

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Company Limited by Guarantee - Number 10053863

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2017
at St Nicolas Church Room at 7.30pm**

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), John Allen, Keith Francis, Andrew Freeman, Frances Fancourt, Chris Pullan, John Howarth, Arthur Field, Julia Dickinson, Ray Pritchard, Nick Forrer, Phil Harris, Michael Anderson, Margaret Lawson, Michael Agius, Stan Miles,

Invited Councillors: Cllr. Clare Curran, Cllr. Metin Huseyin,

Ordinary Members: Clifford Wright,

Apologies: Michelle Smith, David Smith, Tony Alsbury, , Cllr. Lucy Botting, Cllr. John Chandler, Liz Pemberton, David Cox, Geoff Tranter, Les Huett,

1. Minutes

Several typos were noted but otherwise the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

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

3. Correspondence

There was no correspondence of note.

4. Group Updates

4.1 Management Group

Finance: Chris Pullan to raise an invoice for £90 for the litter-pick monies.

4.2 Planning Group

MVDC's Future Plan: There was a debate about the plan which is due to be discussed in the Council shortly. The Plan suggests up to 4,410 extra dwellings across MV are needed including a mix of social and affordable housing. It was suggested that, unfortunately, many of the new dwellings would probably be bought by people moving out of London and not to local people.

Planning Applications: The Planning Committee had written to MVDC, within the last month, on three applications, including the Preston Farm application for 25 houses citing a number of issues.

The Chalk Farm depot was discussed and the committee had decided not to write in on this application because there were no obvious grounds for objecting. This generated quite a lot of discussion as a generator and mobile office would be cited there which suggested that the depot would be manned, and not just a depot.

Training: It was noted that Peter Witter will be attending a training event on planning at a cost of £100.

4.3 Environment Group

Litter Pick: Margaret Lawson reported that several other groups had been in contact to help or undertake their own litter-picks, e.g. the Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Dornay Mums and the Polesden Lacey Infants School.

Trees: Frances Fancourt reported that she had now submitted a request for the £1,500 to SCC. She has also submitted verge tree maintenance plans and a list of 13 trees to be planted (& MVDC will also plant one, probably in White Way next to Bookham Grove).

4.4 Community Group

Health: The BRA will be hosting a public meeting regarding the Epsom and St. Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust's consultative document, Epsom and St Helier 2020-2030, on the Baptist Church on the 2nd November.

Buses: Keith Francis reported that the 489's timetable changed as planned.

South West Trains: Keith also reported that the timetable will be changing but there are no plans to alter those stopping at Bookham.

Library: There will be some changes to the library service as from the 30th October. Fortunately Bookham Library will remain unchanged but there will be a reduced service at Leatherhead.

4.5 Communications and Membership Group

Bookham Question Time: The BRA will be organising a Question Time event in the Barn Hall on the 30th November. Starting with some drinks and nibbles, there will be a range of subjects, to be agreed, but could include the local plan, health, education, policing, etc.

5. Projects Update

War Memorial: There was a cleaning trial last week on both memorials. It would also be desirable to clean the memorial at St. Nicolas' but awaiting approval from the PCC.

Great & Little Bookham: It was noted that 260 people had signed the petition online and that there were also petitions in three local shops. It was noted that an Effingham resident had also been in contact as there was also an anomaly there with some Effingham addresses showing up as Bookham.

Weales Clock: This has now been taken down for refurbishment. It was noted that it was last refurbished in 2009.

Barn Hall Field: Project ongoing and awaiting feedback from MVDC.

6. Any Other Business

North MV RAs Meeting with Council: Peter fed back of the recent meeting:

- Litter: All RAs believed this was getting worse with officers appearing not willing to recognise the problem. The BRA had collected approximately 200 bags of rubbish, without which the situation would be much worse.
- General Deterioration of Villages: The issue of weeds growing in pavements and other gaps was raised as was an apparent increase in drug use (and the lack of visibility of police doesn't help).

Transform Leatherhead: John Howarth reported that:

- Funds had been identified to take forward an outline planning application for Clare and James House, Leatherhead;
- A display of the latest proposals will be held in the theatre, Leatherhead on the 3rd November and there is a meeting of the consultative group on the 26th October.
- The transport study, which would cost c£500k, is on hold due to lack of an identified budget;
- Swan Centre improvements to start in January.

Council Officers: It was noted that MVDC's new CEO started work today and that SCC's CEO had left last Friday with a new one hoping to be in place by the new year.

7. **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 6th November 2017 at 7:30 pm.