taking place and Mick will advise the re-opening date when it is known. **Street Watch** – an update from our co-ordinator outlines the area covered by our team and advises that all five members carried out four patrols last month. One new member has joined the team and more members are needed to facilitate extra patrols. Three members of the team had carried out a patrol today, 1st July 2021.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – SGRA's three officers have agreed to continue in their roles. If any member would like to join the committee, please make contact. David Cleaver and Roy Preedy, our two Auditors, have also confirmed they are willing to continue.

COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL – **Animal Pound** – Coventry City Council have agreed to pay for a feasibility study to determine exactly what work is required to repair the wall. No means of funding has been suggested. John A will liaise with Mark Yates (Coventry City Council) to enable SGRA to clear some of the ground. **Street Cleaning** – a resident has asked about the frequency of street cleaning. SGRA has suggested to John B that problem areas are Easedale Close, Dewsbury Avenue beside the green and Hexworthy Avenue in front of the shops (which nobody seems to take responsibility for). John B has passed the request on to Samantha Morris, City Services and is waiting for a schedule of dates and streets. The meeting reported that the central reservation of the A45 between Leamington Road Island and Toll Bar island is covered in dirt and debris. We are advised that this is the responsibility of Coventry City Council. The dog-leg also often has a lot of litter. Mattie wants to organise a litter pick in August.

67 Mantilla Drive – the upper storey has been removed because the window would ‘intrude into public space’. A similar development in Chideock has already been approved.

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – The latest Police crime report that we have, stated that during May 2021 there were 64 recorded crimes in Wainbody Ward. These were mainly vehicle crimes and instances of domestic abuse. On 1st July 2021, there had been an attempted theft of a Range Rover in Beanfield Avenue.

TREASURER’S REPORT – **Trees** – Mick is trying to establish the age of the eight oak trees on Styvechale Grange, by measuring their girth. The largest oak tree is in Hexworthy Avenue and John B confirmed that this is inspected and managed at regular intervals. A silver birch tree on Dewsbury Avenue has had its bark defaced and removed but we are advised on good authority that the tree should recover.

City of Culture Trust have applied to Coventry City Council for an entertainment/alcohol licence for the War Memorial Park. This licence would have serious implications for local residents as the time boundaries are unreasonable. The meeting believed some resolution/clarification is required as to what arrangements will be made to manage this. John B will examine this application. Any person wishing to lodge a representation must do so by 25th July 2021 by writing to The Licensing Authority, The Council House, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RR or emailing licensing@coventry.gov.uk. The application can be viewed at the above address and further information may be available at www.coventry.gov.uk. **Finances** – Mick thanked David and Roy for auditing the accounts. We currently have £706.46. Recent expenses have been £49.50 for the web site and domain name and £54 for the printing of the final newsletter. Our Account with Coventry Building Society has earned 18 pence interest. No further expenses are anticipated at present. **Website** – there were 525 visitors during June 2021, 81% from the UK and 18% from the USA, however, disappointingly, Mick has received very little feedback. **Facebook** – this is going well since its inception in August 2020 with 493 looking at our page in June 2021, but again Mick has received minimal feedback.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – **Friends of the Meadow** report that Street Pride have severely cut the meadow and consequently the wildflowers have been destroyed. In addition, the operator cut out a section of hedge to gain access to the small meadow, instead of using the correct entrance. No comment has been received from Street Pride. Dave Lewis (Coventry City Council) has promised to visit the site. Tim said this was not an isolated incident and Street Pride should know better regarding the correct time to mow. **Centenary Celebrations War Memorial Park** – the weekend includes a Park Rededication at 3.00 on 9th July 2021 at the War Memorial. In addition, soldiers’ stories will be suspended from the trees, the community sensory garden will be opened and the Japanese Garden should also be open. There will also be the opening of a labyrinth and children’s crazy golf course. Histories of the people commemorated on some of the benches will be available online. The centenary team will have a small gazebo near to the visitor centre.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 5th August 2021 at 7.30 p.m. This may be a Zoom meeting, although we have been invited to use the garden at the Manor. Weather permitting, we will notify members.