

# S.G.R.A.

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

**LOCATION** - Grange Farm School

**DATE** – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**PRESENT** – John Archer – Chairman, Councillor John Blundell, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Tony Rose – Friends of Kenilworth Road Woodlands, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.

Plus 34 members of the Association.

**WELCOME** – John A welcomed everyone and reviewed items from our 2019 meetings.

**February** – no applications were received for School Crossing Patrol at Grange Farm School. ‘Think Before You Park’ signs are now in use outside the school. **March** – traffic lights A45/Leamington Road were reported to be operating efficiently. **April** – a communications flyer was sent to all residents inviting them to ‘join’ SGRA. Several members had received letters inviting them to register on a free private online network known as Nextdoor Grange Farm. **May** – work on restoring the Animal Pound began. **June** – the Kenilworth Road spinney walk was enjoyed by several members. **July** – SGRA AGM. The resurfacing of Mantilla was completed. Sadly, Councillor Gary Crookes passed away suddenly and members of the committee attended a celebration of Gary’s life at Canley. **September** – The Animal Pound was re-opened by the Lord Mayor in time for the Heritage Open Days. The Pound will now be included in the heritage trail and, for SGRA, is a work-in-progress. Councillor Mattie Heaven was elected for Wainbody Ward. Mattie is standing for Coventry South in the parliamentary election on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. **October** – speeding and parking problems. Grange Farm School have advised there will be increased traffic for open days on Tuesday/Wednesday 10/11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

They are holding a disco on the evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019. **November** – Our website is up and running and includes pictures and information – please access it. Derek Atcheson’s name may still appear on emails sent by SGRA but it has not been possible to remove it. **December** is pantomime season!

**APOLOGIES** – Margaret Davies, Jayne and Bernard Every, Julie and Roger Griffiths, Kathy Jackson.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were accepted.

**MATTERS ARISING** – There were no matters arising.

**LOCAL POLICE UPDATE** – Police will attend our meetings if shift patterns allow. On 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019, when the city centre Christmas lights were switched on, Wainbody Ward was patrolled by only two PCSOs.

**TONY ROSE** – **Animal Pound** - Tony agreed that what had started as an exercise to clear a few weeds from the Pound had escalated into a project lasting six months. However, it has been satisfying to all concerned and has preserved the history of our area. We hope this will encourage the local schools to be more aware of our local history. The project requires money and ongoing work. Regular maintenance sessions are being carried out. The sowing of wildflowers and the addition of an orchard have also been discussed. **Kenilworth Road Spinney** – it is hoped to organise a New Year walk. Tony and Jim Passmore have created a path between the Pound and Stivichall Primary School and are hoping to extend this path towards Kenilworth Road, which involves pruning overgrown holly and laurel.

**COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL** – John B thanked Tony for all his work and had enjoyed a performance by the Fabularium Theatre Company which had taken place in the summer in the recently cleared spinney on Kenilworth Road. **Speedwatch** – Police and SGRA are to liaise with John B on possible times and dates. **King's Hill** - our three Councillors had attended a meeting with Warwick District Council, who have now approved outline planning permission for 2000 dwellings, to be built near Stoneleigh Road (Phase 1). This will now be considered by Coventry City Council on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019, for the parts of the site on its side of the border. Coventry population growth figures have been significantly reduced so the requirement for the proposed number of houses may no longer exist. **Traffic Lights A45/Leamington Road** – the meeting reported that, when in operation, the traffic lights cause long tailbacks, especially on Leamington Road approaching the island. John B advised that the phasing of traffic lights is reviewed regularly. The lane configuration on the approach to the island via Leamington Road is considered to be unsatisfactory. The traffic lights on Erithway are not linked to any others. **Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) car**– this is in operation and John B has a schedule of the streets it will visit. Since the meeting this list has been forwarded to SGRA. John B contacted Highways Department and received a reply that Grange Farm School in Dewsbury Avenue had been visited but no vehicles had been found in contravention.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Website** – 99.9% up and running. There have been 90 users over the previous 28 days. Mick had asked members to reply to his email asking if they had viewed the website. 21 members responded. **Finances** – after expenses we have £809.52. At the present time we do not need to collect subscriptions.

**COUNCILLOR MATTIE HEAVEN** – Mattie was disappointed that only one week's notice was given for the meeting with Warwick District Council about the King's Hill development, particularly as it will affect our area. Mattie is standing for Conservative MP for Coventry South. If elected, she would continue as our Ward Councillor.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – John B was asked about the road works on the Festival island and he will report back. John A thanked everyone who helps support SGRA in any way. The SGRA delivery team will be needed to distribute the January 2020 newsletter. Sincere thanks to members who donated raffle prizes and to Doreen Archer for the excellent buffet which was enjoyed at the meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020, when the guest speaker will be Ellen Booth, Producer (South West) City of Culture.