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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION - Grange Farm School

DATE – 3rd October 2019

PRESENT – John Archer – Chairman, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Tim Sawdon, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.

Plus 19 members of the Association.

WELCOME – John A welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES – Alison and Tom Binks, Councillor John Blundell, Adrian Burr, Pauline Carson, Jayne and Bernard Every, Julie and Roger Griffiths, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Pat Jilks, Janet Lennox, Vera Macpherson, Sue Powell, Karamjit Singh, Rob Taylor, Chris and Lynne Turner.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting on 12th September 2019 were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – **Guest Speakers** – because of the Association's ever-diminishing funds, this is not viable at the present time.

POLICE UPDATE – **Police Liaison Meeting at Canley, 18th September 2019** – the latest reported crime figures for Wainbody Ward are for the three months June, July and August 2019. Burglary 16 (same period last year 34), Criminal Damage 13 (8), Robbery 2 (2), Vehicle Crime 17 (13). Councillor Sawdon is disappointed that the Police did not provide crime statistics specifically for Styvechale Grange. Tony Swann from Finham Neighbourhood Watch reported a 28% reduction in crime in Finham, January to July 2019, compared to the same period last year. **Speedwatch** – SGRA have suggested Mantilla, Dewsbury and Hexworthy as potential roads to be watched and will liaise with John B and the Police over dates and times. Speedwatch has been successfully executed in Finham. **Knife Crime** – The meeting discussed the Knife Angel and whilst everyone agreed it was striking, its effect on knife crime is unknown. West Midlands Police launched **Operation Sceptre** on 16th September 2019, as a 'major blitz on knife crime'. Leaflets were available at this SGRA meeting. Policing policy in our area will remain the same for the foreseeable future and Canley police station will stay operational. The Police are recruiting but Amy did not envisage an increase in numbers for our area in the short term. **Next Police Liaison Meeting** will be on 20th November 2019. Mick warned SGRA members about a telephone scam informing him that '£600 has been taken out of your account'. If this should happen to you, terminate the call immediately. John A is reviewing a scheme called **Street Aware**.

COUNCILLOR TIM SAWDON – **Warwickshire and West Mercia Police** are in advanced stages of parting company and our Councillors are concerned about this. **Coventry Police Museum** – a possible relocation for this could be in the basement of the Council House. **HS2** – trees have been cut down around Stoneleigh as part of the preparations for HS2. **A46 Strategic Link Road** – Warwickshire County Council have recently approved the development of this scheme. Phase 1 – A46 to Westwood Heath; Phase 2 – link road to Warwick University; Phase 3 – link road to JLR at Solihull. This would have the effect of reducing the volume of traffic along Stoneleigh Road and Gibbet Hill Road. Mick advised that Councillor Heaven's petition '**Stop the King's Hill Access Road**' has been extended into November and urged members to support it. The development at King's Hill is for phased housing and the petition resists the development on the grounds of inadequate infrastructure. Warwickshire County Council propose a roundabout at the bottom of Green Lane and a bus gate near to Finham Primary School. **Protection of our Green Spaces** – Mick advised that formal confirmation of their status from Coventry City Council had been requested some time ago. Since the meeting SGRA has received an email from the Planning Team Manager at Coventry City Council relating to the green space in and around Grange Farm School. The email suggests it is safe from any development in the foreseeable future.

SGRA NEWSLETTER – Contributions are needed for the January 2020 newsletter. **How Well do you know Coventry-Newsletter No.24** – this is a statue of Sir Thomas White located on Greyfriars Green.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Website** – The problems associated with WebEasy Version 10 software have been solved and most pages of the website are accessible. Mick asked members to look at the Police Alerts on the website. These can be found under 'Links, Consumer and Neighbourhood Advice', 'Police Home Security Advice'. Mick plans to add more photographs to the website and he will also be reissuing his calendar for 2020 with some new photographs. Google Analytical is still not accessible. **Finances** – we currently have £669.84 (less October's raffle expenses).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – **Animal Pound** – 50-60 people attended the opening ceremony and the day was a great success. The next working party at the Pound will be on Sunday 13th October 2019, 12 noon - 2 pm. Please bring gloves and garden tools. An issue has arisen near to the Pound concerning a tree which a resident has had pruned and the offcuts have been deposited near to the Pound. John A has talked to the resident to ascertain if the tree was his or was on common land. Tony Rose and Jim Passmore are trying to have these offcuts removed from the area. Tony and Jim are also busy creating a pathway from Stivichall Primary School to the Pound to allow easy access for the pupils.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday, 14th November 2019 at 7.30. The December meeting may be changed to 12th December 2019.