

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

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017
at St Nicolas Church Room at 7.30pm**

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, John Allen, Julia Dickinson, Keith Francis, Michelle Hudspith, Stan Miles, Ray Pritchard, David Smith, Nick Forrer, Andrew Freeman, David Cox OBE, Les Huett, Frances Fancourt, Tony Alsbury, Margaret Lawson,

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

Ordinary Members: Clifford Wright, Liz Pemberton, Veronica de Boar, Mr and Mrs Finch

Apologies:, Chris Pullan, Phil Harris, John Howarth, Arthur Field, Michael Anderson

1. Minutes

With one small amendment to 9.2 (should read Ray, not Jim) the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

1st June item 11.2.2 **Grass Verges:** Investigations into the provision of wooden posts on the grass verges in Eastwick Park Avenue is ongoing. Carried forward. **Action:** Michael Agius

9th May 2016 item 6.1 **Speed Cameras.** These have been located although awaiting Inspector Hamlin to report back on any maintenance issues. Carried forward. **Action:** Peter Seaward

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

3. Correspondence

Correspondence is regularly being received via the website and the 0300 number. These were mainly from people wishing to join the BRA, messages of support. Relatively few were raising new issues and Andrew re-directed these as appropriate.

4. Group Updates

4.1 Management Group: Nil to report although a meeting is being organised during July to discuss several issues, e.g. Membership Recruitment , Succession Planning, NDP / Local Plan, Local Councillor Support and Relationship with other RAs.

4.2 Planning Group

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The Council has now formally adopted the NDP and therefore councillors should take this into account when considering applications. It was noted that Cllr. Jatin Patel was on the Development Committee and it was suggested that he be invited to discuss the NDP so that he was fully aware of the contents.

MV Future Plan: It was also noted that a document entitled "MV Future Plan" was soon be out for consultation and this document talks about the need to increase the number of dwellings. Members of the public should be encouraged to respond.

CIL Funding: Finally, SCC budgets had been cut significantly, therefore CIL monies will be increasingly important for highways improvements. Clare Curran asked that committee members consider where some work could be undertaken to enhance the local situation, e.g. improvements to pavements, trees, build-outs, drainage, etc.

4.3 Environment Group

Grass Verges: Michael Agius reported that there will be no Lengthman's funds this year. Whilst there had been a recent cut it was noted that some areas had been missed. These should be reported to Michael.

Litter Pick: Margaret reported that there had been a successful litter pick on Sunday 4th June and was delighted to be joined by a group from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and they hoped to come along again.

Funding was agreed to purchase 10 x litter rings at £6.80 each.

Trees: Margaret reported that Bookham tree wardens are now working closely with Leatherhead and Ashted.

Overhanging Bushes: It was reported that there is a bush in Eastwick Drive that is posing a danger. **Action: Michael Agius to investigate.**

Eastwick Drive: This road is awaiting resurfacing but, unfortunately, not in this financial year.

Potholes: Members were urged to continue to report potholes promptly when they appear.

Plastic Roads: It was reported that a company by the name of MacRebur has been successful in developing plastic roads which uses plastics taken from old rubbish and are added into roads to improve strength and durability, whilst reducing the quantity of the oil based bitumen used in a traditional road mix. Perhaps this is something the SCC may wish to consider. **Action: Clare Curran to discuss with Highways.**

Flood Forum: Michael Agius attended the Flood Forum earlier in the day where the Atkinn's Report was discussed. This said investment had been made wisely but funding was an issue.

4.4 Community Group

Transport: Keith Francis reported that there is now a taxi service based at Bookham Station.

Education: The SCC allocations procedure would suggest that approximately 60 Bookham children will not get places at the Howard of Effingham due to a historic increase in the birth rate and that this is likely to be an ongoing issue for several years with children being displaced to Therfield or Woking. See Table in Annex A for

Bookham Youth Project: David Cox reported that the project was very successful and needed more time within the centre which could only be found by displacing fee-paying customers. The YMCA is also looking for accommodation from which they can run their youth services. It was noted that the lease expires in 2019.

Bookstall: Names of volunteers had been received and Michael Agius will produce a rota. Plans also made for collection and erection of the marquee.

Tony Albury reported that he will be having some work done on his house and therefore a new home, temporary at least, is needed to house books. Action: All to consider whether they could accommodate some books as an interim measure.

4.5 Communications and Membership Group

Communications: Les reported that there had been nearly 2,000 visits to the BRA website during May, twice the normal level. It was suggested that the Bookham Bound and Leatherhead Living websites were good and might be worth looking at for ideas.

Les also felt the Newsletter had been successful in raising the profile of the organisation, and finally, an welcome offer to help with social media had been received from previous committee member, Grant Woodham.

Suggested a Look Local article on the outcome of the village council advisory poll. **Action: Les Huett to progress if deemed appropriate.**

4.6 Business Group: David Smith reported that the closure of Lloyds Bank was causing issues with ATMs often empty. Two units were currently empty – the bank and Gascoigne Pees when some planning issues had been encountered by a business wishing to move in. There was also some disruption caused by the refurbishment of the Post Office.

5. Projects Update

5.1 War Memorial: Work ongoing.

5.2 Bookham Business Map: Nick Forrer reported that the business map was in place.

5.3 3rd CCTV: Project ongoing.

5.4 Electronic Sign: Nil to report

6. Any Other Business

6.1 AGM: Some feedback suggested that elements of the AGM could be improved upon, e.g. roving mikes, although this issue arose due to Howarth reported that there had been no proxies nor volunteers to be a director. All preparations are in hand.

6.2 Dumped Cars: Cliff Wright reported that there are abandoned vehicles in White Way. Clare Curran agreed to address this at the forthcoming JAG meeting.

6.3 Village Day: It was suggested that the BRA use the pop-up stand to publicise the work of the organisation.

6.4 Mole Valley Residents' Association Meeting: Stan reported he'd received the notes of the meeting held on 25th May which John Howarth had attended. Stan relayed that the main item was the Future Mole Valley (Local Plan) Consultation which:

- seeks to address the expected demand for residential, commercial and retail property over the period 2018 – 2033, in particular residential need where a significant shortfall is projected;
- a proportion of the expected residential demand can be met through brownfield development, but it is unlikely that any significant contribution can be expected through developments outside of the District, i.e. there are no planned developments in neighbouring authorities with the capacity to absorb additional demand;
- this may mean that demand will need to be met through using areas of green belt land

The meeting also discussed grass cutting and transform Leatherhead. Stan agreed to circulate these minutes for information.

7. Next BRA Meeting: Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Annex A: Surrey County Council Data re. Secondary School Place Intake and Capacity 2017 to 2016

Academic Year	Effingham planning area		Leatherhead planning area		Combined Effingham PA and Leatherhead PA	
	Year 7 projected intake	Difference to PAN of 240	Year 7 projected intake	Difference to PAN of 420	Year 7 projected intake	Difference to PAN of 660
2017	246	-6	338	82	584	76
2018	268	-28	371	49	639	21
2019	269	-29	396	24	665	5
2020	268	-28	384	36	652	8
2021	247	-7	419	1	666	-6
2022	301	-61	433	-13	734	-74
2023	263	-23	440	-20	703	-43
2024	266	-26	418	2	684	-24
2025	236	4	416	4	652	8
2026	237	3	403	17	640	20