

THE BOOKHAMS' RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at St Nicolas Pastoral Centre at 7.45pm

Committee Members Present: Peter Seaward (chair), Andrew Freeman, Chris Pullan, Michael Anderson, Elizabeth Hudson, Stan Miles, Ray Pritchard, Nick Forrer (Minutes), Michael Agius, Michelle Hudspith, David Smith, Les Huett, Arthur Field;

Councillors: Cllr. Lucy Botting, Cllr. Clare Curran,

BRA Members: Keith Francis, Phil Harris, Julia Dickinson, Trevor Goul-Wheeker, Clifford Wright

1 Apologies:

David Cox OBE, Jim Smith OBE, John Allen, Cllr. Stella Brooks, Cllr. Paul Newman, Frances Fancourt, Cllr. John Chandler, Cllr. Jatin Patel

Peter welcomed Arthur Field who is now a Committee Member with responsibility for "Projects Co Ordination".

2 Minutes

- 2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record and Peter thanks Nick Forrer for his efforts in getting the notes out despite his recent injury. The Committee wished Nick a speedy recovery.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 Previous Actions

- 3.1.1 Tree Officer (Para 3.1.3): it was noted that one meeting had been held with John Lalor and another is planned re. MVDC Tree Policies.
- 3.1.2 Traffic Calming in Church Road (Para 3.1.4): A meeting between Highways and the traders is planned to schedule the work, possible overnight.
- 3.1.3 "A" boards (Para 3.1.4): Encourage Lin Hulford to speak to David Smith direct to understand the issues.
- 3.1.4 Commemoration Day (Para 3.1.6): Suitable ways of commemorating this to be reported back at a later date. Action remains open. Jim Smith OBE
- 3.1.5 Lower Shott & Dorking Road Yellow Lines (Para 3.1.8): Cllr. Clare Curran reported that the extension of the yellow lines has been advertised for the required statutory times and comments being collated. Also reported that a half day fee and full day fee will be introduced with free 30 minute parking in those bays immediately outside the shops.
- 3.2 There were no other matters arising that were not elsewhere on the agenda.

4 Correspondence

- 4.1 Streetlamps on A246: New lighting has been erected along a stretch of the A246. Local residents were not consulted as there is no process but a number of residents are now unhappy. Local meeting had taken place and some measures will be taken to reduce the levels of light, e.g. shields. To review at local Committee.

- 4.2 Buses: Contact had been made from a bus users forum with a view to the BRA being a member. Papers passed to Keith Francis to attend to..

5 Howard of Effingham

5.1 It was noted that:

- the planning application has now been deferred with Guildford BC seeking additional information;
- six members of the BRA had visited the school to look at the shortcomings of the infrastructure
- Effingham Parish Council will seek a Judicial Review should the application be approved;

5.1.1 the number of births is on the rise and with new housing then capacity will be exceeded (currently full although other schools do have capacity). A meeting is scheduled next week with SCC to discuss numbers;

6 Parish Council

6.1 A significant part of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion re. the advantages and disadvantages regarding the establishment of the Parish Council, e.g. greater democracy, delegated authority, cost, loss of volunteers, etc.

6.2 Overall there was a majority view not to proceed down this route however the BRA should support the wider debate with the community.

6.3 It was agreed that:

- Peter would meet with Angela Griffiths to understand the latest procedures for progressing;
- the Newsletter would be used to promote debate;
- £1,000 would be set aside to pay for a survey/expert advice.

7 Sub-Group Updates

7.1 **Finance:** Chris Pullan reported that at the year-end the BRA was £111 overspent.

8 **Annual Objectives** – not discussed due to time constraints

9 Any Other Business

9.1 **Newsletter:** Les Huett went through the possible articles and responsibilities. This included a proposal to increase subscriptions to £3 as from 2016.

9.2 **Company Limited by Guarantee:** John Howard had drafted some Terms of Reference building on the BRA's. A discussion ensued and a number of points made. **Action: John will re-draft and circulate for further discussion.**

9.3 **Lower Shott:** Re-development of the area remains on the agenda although a supermarket has been ruled out. A meeting between the MVDC and councillors is scheduled where future plans will be discussed that will encourage shoppers to visit the shops and improve the connection with the High Street.

10 **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 2nd March 2015