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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION – Grange Farm School

DATE – 9th June 2022

PRESENT – Councillor John Blundell, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.

Plus 18 members of the Association.

WELCOME – In John A's absence, Mick welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES – Doreen and John Archer, Alison Binks, Paul Burke, Delma Carter, Sue Clifford, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Jane Parfitt, Anant Patel, Sue Powell.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022, having been posted online and circulated, were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – Parking Around Grange Farm School – leaflets illustrating inconsiderate parking have been passed onto the school. With the forthcoming change of headteacher, it is hoped we can build on recent progress made.

Sculpture in the Park – this is called 'Emergency' and was created in 1994. Further information is subject to copyright. Mick hopes to post more information on the website when available.

WILDFLOWER MEADOW – Following the colourful display on the A45, SGRA have again asked the Parks Department whether it would be possible to create a wildflower area in part of the Meadow. Previous requests for assistance have not been answered. Mark Yates of the Parks Department has reported they are willing to discuss our ideas for managing the meadow but advises that 'it is much more complex than it might seem'. Volunteers would be required to carefully manage the site and mowing would need to be carried out at the correct time. SGRA will follow this up.

WAR MEMORIAL PARK LICENCE APPLICATION – Coombe Abbey (Management) are applying for a licence to allow the sale of alcohol and food, together with music. John A and Mick attended the Licensing hearing at the Council House, to support the objections from Friends of the War Memorial Park. The licence application was granted but could in the future be rescinded if not acceptable. The Friends can appeal against the result. No alcoholic spirits will be sold. The café is reported to be willing to cater to customers' individual requests and preferences. An ice cream parlour will open soon.

STREETWATCH – the six members carried out seven patrols in May, some accompanied by the police. Nothing untoward was observed. New members are urgently required. A PCSO has advised of possible vehicle crimes on Leamington Road, Barnack Avenue and Ilford Drive. An SGRA member reported cars at the top of Barnack Avenue and the drivers were loitering/acting suspiciously.

COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL – On 23rd May 2022 our Councillors met with Police Chief Superintendent Henrick to ascertain the structure of policing, especially for our Ward. Reported crime has increased in the city generally and specialist teams are being deployed to counter burglary and vehicle crime. John believes vehicle crime is largely opportunistic, but vehicles are also known to be ‘stolen-to-order’. Members are reminded to keep unattended vehicles securely locked and where necessary apply a ‘crook-lock’. The meeting was informed that payment at the café in the War Memorial Park is by card only and John will check the policy behind this but believes it to be for security reasons. **Parking Around Grange Farm School** – no recent ANPR checks have been carried out in Dewsbury Avenue. Concern was expressed at parking on yellow lines and the excessive speed of vehicles using Dewsbury Avenue.

Meadow Grass Cutting – this will be carried out before the end of June 2022 and the operative has been asked not to use the ‘gap’ in the hedge inadvertently created last year. John A and Mick are trying to repair the gap. The meeting asked if just a path/swathe could be cut through the meadow, thus preserving wildflowers.

Mantilla Drive Resurfacing – John had been advised of ‘good news!’ Since the meeting SGRA has been advised that 23rd June 2022 has been confirmed as the date for the interim ‘patching’. John assures us that the total resurfacing is scheduled for 2023/24. It is acknowledged that the weight and frequency of buses has accelerated deterioration in the road surface. **Refuse Collection Dispute** – this is ongoing. Residents advise that the service by Tom White Waste is very satisfactory.

Cuppa with a Councillor – the next surgery will be on Friday, 17th June 2022 at 11 am at Finham community library.

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – we have a new Inspector, Jerome Moran. Total reported crime for Wainbody for May 2022 was 58, of which 8 were at Warwick University and 20 were vehicle crimes. Staffing levels consist of eight officers - two PCs and six PCSOs, this covers the wider areas of Wainbody, Westwood, Whoberley and Willenhall. These numbers will be severely reduced throughout the Commonwealth Game’s period. Hours of policing in our area are 8 am to 11 pm, after which there is no neighbourhood policing. A new police station is to be built in Sir Henry Parkes Road which will be completed by October 2024. The next police liaison meeting will be in July 2022.

TREASURER’S REPORT – **Finances** – we have £637.53; the school have not yet invoiced us for the use of the hall. **Website** – this is regularly updated. **Facebook** – Mick is proposing to join our site with Stivichall History Group

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The café at St Martin’s Church in Green Lane is reported to be excellent. **Stivichall Open Gardens** is on Sunday 12th June 2022. The anti-social behaviour/abuse by pupils of Finham Park towards a resident in Peveril Drive has, perhaps, worsened. The resident concerned wants to raise a petition to remove the bus stop outside his property. Mick agreed that the petition will be put as an agenda item for the meeting in July. A member at our meeting has offered to meet with the resident to offer help and advice. Some schools have staff (in Hi-Viz jackets) who patrol bus stops to discourage such problems from arising.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.30 pm – this will be our AGM.