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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION – Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

DATE – 4th February 2021

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

Plus 12 members of the Association.

WELCOME – John A welcomed members and hoped everyone was safe and well.

COUNCILLOR JOHN BLUNDELL – **Animal Pound and Centenary Celebrations:** Coventry City Council have erected a 'danger' notice at the pound. John is making enquiries as to who is responsible for the repair to the fractured wall, particularly bearing in mind its proximity to the War Memorial Park and the forthcoming centenary celebrations. SGRA will continue to lobby the Council in order to get the work carried out. **Priory Centre:** John is making enquiries about progress. **Finham Library:** the building work is almost complete. Finham Library Action Group (FLAG) have received funding from Coventry City Council to carry out some modifications to transform the library into a multi-purpose library and community hub. **Grange Farm School** were shortlisted in the 'Seeds of Joy' competition and as a runner up were awarded £1,000 from Higgidy Kitchen (the sponsors). **Cycle Lane, Charter Avenue:** This continues to be a controversial matter. John is currently campaigning for a safer city with **20 mph speed restrictions** on many roads, utilising additional street furniture and signs. Various ideas were discussed. John has highlighted this with the appropriate Cabinet member and advised it will be a lengthy process.

APOLOGIES – Ross Crawford, Judith and David Cule, Vera Macpherson, Babu Mistry, Yvonne and Walter Neal, Sue Powell, Councillor Tim Sawdon.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting on 3rd December 2020 were presumably accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – Speedwatch and Litter Picks are not presently allowed, (Covid-19) however two members from the same household offered to carry out a litter pick the following weekend. **Animal Pound** - John A confirmed SGRA are trying to ascertain who is responsible for the repair of the wall. **The Meadow** – SGRA are still trying to ascertain ownership and conditions of tenure. It is hoped to subsequently establish a wildflower meadow. John B is seeking to clarify the status of the meadow. Could 'Friends of the Meadow' be included within the auspices of SGRA?

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – Crime figures for Wainbody Ward for December 2020 and January 2021 were 56 and 71 respectively, but no breakdown is known. Wainbody has a new Police Inspector, Victoria Stott.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Website** – 3rd January-3rd February 2021 – Mick reported 37 new users and a total of 44 people active. The age profile is 75% between ages 18 and 44 and 25% over age 45. Viewings have originated from China, United States and the UK and now total 452 for the period. Mick will issue an updated website during February 2021. **Facebook** – SGRA page is live and is running well and there are 75 followers, with the photographs attracting particular interest. Mick can circulate our Facebook page by email. **Finances** - we currently have £706.28. Recent expenses have been £26.60 for printing of the newsletter and flier, £7.50 for the website domain and £42 for annual website management.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Mick will email thanks to Helen Fitzpatrick for forwarding her weekly residents' update from our Councillors. Could we link this weekly update to our website? Problems with logging onto **Zoom** have hopefully been resolved. **How Well Do You Know Coventry in Newsletter No.27** – this is a plaque commemorating the Architect Sir Donald Gibson and is located in the Upper Precinct. Several members had enjoyed walks in the area around the new bridge over the A45. The footpath was reported to be good with a facility for cyclists. **Newsletter January 2021** – John A thanked everyone who had helped with delivery. Due to very little response, the future of the newsletter is being considered. The compilers have advised they are unable to continue. We need to re-consider the necessity for the newsletter, bearing in mind it is the only contact SGRA has with members who do not have access to the internet. Alternative methods of communication were discussed, e.g., Facebook, Facetime and Whatsapp, etc. Members were asked to consider the options, perhaps discuss these with neighbours and report back to our March meeting. **Peace Field A45** – during alterations to the property adjoining the field, a hedge has been destroyed. Mick has reported this to the Council. Mick has been approached by **Paul Curtis, Coventry Cultural Champion**, suggesting we provide material for a photographic display at the Animal Pound during the course of the War Memorial Park's centenary celebrations. **Website December 2020** contained a quiz and Mick asked members to forward their answers to him.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30 p.m.