

THE BOOKHAMS' RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015 at St Nicolas Pastoral Centre at 7.45pm

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, Andrew Freeman, Chris Pullan, John Allen, Michael Anderson, Julia Dickinson, Arthur Field, Keith Francis, Les Huett, Stan Miles, Ray Pritchard, Jim Smith OBE, Nick Forrer (Minutes),

Invited Councillors; Cllr. Lucy Botting, Cllr. Stella Brooks, Cllr. John Chandler, Cllr. Paul Newman,

Co-opted and Honorary Members;

Ordinary Members; Phil Harris, Chris Hedges (Lovell), Cliff Wright.

Apologies: David Cox OBE, Frances Fancourt, Michelle Hudspith, Elizabeth Hudson, David Smith, Cllr. Clare Curran, Cllr. Jatin Patel.

0 Bookham Neighbourhood Panel

PC John Hench summarised some offenses in Bookham. These included:-

- damaged wing mirrors,
- in the kids' playpark on Bookham Commons some apparatus was burnt by fire,
- Gate crashers at a noisy party causing subsequent damage in Church Street and High Street. On CCTV a fence is seen being pulled down with cars been kicked. However the images show some lads but the images not good enough for identification.

Turning to Little Bookham Street there have been only three reported incidents in the last five years these were not related to speed. It is intended to attach a VAS on a lamp post to collect some further data. The speed measured by the VAS would not be visible on the VAS. PC John Hench confirmed that they had three VAS but they were not used very effectively.

On noisy parties the Police would generally talk to the organisers. The relevant authority to deal with this is Environmental Health.

1 Minutes

1.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

2 Matters Arising

- 2.1.1 2nd January item 3.1.3 Completion of the **Business Maps** index showing the business premises with their name and trade indexed against their location in Bookham. Once completed Squiggle will print the map which then can be displayed on a new Notice Board in Lower Road Car Park. This will require a licence from MVDC. Subsequently it was determined that planning permission is no longer required. The approval for the money to support this activity will be delegated to the Treasurer in consultation with the Actioner.

There was dismay that it taken such a long time.

Action: Nick Forrer

- 2.1.2 11th May Kebab Shop. The signage and whether appropriate in a conservation area is to be decided by MVDC. This is wending its way through the planning process. This is still progressing through the system.

Action: Stan Miles

- 2.1.3 1st June item 11.2.2 Grass Verges: Michael Agius would be chasing up on the provision of posts on grass verges in Eastwick Park Avenue. This would discourage parking on the verges.

Action: Michael Agius

- 2.1.4 1st June item 11.2.3 Bookham Signage: The two signs at each end of the village on the A246 will need to be replaced as the wooden frame is rotten and the surface of the sign is showing some distress. They are unlikely to last longer than another 9 months. It would be good to be able to personalise the new signs by putting some picture that is typically of Bookham. This could be a "beech tree" emblem.

It was also noted that the Kennel Lane sign has been damaged and stolen. A check would be made with Surrey Highways as what could be provided as a replacement for all three.

Action: Michael Agius

- 2.1.5 3rd August item 4 Communication Plan. We should discuss ways of improving communication and getting feedback from our Councillors.

Action: Peter Seaward

- 2.1.6 3rd August item 4 Communication Plan. The Treasurer would report back next month on the impact of the suggested costs for implementing the Communications Plan as it may well draw on using up our reserves.

Action: Chris Pullan

- 2.2 There were no other matters arising that were not elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.8 Electronic Sign Peter Seaward
It may be possible to fix it to the Notice Board Lower Road Car Park
- 5.9 Replacement of Village signs Michael Agius
- 5.10 Xmas lights & spare hanging baskets
- 5.11 Bench renovation outside St Nicolas
- 5.12 Three/four sets of permanent wiring with a socket. This would allow Xmas lights to be just plugged in.

6 Sub-Group Updates

6.1 Planning

The following applications were highlighted from the Planning Minutes.

- Letter of representation for Wyvern House, 1 Church Road.
- Letter of representation for 1, Fairfield Cottages, Leatherhead Road

6.2 Environment

6.2.1 The banners for Weight Watchers are now appearing on different railings across Bookham.

6.2.2 The flooding on East Street has been raised with Surrey Highways.

6.3 Health:

It is expected that Leatherhead will be a bigger centre for Healthcare in the future.

7 Next BRA Meeting: Monday 5th October 2015.