

THE BOOKHAMS' RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015 at St Nicolas Pastoral Centre at 7.45pm

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, Andrew Freeman, Chris Pullan, John Allen, Michael Anderson, Frances Fancourt, Arthur Field, Keith Francis, Michelle Hudspith, Elizabeth Hudson, Les Huett, Stan Miles, Ray Pritchard, David Smith, Jim Smith OBE, Nick Forrer (Minutes),

Invited Councillors; Cllr. Lucy Botting, Cllr. John Chandler, Cllr. Clare Curran,

Co-opted and Honorary Members; John Howarth,

Ordinary Members; Phil Harris

0 Bookham Neighbourhood Panel

The committee welcomed PCSO Marion Hawkins. She mentioned that a bicycle marking will be held on Wednesday May 27th, between 10am and 2pm at Domestique Cycle Café, Lower Shott, Bookham.

The vehicle activated sign (VAS) has been erected in Fetcham and will be coming to Bookham perhaps in Lower Road near the blind bend at the junction of Childs Hall Road.

There was discussion on the car parking on Lower Road outside the Howard of Effingham near the crossing close to the Vineries. Cars parked on the bend make it difficult for cars travelling east, which are over-taking parked cars, to see around the bend for incoming traffic. The result is reversing vehicles which can be a hazard. This needs to be brought to the attention to Effingham Parish Council, County and Road Authorities. This will take time to resolve but the problem will reduce over the summer months as the sixth-formers pursue other activities.

The crime figures for March and April were presented. There was a reduction in April from March. Two sets of number plates have been reported stolen. They are often used to buy petrol without paying. The only other significant event was the theft of a motorhome from Burrows Close.

There was a Neighbourhood Incident of ringing bells in Church Road¹.

1 Apologies:

From David Cox OBE, Cllr. Stella Brooks, Cllr. Paul Newman and Cllr. Jatin Patel

2 Minutes

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

¹ Not caused by St Nicolas.

3 Matters Arising

3.1 On item **5.2.1 Posters on Railings**,. It was agreed that the BRA should not remove posters/notices illegally posted and that the task should be left to authorised Council Officers.

3.2 On item **6.2 Flood Forum** the next meeting coming up will be before the 1st June. The report from Atkins is awaited. It was confirmed that the Fetcham ponds were a significant urban area.

3.3 Previous Actions

3.3.1 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. Once licenced the project manager for the installation of the Notice Board will be Arthur Field.

Action: Nick Forrer

3.3.2 6th October item 6. BRA Survey/Questionnaire. A small working sub-group to be formed with the involvement of Nick Forrer, Ray Pritchard, David Cox, Les Huett and Cllr Clare Curran.

Action: Nick Forrer

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

4 Correspondence

4.1 The 0300 telephone number has proved to be useful and has been renewed.

4.2 DB Services for the maintenance of trees has been contracted.

4.3 A donation on behalf of our past President Brenda de Bruin has been made.

4.4 A donation has also been made to Leatherhead Drama.

4.5 Arthur Field was thanked for his activities in arranging the move of the noticeboard to Lower Shott.

There was no other correspondence to discuss.

5 AGM

5.1 There was a discussion of the provision of Day Care which is sourced from the Private Sector, also that there are Registered Child Minders for the looking after of children. It might be possible to publish the help available for those aged from 0 to 4 with details of the Council contact.

Action: Les Huett to review what is possible.

- 5.2 The Committee is urged to come to the AGM and invite their neighbours. Also all those that can arrive early at 6:30 pm on the Wednesday will be able to help with the layout of the hall.

6 Planning: MVDC Local Plan/The Howard of Effingham

- 6.1 With the potential housing development in Effingham, as a result of the moving of the school, coupled with the potential extra 400 dwellings in Leatherhead, the longer term result will be Bookham children will be fifth inline in terms of preference for the Howard and third inline for Therfield. The educational case for the Howard to be developed is clear but only without the associated increase in housing as a way of financing it. The Chairman had written to Sir Paul Beresford on this matter

Action: N. Forrer to circulate letter

- 6.2 To finance the local infrastructure as a result of local development the Community Infrastructure Levy will be implemented in May 2016 and is designed to be fairer, faster and more transparent than the previous system. Further details of how it will work will be provided.

Action: P Seaward & M Agius

7 Parish Council

- 7.1 The Committee will organise in the future, a separate meeting where the Bookham Residents can hear the different arguments, in favour and against, for us moving to a Parish Council. Each alternative needs to be looked as to how it can improve on what is delivered now for the benefit of local residents, resolving local issues, ascertaining local views/demands, making it more efficient and reflecting the collective will of all residents. Also the implications of each alternative must be clearly presented with any disadvantages highlighted so that informed choices can be taken by all.

8 Car Parking

- 8.1 The issue of car parking on residential roads and the impact on residents trying to park outside their residences was discussed. Perhaps meetings with local residents might explore the issues and ascertain what actions could be taken. This could be with Council Officers to listen in on the issues.
- 8.2 The fees for parking at the Lower Shott car park was also raised. The suggestion is to have two rates, one for the morning and the other for the afternoon, with the first 30 minutes of both being free. A letter to be drafted.

Action: P Seaward

9 BRA Survey

- 9.1 See item 3.3.2 for original action.

10 Sub-Group Updates

10.1 Planning:

- 10.1.1 The signage for the **Barbecue Shop**, which is subject to a change of use, is not suitable for a conservation area.

- 10.1.2 The **Kebab Shop** signage needs to cut back on the glossy sign and that overhangs the pavement. The current signage has been rejected as it is in a conservation area.
- 10.1.3 The **Photo-Me** application has been withdrawn.
- 10.2 **Environment:**
- 10.2.1 There has been an investigation of the **Flooding** near the squariel roundabout towards East Street using drain cameras. This showed, coupled with water pressure tests, that there is no proper drainage and new pipes under the road will be expensive and requires significant investment.
- 10.2.2 Frances Fancourt reported on **Trees** that all work had been done and everything had been planted.
- 10.2.3 The **Bookham Signs** are showing some deterioration to the wood and will require replacing at some stage. A new sign in keeping with the current central Village Sign having a beech tree on top might be suitable. Some investigation of other local village signs would be useful.

Action: N Forrer

10.3 **Health:**

- 10.3.1 There has been further consultation with the Clinical Commissioning Group on the Epsom site and Leatherhead site. The Bookham GP services (Eastwick and Fairfield) are not putting their views across strongly enough.

10.4 **Education:**

- 10.4.1 The recent Ofsted report on the Dawney School is expected to report that it is a Good School.

11 **Any Other Business**

- 11.1 **Company Limited by Guarantee:** This topic is being led by John Howarth with Les Huett and John Pullan. One of the key aims is to ensure that in its construction that it is non-political.
- 11.2 **Bus Review:** Keith Francis reported that there are lots of changes envisaged with reduced services and re-alignment of routes, none of which affect Bookham but will impact as soon as we travel outside.
- 11.3 **Quiz Night:** This will be on June 23rd and all help will be gratefully received.
- 11.4 **Transform Leatherhead:** There will be a consultation exercise to see what should be done in the future.

12 **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 1st June 2015