



Committee Meeting held on:	10 th July 2024
At:	Church Room, St Nicolas Church
Committee members present:	Les Huett (Chair), Geoff Tranter, Neil McDowall, David Armstrong, Carolyn Elson, John Downman, Gill Caldwell, Margaret Lawson, Dianne Poole, Christine Milstead.
Guests Present:	Richard Rees
Councillors present:	C Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Andrew Matthews Cllr Roger Adams
Apologies received from:	Simon Edge, David Cox, Julia Dickenson

Corrections from previous meeting:

Item 1	No corrections

Actions from previous meeting(s):

Reference (date / number)	Owner	Latest update
	Geoff Tanter Les Huett	Letter to High Street sent but few replies News letter now sent out.

Agenda

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2. Chairman's Updates	2.1 New Director: Keith Whale had been appointed a BRA Director. 2.2 Planning: John Downman advised that no further action could take place on the Local Plan until it had been examined by the Inspector in October. The Preston Cross Farm Application had been examined by the MV Planners and a number of changes had been suggested. In ED83, BRA had

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	<p>objected to a number of these but no further action could be taken until the Inspector had examined the Local Plan in October.</p> <p>2.3 Street Naming: It was not clear whether the MVDC would permit the naming of streets after individuals and as a result naming a street in Bookham after Michael Anderson had to be held in abeyance.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Roger Adams to follow up with MVDC</p>
<p>3. Councillors Updates.</p>	<p>3.1 Open Reach Poles: Cllr Andrew Matthews stated that Open Reach were erecting new light weight telephone poles as part of a nationwide scheme to update their facilities available to all households in the country. The positioning of some of these poles can be insensitive.</p> <p>3.2 Bookham Master Plan: Cllr Matthews also advised that the Bookham and Leatherhead Master Plans outlining proposed improvements would be published soon for public consultation. A preview was being held on the following day. Cllr Clare Curran warned that any proposal in the Plan for improved roads was unlikely to take place owing to shortage of money at the SCC.</p> <p>3.3 Space: It was understood a successful meeting had been held with residents to discuss social housing. Meetings were held every month on a Tuesday.</p> <p>3.4 Highways: Cllr Clare Curran noted that 10 miles of the A24 had to be resurfaced following fuel spillage between Beare Green and the M25 Junction 9 The cost was expected to be about £3m covered hopefully by Insurance.</p> <p>3.5 Road Improvements: Cllr Clare Curran also advised that the grass verges had been cut but the results were not wholly satisfactory as some areas had been left uncut. Road improvements including resurfacing the whole of Lower Road, repainting of all white and yellow road markings and a 20 mph speed limit to be introduced in the upper part of Church Road were about to commence.</p> <p>3.6 Bookham Flood Forum: The newly elected MP Chris Coughlan, had been invited to chair the Bookham Flood Forum. Areas of concern were Proctor Gardens and parts of the Lower Road.</p> <p>3.7 Bookham Village Day: Concern had been expressed that the MVDC had charged £300 for the use of the Barnfield Hall Field on Village Day 2024. However, this charge has since been cancelled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.8 Use of St Nicolas Church for the recent election Hustings: Concern has been expressed by the Church Council over the communications on the Hustings event which implied it was a Church event. Due to the fast moving changes the BRA stepped in to host the event. It was noted that all candidates/political agents were satisfied with the arrangements made, and until now we have had not had any negative comments about the way the evening was conducted.

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4. AGM Arrangements	The Chairman was anxious to include in his speech all the activities that BRA had been associated with over the previous year such as Planning, Litter Picking, Verges, a new Youth Centre, and the Website, and asked all members to submit details so that they could be included in his report.

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5. Management Group	<p>5.1 Finance: The Treasurer advised that Subs for June totalled £1,1578 with a total to date of £6,517. Main payments had been for the Newsletter and the new sign at the LSWR Notice Board at Bookham Station. We remained solvent.</p> <p>5.2 Membership: Slightly up on last year.</p>
6. Environment	6.1 High Street Decoration: Geoff Tranter stated that only about a third of his questionnaires to the High Street Shopkeepers had been returned.. This was for the provision of hanging baskets and Christmas Lights
7. AOB	<p>7.1 Village Day Effects: It was understood that the shopkeepers in the High Street complained that their trade had been adversely affected by the closure of the High Street. It was suggested that a second day could be introduced for their benefit in which they would be encouraged to erect stalls in the street.</p> <p>7.2 Quiz Night: The Quiz Night organised by BRA had been an outstanding success and thanks were due to all the organisers but especially to Frances Fancourt. Over a £1000 (confirm with Neil) was raised towards Barn Hall funds.</p>
Future Meetings	
18 th July	AGM – Old Barn Hall 7.30 pm
5 th August	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
7 th October	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
4 th November	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm