

THE BOOKHAMS' RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday December 2nd 2013 at
St Nicolas Pastoral Centre at 7.45pm

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, Michael Anderson, John Allen, Chris Pullan, Chris Boughey, Elizabeth Hudson, Jim Smith, Stan Miles, John Howarth, Nicholas Forrer, Cllr Tessa Hurworth, Cllr Phil Harris, Cllr Clare Curran

1. **Apologies:** Ray Pritchard, Lin Hulford, Cllr John Chandler, Cllr Stella Brooks, Les Huett, Andrew Freeman. David Cox, Michelle Hudspith. David Smith, Frances Fancourt

2. Minutes

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Correspondence

4.1 There was no correspondence.

5. LIMBRA.

Due to the rapid increase in the number of these local Highways meetings across SCC it was decided that they would have to be curtailed. Informal meetings will still take place. Dissatisfaction with this SCC decision was expressed especially as BRA had pioneered these events.

There is still no progress with barriers at the top of the High Street. Phil Harris and Michael Agius are to seek alternative solutions.

6. New Police Arrangements.

Although there had been much publicity about Local Policing changes it was anticipated that there would be no effect on Fetcham and Bookham. To be confirmed at the January Police Panel.

7. Autumn BRA General Meeting.

Around 180 people attended and feedback was generally positive. Some light was thrown on the NHS organisation changes locally and the Vanguard presentation was less confrontational than the Spring event.

8. Sub Group Updates

8.1 Environment:

Some new Street lights were still not working. Concern about the proposed parking restrictions was voiced. In particular it was asked why the new double yellow lines could not have been introduced at the same time as the changed car park regulations.

8.2 Planning:

The Planning Committee monthly report had been circulated

8.3 Bookham Retail and Business Association:

Christian's Jewellers was to close at the end of December. No new businesses as yet in place for this unit or the old HSBC property. It is believed that there are ongoing discussions on both.

It was suggested that through BRaBA there could be a discussion with the High Street landlords to discuss what improvements could be planned both short and long term to maintain and improve the vitality of the High Street.

8.4 Finance: Request to fund improvements to the War Grave surrounds at All Saints approved (£300).

9. Annual Objectives

9.1 Email Distribution List: Nothing to report.

9.2 Joint Working: Michael Anderson reported that feedback from initial meeting was good. Polesden Lacey were to run a course on Volunteer recruitment and retention. A Volunteer Fair will be held in the Barn Hall in the Spring.

10. Vanguard

The forthcoming publication of the MVDC Green Belt review will be in the New Year and the Council are reviewing areas in Bookham where there are land owners who are members of the Forum. That Vanguard was recommending that no green belt alteration to the south of Bookham was questioned.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 The following comments were made:

John Howarth asked why approval for the War Grave had been accepted whereas the £288 proposal for a Consultant for Joint Working had been rejected. It was agreed that this sum had been agreed but deferred until the first meetings of the Joint Working group had taken place.

11. Next BRA Meeting plus Police Panel: Monday 6th January 2014