

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

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Monday 5th February 2018
at St Nicolas Church Room at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), John Allen, Keith Francis, Andrew Freeman, John Howarth, Arthur Field, Ray Pritchard, Nick Forrer, Geoff Tranter, Margaret Lawson, Liz Pemberton, David Cox,

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

Ordinary Members: Marian Williams, Monica Weller, Mrs. Field

Apologies: Michael Agius, Les Huett, Tony Alsbury, Cllr Simon Edge, Phil Harris, Michael Anderson, Michelle Smith, David Smith, Frances Fancourt, Chris Pullan, Julia Dickinson, Stan Miles, Cllr. Jatin Patel,

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 not elsewhere on the agenda.

3. Correspondence

Footpath at Howard of Effingham: The school authorities wish to close a footpath that runs across the school premises during school opening hours on child safety grounds. This was discussed at length and the committee felt that the footpath, which skirts around a football pitch, should be fenced off rather than closed as a number of local residents use it regularly.

4. Group Updates

4.1 Management Group

Finance: It was reported that the year-end final accounts are nearing completion and need to be audited prior to the AGM in May. **Action: Chris Pullan & John Howarth to progress.**

4.2 Planning Group

Planning Applications: The Planning Committee had looked at 22 applications and wrote in response to three:

- 17/2278: [REDACTED], Leatherhead Road - Erection of 24 No' two bedroom apartments for occupation by older people, with associated communal areas, landscaping and parking - The parking, access and bin area insufficient.
- 18/0029: Land at [REDACTED] Keswick Road, Fetcham - Erect 1 No. detached bungalow in front of existing property, including car parking, cycle parking and bin storage provision - Not compatible with surroundings
- 17/1323: [REDACTED] - Conversion of 2 existing commercial buildings and the demolition of remaining Equestrian and commercial buildings to provide 25 dwellings - The parking, access and bin area insufficient.

Les Huett has requested that copies of the three Letters of Representation to be sent to him for uploading on to the BRA website. The minutes for January also haven't been forwarded.

Action: Stan Miles to arrange for the letters and minutes to be forwarded to Les.

4.3 Environment Group

Litter Pick: Margaret Lawson reported that the litter pick had once again been successful with 26 attendee collecting 32 sacks of rubbish. A local resident felt that more should be done to educate the public although it was noted that Margaret is due to go and speak to pupils at several schools over the next few months.

Trees: It was reported that the Best Trees initiative (the identification of some of Bookham's "best trees" with a view to getting MVDC to place a TPO on them) is ongoing.

Cllr. Huseyin mentioned that he had been contacted by a resident in The Garstons regarding some trees that had been planted. The resident was concerned that they could damage the foundations of their bungalow as had happened to the previous dwelling that had to be demolished.

4.4 Community Group

Buses: Keith Francis reported that:

- The former bus stop at Preston Cross, Little Bookham, is still in the Traveline all stops timetable.
- Transform Leatherhead – there is no travel hub in the plans.
- Although the 489 did cease there are still problems with reliability of the buses even on Sundays when it is SCC a subsidised service.
- Still no 479 timetable at the Epsom hospital bus stop.
- The new area timetable is available from the libraries.
- It was felt surprising that many residents didn't know they could pay £1 per journey before 09:30 on the 479.

Police: It was noted that the Dorking front desk was now closed but appointments could still be booked.

Also, there is a new PCSO for the next two months.

4.5 Communications and Membership Group

Road Stewards: All Road Stewards have been invited to an informal discussion evening on Thursday 15th February in the Harrison Room, Old Barn Hall. Items for discussion include communications; Is the Newsletter and our online service a success in promoting the BRA? and the Green Belt (the Local Plan and current housing figures).

Communications Update: Les reported that:

- Road Stewards database and Mailchimp email Road Steward group has been cleansed and are now in alignment. This has been quite a task but another step forward in updating our records.
- Top level requirements for an on-line membership management tool with access for Road Stewards and payment gateways have been produced. Chris Barnes is following up to see what might be suitable.
- Ray Pritchard has been trained on Mailchimp
- Media Stats
 - Facebook - 64 followers
 - Web site 670 views / 313 visitors
 - E-mail subscribers still averaging 350
 - Facebook: 144 Reach
 - There were 19 calls to 0300 030 9890 in January 2018 and 5 messages (excluding spam) to the web site that go to the admin@bookhamresidents.org.uk
 - On Facebook there were 84 Likes on the Christmas Lights and 22 comments.

Look Local: It was suggested that this month's article for Look Local would address the function of the BRA and the Bookham Community Association (BCA), who manage the Old Barn Hall, and many residents don't understand the difference.

4.6 Business Group

No report.

5. Projects Update

Nil to report on:

- War Memorial
- Great & Little Bookham campaign
- Weales Clock
- Barn Hall Field
- Little Bookham Street Bench

6. Any Other Business

AGM: This is planned for the 17th May 2018. Calling Notice will be in the next Newsletter to give the required notice.

Smith Drive: The Committee welcomed the news that a road would be named Smith Drive after the late Cllr Jim Smith.

Allan Road: Clare Curran reported that a local resident has complained about the continual parking of a vehicle recovery truck in Allan Road. Unfortunately there is little that can be done as the vehicle is legally parked.

Parking Restrictions: Clare also reported that new parking restrictions (yellow lines and signage) would be in place by the end of March.

Norbury Park: Clare reported that car parking charges are to be introduced at the Bockett's Farm and Young Street car parks.

St. Nicolas Church: Clare reported that the church is out to consultation to develop a meeting space and the removal of pews.

Parking Charges: Metin Huseyin said that car parking fees are to increase to £1 per hour although free 30 minute parking would be introduced in a number of car parks.

East Street: A local resident mentioned that the speed of traffic in East Street is an issue. Peter Seaward replied, saying that a speed check had been conducted and the average speed was below the level at which Highways would take action.

7. Next BRA Meeting: Monday 5th March 2018 at 7:30 pm.