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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION – Grange Farm School

DATE – 1 May 2025

PRESENT – John Archer – Chairman, Councillor John Blundell, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.
Plus 20 members of the Association.

WELCOME – John A welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Christopher Johnson, Network Community Delivery Lead, St. John's Ambulance.

APOLOGIES – Brian Croom, Judith and David Cule, Babu Mistry, Dianabasi Nkantah, Kirt Parshad, Anant Patel, Councillor Tim Sawdon, Rob Taylor, Tony Walsh.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2025, having been posted online and circulated, were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – **42-44 Alpine Rise Railway Line Fence** – the wooden fence has been repaired with used timbers and looks much better.

ST JOHNS AMBULANCE – Christopher advised on the most likely bleeds to be encountered - arm, leg, head, abdomen, bruising, arterial, internal, nosebleed - and he demonstrated a comprehensive set of treatments. To address the increase in the number of stab wounds, St. John's Ambulance, together with Coventry City Council and the NHS, have placed bleed kits out in the community. (General advice - never approach someone who has been stabbed). All wounds should be kept clean using lukewarm water. To stop a bleed, apply direct firm pressure to the wound using a sterile dressing (bandage, or a tea towel was suggested). A hospital consultation may be required if the bleeding does not stop. Arterial bleeds would require the use of a tourniquet, which must only be removed by a healthcare professional. People taking blood thinning medication are more at risk from a bleed. Christopher also advised on self-help, should members be on their own. People with diabetes should check their legs and feet regularly to ensure there are no lacerations. The adult human body contains approximately eight pints of blood. More information is being given within the school environment and more trained people are out in the community. Choking – encourage the patient to cough or use the abdominal thrust method (previously called The Heimlich Maneuver). Great care would be needed if treating an infant. Christopher advised that UHCW and Warwick Hospital have minor injuries units, St Cross Hospital at Rugby has an urgent treatment centre. Coventry Walk-in centre has a walk-in service. Christopher was thanked for his very interesting presentation.

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – PC Sean and PCSOs Tyrone and Ewan attended our meeting and confirmed that Styvechale Grange is a safe area and the crime rate is low. There was no reported crime in our area during March 2025. It is hoped that forthcoming major changes will bring a return to neighbourhood policing, where one officer would be designated to one Ward. 150 more officers will be employed across the force. In addition, local special projects coming to an end will release more officers. PCSO Tyrone is promoting the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday 27 May 2025 at 9 am at St Martin's Church Revive Café on Green Lane. Speeding on Styvechale Grange was reported again and the police team are happy to carry out Speedwatch sessions. Mattie asked for more police presence at local schools to combat illegal parking and the police advised that they would consult with their specialist schools' team.

COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL – **Mantilla Drive Resurfacing** – Coventry City Council's senior engineer has reported on the drainage problems and advised that they are currently considering 'cost comparisons' for the resurfacing project. Our Councillors will keep applying pressure. Residents in Mantilla have reported vibration effects inside their properties caused by passing buses and other vehicles. **School Streets** – John has put forward Grange Farm Primary School as a possible addition to this programme, although, because of the road layout it is not thought to be practical. An interim report on the School Streets trial is awaited.

Very Light Rail – a 220-metre test track is under construction in Greyfriars Road/Queen Victoria Road, Coventry and it is possible that this will be extended to the railway station, Pool Meadow and UHCW. Demonstrations will be operating for four weeks May/June 2025.

City Centre South – the area has been isolated so that the proposed demolition can commence. **IKEA** – Coventry City Council purchased the building from IKEA to create an artworks storage facility and archive. John outlined Council-acquired companies that have failed to produce a profit.

STREETWATCH – the team have one new member, so there are now four active members. They carried out three patrols in April, with nothing to report

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Finances** – Mick thanked members for their continued financial support and donations and advised that SGRA now has sufficient funds to continue for the foreseeable future. We currently have £1,198.96. **Website** – 90 viewers, 15 from USA, 74 from the UK and one from Ireland. **Facebook** has 133 viewers all from the UK except for one in India. Viewers figures are for April 2025.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – John A has joined the Bus Passenger Consultation Group. A property in Alpine Rise has for some time been dispensing Indian food from the premises. Given the strict planning guidelines for Styvechale Grange, the meeting did not understand the legality of this enterprise. **Convenience Store, Hexworthy Avenue** – a new shop front has been fitted but no further progress appears to have been made. **Litter Pick** – Mattie proposed a litter pick if enough people would support it. Date to be announced. **Meadows** – the meadow has been waterlogged. Dave Lewis from the Parks Department has inspected the area. **Styvechale Open Gardens** – since the meeting, we have been advised that this will be on Sunday 8 June 2025, 11 am to 5 pm, tickets and map will be available on the day from Church Room, St Thomas More Church, Knoll Drive. For any further information please contact Patricia Flynn on 07757723777.

The meeting concluded with the raffle.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 5 June 2025 at 7.30 pm.