



Committee Meeting held on:	4 th November 2024
At:	Church Room, St Nicolas Church
Committee members resent:	Simon Edge (Chair), Les Huett, Gill Caldwell, Margaret Lawson, Frances Fancourt, Christine Milstead, Neil McDowall, Diane Poole, David Cox, Keith Whale, Carolyn Elson, David Armstrong.
Guests Present:	Laurence Smith and Sarah Montgomery (rep King George V Playing Fields) Chris Cunningham
Councillors present:	CLlr Paul Kennedy
Apologies received from:	John Dowman, Geoff Tranter, Julia Dickenson. C Cllr Clare Curran, All other MVDC Cllrs.

Corrections from previous meeting

Item 1	Minutes of the previous meeting agreed with no corrections

Actions from previous meeting(s):

Reference (date / number)	Julia D	To advise KW on latest Natural England Report on Chalk Streams
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Agenda

Item	Minute
2 King Gorge V Sports Field	Laurence Smith and Sarah Montgomery gave a presentation on the proposed enhancements to the KGV Sports Field. This consisted of a new play area, a multi use games area consisting of two football pitches and a basket ball area, a terrace area to give easy access, a new trail through woodlands, and a heritage centre. The whole scheme was estimated to cost about £500,000.

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	<p>Funding the project was proving a problem as many approaches to Councils and various other funds had proved negative.</p> <p>One possibility was to approach the MV CIL. Although the sports field was outside the MV boundary, the field was used by a large number of Bookham Residents. It was important that BRA should give the proposal their full support to help obtain funding.</p> <p>The meeting was in broad agreement with supporting the proposals, and the Chair undertook to confirm BRA views and respond accordingly. (see addendum below)</p>
<p>3. Local Plan and Bookham Master PI</p>	<p>3.1 Local Plan: Now adopted. However noted BRA's considerable disappointment that its concerns about traffic problems associated with new housing and environmental damage to Chalk Stream had not been acted upon. The new Howard school development not expected to start until 2027.</p> <p>The future of Preston Farm was pending.</p> <p>3.2 Bookham Master Plan: The first draft had now been published and Les Huett was congratulated on publicising MVDC's public viewing, attended by well over 150 members of the public. BRA would be considering the plan and come forward with its own recommendations in due course. Keith Whale and his Planning Committee would also be considering updating the Neighbourhood Plan over the next few months.</p> <p>Cllr Paul Kennedy congratulated the BRA for its efforts in publicising the BMP, and in representing residents views. He confirmed that the Council valued the BRA's contribution. He also requested that the part of Fetcham now included with Bookham should be considered over the plans being developed.</p>
<p>4. Management Group and Membership</p>	<p>4.1 Finance: The Treasurer reported that the total cost of the Christmas Lights was £4,600 of which was supported by grants from MVDC, SCC, contributions from traders and the BRA.</p> <p>The BRA's finances remained stable and sufficient for activities planned.</p> <p>4.2 Membership: Carolyn Elson reported that total membership seemed to be slightly less than last year, although subscriptions and donations were still being received. The latest BRA Newsletter would be distributed within the next two weeks which was expected to boost membership and donations. Currently, the latter stood at about £2,500.</p>

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<p>5. Communicatioidiscussing footpathsns</p>	<p>5.1 Newsletter: Les Huett stated that the latest version of the Newsletter would be circulated in about two weeks time. It contained several new features such as Heritage Walks which it was hoped would enhance its popularity as well as the traditional features such as Planning.</p> <p>5.2 Bookham Master Plan: Les Huett stated that BRA had circulated by Email 1,700 notifications of the BMP in order to assist the MVDC</p>
<p>6. Environment</p>	<p>6.1 Rights of Way: Diane Poole had recently attended a meeting discussing footpaths and rights of way, cycle tracks and bridle ways hosted by Surrey Nature Strategy. A Rights of Way Improvement Plan was being produced.</p> <p>6.2 Litter Picking: Margaret Lawson stated that 22 volunteers had attended the last session, collecting 16 large bags plus disposing of 2 fly tips in Lower Shotts. The next meeting would be on the 1st December when mulled wine and mince pies would be available.</p> <p>6.3 Trees: Frances Fancourt advised that the SCC were planting 68 trees of various varieties in Bookham.</p> <p>The D of E volunteer, who had helped plant 2,500 crocus bulbs mainly in the Garstons, had completed his work and had done a sterling job for the Community.</p> <p>Chis Cunningham stated that the SCC were giving away 200 2 to 3 foot trees at Horsley Library next weekend. Also a National Survey was being carried out to determine the exact amount of mistletoe available in the land.</p>
<p>7. Young People</p>	<p>7.1 Youth Centre: David Cox stated that the SCC and MV officers were still deliberating the whole process taking an inordinately long time.</p>
<p>8. Projects</p>	<p>8.1 Wheales Clock: Noted now up and running.</p>
<p>9. Campaigning</p>	<p>Nothing to report.</p>

	<p>10. Chairmans Updates</p>	<p>Included in the items noted above</p>
<p>11, Councillors Updates</p>		<p>11.1 Bookham Station: The Chair read out Cllr Andrew Matthews report on efforts to extend the opening hours access to the disabled toilet.</p> <p>11.2 Newbury Way: Parking issues still to be resolved.</p> <p>11.3 Bin Collections: Cllr Paul Kennedy advised that problems still existed with the Contractors Amey over the collection of bins.</p>

	10. Chairmans Updates	Included in the items noted above
		<p>11.4 Affordable Housing: Cabinet Papers were being circulated over the introduction of more affordable houses in the MV.</p> <p>11.5 Other Papers to be circulated: An up-dated Police and Crime Commissioners Report and a MV Safety Partnership Paper seeking peoples views.</p>
Item 2 Addendum		<p>Following the meeting the Chair emailed all BRA Directors and Committee Members asking for confirmation that: 1. There is general support from the BRA for the planned improvements. 2. That EVRT may refer to having BRA's support when dealing with potential grant/funding bodies. 3. That the BRA is open to being supportive of the idea of a cross boundary CIL application once EVRT is able to clarify the desirables, costs and funding streams proposed. There being no dissenting comments received by the given deadline, the Chairman has relayed the 3 points to EVRT.</p>

2025 Committee Meetings

Date	Location
6 th January	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm
3 rd February	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm
7 th April	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm
12 th May	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm
7 th July 17 th July	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm AGM Old Barn Hall 7.30 pm
6 TH October	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm
3 rd November	St Nicolas Church Room 7.30 pm

Addendum