

# S.G.R.A.

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## **MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**LOCATION** – Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

**DATE** – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**PRESENT** – John Archer – Chairman, Councillor John Blundell, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.  
Plus 8 members of the Association.

**WELCOME** – John A thanked everyone who had supported the virtual meetings since December 2020 and was pleased to advise that SGRA will resume meetings at Grange Farm School with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**APOLOGIES** – Geoff Barnacle, Sgt. Darren Betts, Alison Binks, Paul Burke, Sylvia and David Cleaver, Sue Clifford, Anant Patel, Roy Preedy.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, having been posted online and circulated, were accepted.

**MATTERS ARISING** – **Footway Repairs, Mantilla Drive** – the completion of this work is not scheduled to be carried out. The dogleg is still full of debris. Dewsbury and Stivichall Croft/Coat of Arms Bridge Road have been cleared of leaf litter. The pothole reported in Coat of Arms Bridge Road/Stivichall Croft has been repaired.

**COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL** – John B is keen to re-establish the **Police Liaison Meetings** and has asked our Police team for some meeting dates.

**Refuse Collection Dispute** – it has been reported in the Coventry Telegraph that the strike action is to be extended by a further three months. Tom White Waste are carrying out a fortnightly collection of green lidded bins. Items for recycling may be taken to the War Memorial Park

**Invasion of Ukraine** – Conservative councillors have requested Coventry's twinning with Volgograd be suspended; this could be reinstated when peace is restored. Coventry City Council are offering sanctuary to Ukrainian refugees.

Conservative Councillors had tried to 'move' an **alternative budget** to the 2022/3 charges that the Council has proposed, but they did not get the proposal through.

**COUNCILLOR MATTIE HEAVEN** – **Footway Repairs, Mantilla Drive** - Mattie advised that Coventry City Council report that they do not have sufficient budget to complete this, but they would examine all reported trip hazards.

**Mantilla Drive Road Resurfacing** - the resurfacing of the remainder of Mantilla Drive is unlikely as Coventry City Council claim they have no budget for the repair. SGRA members cannot understand why the whole of Mantilla was not resurfaced while the repair team were there? Mick advised as many members as possible to report the condition of Mantilla to 'Fix My Street' and is certain that at least some temporary repairs would be carried out. Mattie will raise a petition and volunteers are needed to obtain signatures. **Community Litter Pick** – on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022; meet at Hexworthy Avenue shops at 11am. **Councillors' Drop-in Session** – the next one is on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Finham Library, 11am to noon. **HIMOs** – Article 4 Direction, which would limit the number of HIMOs, will be introduced later in 2022. Our councillors will lobby to make sure that Wainbody Ward receives a good representation.

**LOCAL POLICE UPDATE** – Sgt. Betts was unable to attend our meeting. An email from him advises residents to be aware of two males committing theft from motor vehicles in the area overnight. He further advises vigilance and to ensure vehicles are locked with nothing on show. Range Rovers in particular are being targeted. John A has received an email survey requesting opinions regarding body cameras worn by the Police and he has completed this.

**ANIMAL POUND** – Park rangers and residents have cleared away the overgrown vegetation from the pound and some of the surrounding area. John A has emailed Dave Lewis, Parks Manager, asking if the rangers could help us from time to time to prevent the pound deteriorating again; a reply is awaited. The four apple trees are thriving.

**PARKING AROUND GRANGE FARM SCHOOL** – Wainbody Ward Councillors, John A, Mick, and Sheila had a constructive meeting with Martin Ledguard, Headmaster of Grange Farm School, about safety of children and all pedestrians because of the continuing and worsening traffic congestion. Martin has agreed to produce a letter for SGRA to deliver to homes affected, listing what steps the school are already taking and hoping for feedback. We can then discuss what measures are, or are not, working. Martin will also put an article in the school's weekly newsletter. A resident in Dewsbury reported a disagreeable incident.

**STREET WATCH** – our co-ordinator reports that they still have six members and went on five patrols in February and seven in January, some with PCSOs. Patrols have been quiet. They submit their reports to the West Midlands Street Watch forum website. Some local businesses are displaying their posters. New members are urgently needed and contact can be made via the SGRA website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Finance – Expenses amounting to £49.50 have been paid to Best Host and for our domain name. We now have £656.96; further expenses will occur when we return to the school. We will re-introduce our raffle. **Website** – following the item concerning closure of the café in the park, Mick reported that the refurbishment has started. He has asked for details of the refurbishment. **Facebook** – Tony Cunningham is walking 10 miles every day for a year to raise money for the Molly Olly charity. We have received one 'hit' from Finland.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – John A reminded everyone of the litter pick on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 11am, meet at Hexworthy shops.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Grange Farm School. Seats will be well spaced and the hall will be ventilated. We intend to deliver a flier to all residents in our area advising them of the return to the school. We will also ask Grange Farm School to include a notice in their weekly newsletter.