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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION – Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

DATE – 3rd December 2020

PRESENT – John Archer – Chairman, Councillor John Blundell, Helen Fitzpatrick - Wainbody Ward Conservatives, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.

Plus 12 members of the Association.

WELCOME – After a brief Zoom etiquette briefing, John A welcomed members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES – Alison and Tom Binks, Delma Carter, Sylvia and David Cleaver, Babu Mistry, Karamjit Singh, Wendy Sneath.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting on 5th March 2020 were accepted and there were no Matters Arising.

HELEN FITZPATRICK – Helen is a local volunteer assisting the three Wainbody Ward Councillors. She produces a weekly residents' update on the Wainbody Facebook page, which is shared with Pride in Finham. The content is moderated and scrutinised. The weekly update contains current national, city-based and local information and also includes personal contact details for the three Councillors. Helen acknowledged the work Mick is doing promoting SGRA on Facebook.

COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL – **Animal Pound** – John is making enquiries as to which department of the Council padlocked the Pound and erected the warning notice and who is responsible for repairing the wall. **Local Plan** – this will be reviewed in 2022. A planning application has been passed for a large housing development in Eastern Green. Our Councillors, together with West Midlands Mayor Andy Street, are challenging the population growth forecast figures produced by the Office of National Statistics. **Accommodation Block, Cannon Park** – building work has re-started. Numbers of **Covid-19** cases within the Ward and in Warwick University have reduced. John is promoting a **Coventry city 20 miles per hour speed limit**. This means the default position would be for residential roads to have a 20 MPH speed limited unless determined otherwise. New average-speed cameras have been installed at various locations within the city. John recommends we carry out a **Speedwatch** on Styvechale Grange, possibly in Mantilla Drive. A resident from Mantilla expressed her concern at the excessive speed of vehicles passing her house. She also thanked the Councillors for the introduction of the much-quieter electric buses. Since the meeting John A has contacted Sgt. Darren Betts about organising a Speedwatch.

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – The Police will not participate in a Zoom meeting. Overall, for Wainbody Ward, crime has increased by 2.37%. Burglaries have decreased due to people being at home more, but car crime has increased. Always keep vehicles and keys secure. Crime figures for our area: 1 Theft from Motor Vehicle: 2 cases of Harassment: 1 Attempted Burglary: 1 Sending of a Threatening Communication.

After a five-minute break everybody was successful in re-joining the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Website** - Mick has contact details for 120 residents only. This is out of 750 homes that we support. The updated website is usually launched in the second week of each month. Google Analytics show that there is a reduction in mobiles when they are used to access the website, greater use is being made of PCs and tablets. In November 2020 there were 63 visits to the website. Peak time was within two days of the email being sent to our members. From November we have linked our web page to Google Analytics to enable Mick to look at daily activity for each page viewed. He is disappointed about the lack of feedback about the website and would welcome any comments and additions. A quiz has been included in the December 2020 update and this may also be put on Facebook to hopefully attract more. The **Facebook** page was created in August 2020, but this is not attracting as many people as Mick hoped, numbers are dropping, and comments would help. Mick hopes to develop Facebook further. Helen Fitzpatrick suggested some help via two other Facebook groups. **Finances** – There has been no income since March 2020. We currently have £782.38, less approximately £77 to be paid out before the end of January 2021 (newsletter printing and BestHost). From January 2021 for the Domain name the cost will increase to £7.50 per annum. We will not be collecting subscriptions door to door during 2021.

January 2021 Newsletter – we are struggling to attract any content and regretfully this may be the last issue. The newsletter currently reaches all residents on Styvechale Grange, including those who are not online. Volunteers to deliver the newsletter are needed. Since the meeting John B has emailed their contribution to Finham Parish Council's quarterly magazine which contains more local information, for possible inclusion in our newsletter, web site or Facebook page.

George (Zoom Host) spoke about our Facebook pages. He stated that a number of people viewed our pages. There had been 194 views of the 'steam train over bridge' page and he gave some statistics which indicated that the number of views was quite substantial. Mick agreed with the figures but commented on the lack of feedback. Feedback is needed to stimulate others to comment.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – **Animal Pound** – we are trying to establish ownership and responsibility for structural repairs. Disappointingly, the area in the pound itself is not currently safe until repairs to the wall have been carried out.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 7th January 2021 via Zoom or Thursday 4th February 2021 - at Grange Farm School? To be advised.