

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

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

Present: Peter Seaward (chair), John Allen, Keith Francis, Andrew Freeman, John Howarth, Arthur Field, Julia Dickinson, Ray Pritchard, Nick Forrer, Margaret Lawson, Frances Fancourt, Chris Pullan, Les Huett,

Invited Councillors: Cllr. John Chandler, Cllr. Metin Huseyin,

Ordinary Members: Richard Moyse, Marian Williams, Clifford Wright

Apologies: Cllr. Clare Curran, Michael Agius, Tony Alsbury, Liz Pemberton, David Cox, Cllr Simon Edge, Phil Harris, Michael Anderson, Michelle Smith, David Smith, Stan Miles, Cllr. Jatin Patel, Geoff Tranter, Cllr. Lucy Botting,

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

Allan Road: A breakdown recovery vehicle is often parked in Allan Road, to the annoyance of neighbours. This issue is being looked into by environmental health officers.

4. Group Updates

4.1 Management Group

Finance: Chris Pullan reported that Lawrence Penney was going to audit the year-end accounts which shows a £346 surplus.

AGM: The Calling Notice has been drafted. There is a requirement for two directors to stand down each year. This year it will be Chris Pullan and Andrew Freeman but both were willing to stand for re-election.

Data Protection: John Howarth pointed out changes to data protection with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulations. **Action: John will send out a briefing paper on the subject.**

4.2 Planning Group

Planning Applications: The Planning Committee had looked at 15 applications and wrote in response to three.

McCarthy-Stone Application: Peter Seaward and Stan Miles had attended a meeting regarding this application (erection of 24 No' two bedroom apartments for occupation by older people, with associated communal areas, landscaping and parking) and stated that there was insufficient parking spaces (28). The Planning Committee will be writing to object on parking, height and not in keeping with the Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

New Legislation: The Government is introducing new legislation to take planning away from councils if they fail to meet targets on new builds.

Local Plan: The Local Plan is being updated. There is some concern that, as a knock-on effect, the NDP may also need to be amended. The NDP was put together by Bookham Vanguard but has since disbanded.

Preston Farm Stables: Officers are supporting the application but the BRA has objected over over-development and drainage concerns.

4.3 Environment Group

Great British Spring Clean: Margaret Lawson reported that due to the bad weather this had been delayed until the 10th/11th March.

Litter Pick: Margaret also reported that she'd given a talk in the Dawnay School and will be going into the Eastwick School twice. Eastwick School will also be doing their own litter-pick. Unfortunately she's not had a reply from the Poleston Lacey School or the Howard of Effingham. Manor House School will also be doing a litter-pick. The Coop at the bottom of the High Street had donated some funds to purchase some more picks.

Trees

PIC: Frances Fancourt said she is putting together the Planning Infrastructure Contributions budget plans.

The Garstons: The request from a householder to remove two trees has been put on hold due to other commitments, although it was noted that the bungalow in question was re-built in 2006 when the former trees were in situ.

High Street: Frances reported that a cherry tree in the High Street will be removed and replaced with a maple tree.

4.4 Community Group

Police: It was reported that it is unlikely that we will see police on the beat again due to cuts.
Action: Peter Seaward to invite the police to attend a future BRA meeting.

Buses: Keith Francis reported that new timetables are now available in the library.

Bookstall: Tony Alsbury is willing to collect books again this year for the BRA stall, but volunteers will be needed.

East Street Flooding: This issue will be taken to the Local Committee.

Footpath at Howard of Effingham: Julia Dickinson had done some research and attended some meetings on the issue. This is contentious and has safeguarding issues. Views both for and against have been aired and it's now down to SCC to make their decision.

4.5 Communications and Membership Group

Road Stewards: Ray Pritchard reported that the BRA is short of 21 road stewards. The road stewards meeting on Thursday 15th February in the Harrison Room, Old Barn Hall attracted about 40 road stewards and was thought to have been successful.

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

Newsletter: Les Huett has a tracker for the next newsletter with 21 contributors. Everyone is asked to write their articles and submit them to Les.

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

High Street Parking: A number of people, including traders, are parking on the double yellow lines. It was felt that the area should be blitzed to discourage parking in these spaces as it limits passing places.

Map of Bookham: Julia Dickinson reported that there is a map dating back to the 1660's of Bookham. It's not on display and Julia wondered whether the BRA might wish to fund a display case so that it could be on display. Action: Julia to investigate further.

SPACE: There is a new marketing manager in post and a quiz is being arranged for the 12th May.

Dog Fouling: It was reported that this is still an issue on the Grove estate.

7. **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 9th April 2018 at 7:30 pm.