

# THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm in St Nicolas Church, The Church Room

**Present:** Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, Frances Fancourt, Arthur Field, Keith Francis, Les Huett, John Allen, Richard Davey, Nick Forrer (minutes),

**Invited Councillors:** Cllr. Richard Moyse, Cllr. Roger Adams, Cllr. Metin Huseyin, Cllr. Elizabeth Daly, Cllr. Paul Kennedy,

### Ordinary Members:

**Apologies:** Andrew Freeman, John Howarth, Chris Pullan, Michelle Smith, David Smith, Michael Anderson, David Cox OBE, Julia Dickinson, Carolyn Elson, Phil Harris, Margaret Lawson, Cllr. Clare Curran, Cllr Simon Edge, Cllr. Nancy Goodacre,

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## 1 Minutes

- 1.1 Subject to the replacement in item 5.5.1 of "5,500 people" with "1,700 households with some 5,500 people". the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

## 2 Matters Arising

- 2.1 There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

## 3 Correspondence

- 3.1 There was some letters and petitions objecting to the "fast food outlet" in Great Bookham Post Office, 15 Church Road. The writers were urged to write individually to Mole Valley District Council.
- 3.2 There was a letter recommending that a crossing be put in place between Bookham Station and the footpath going across Bookham Common towards Church Road. This should be redirected to Surrey County Council Highways Department.

## 4 Group Updates

### 4.1 Planning Group

- 4.1.1 Letters of representation were made. The first to the change of use for Great Bookham Post Office from retail to mixed use of retail, restaurant and hot food. Considerations of having a food outlet in a post office, disabled access because of steps, requiring listed building consent and parking could be a problem. Also, representations for 67 Keswick Road and 1 Fiona Close.

4.1.2 **Local Plan.** This was to be shared with the local residents from October to December through the web and local meetings. Going ahead with these discussions will be at risk if there is an election, due to the requirement of the Council being in purdah during the elections. If this happens these meetings will be scheduled for early in 2020. Key development sites in Bookham are still at risk.

## 4.2 **Environment Group**

4.2.1 **Rectory Lane.** Michael Agius reported nothing has been heard from Highways about extending the pavement along this lane to give safer access to pedestrians.

4.2.2 **Flood Forum.** There will be a meeting at the beginning of September.

4.2.3 **Howard of Effingham.** A funding gap of £8m has come to light so the developers, Berkley Homes, want to increase the number of houses from 290 by a further 55 to fund this. This will have a further impact on the green belt.

4.2.4 **A246 Crossing.** This was to be near Groveside, however this may be too near the existing traffic lights.

4.2.5 **20 mph zones.** The council has no policy on this. It would require surveys and consideration of the impact around schools.

4.2.6 **Trees.** The planter in Church Road will be close to Casseldens who will keep a watchful eye on it.

4.2.7 **Lower Shott.** The trees are covering the School Sign and need trimming back.

4.2.8 **Litter Pick.** A successful meet was had with the collection of 7 bags of litter by the volunteers.

## 4.3 **Community Group**

4.3.1 **Travellers.** After the recent excursion into the Lower Road Recreation Ground the Travellers have been removed after a Court Order. A better solution might be to have a height restriction bar on the entrance as well as the current gate which would allow mowing tractors in but not caravans or vans.

4.3.2 **Police.** Local Police recruitment has been difficult with the competition from the Metropolitan Police force.

4.3.3 **Buses.** The official timetable has now been issued. The services are now running later than they were. We will want to see what happens over time.

4.3.4 **Bookstall.** This in abeyance, until we can find a place for the storage of the books from year to year.

## 4.4 **Communications Group**

4.4.1 **BRA Website.** Les Huett reported that our website will take note of the device type used to access it and hence will subtly change the view to suit the display shape of the device. The first web page shown on accessing the site is local events coming up.

- 4.4.2 **Councillor Monthly Clinics:** It was noted that the Liberal Democrats hold a monthly drop in at 10.00 am on the first Saturday of the month at the Baptist Church, Lower Road. The Conservative's clinic is on the 1st Monday of each month between 6.00pm and 7.00pm in the Church Room, behind St Nicolas Church.
- 4.4.3 **Newsletter.** The autumn edition will be circulated to all households because of the impact of the local plan and to gain feedback from all. The deadline for content is the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- 4.4.4 **Membership.** Of the households that have paid, 10% paid online. More road stewards are still required to support circulation of the newsletters to all households in Bookham. On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October the membership team will be in Kims Café to discuss membership and volunteering.
- 4.4.5 **Buy in Bookham.** There will be an event at the Grange to discuss the future of retailing in Bookham on the 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00 to 14:00.
- 4.5 **Business Group**
- 4.5.1 **Projects.** The bench in memory of Ray Pritchard is in progress with £350 to cover installation at the Christie Recreation Ground.
- 4.5.2 **Christie Recreation Ground.** The pavilion needs to be increased in size so that larger events can be held. Also to protect the car park and grounds from unauthorised vehicles height restricting beams need to be fitted.
- 5 Any Other Business**
- 5.1 Cllr Clare Curran mentioned that the Community Support Group can provide electrical items in the case of hardship. For further information she can be contacted.
- 6 Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7:30 pm.

## Action Summary

Action	Owner	Reference
<b>Car Sharing Scheme:</b> Elizabeth Daly to raise this possibility of Bookham having a car sharing scheme with the Policy planning Group. This was raised but would require the council to have the ability to enforce space at the car parks to house. There is a need to set a policy for this.	Elizabeth Daly	13/06/19: 2
<b>Weeds:</b> Elizabeth Daly to speak to the portfolio holder re. the encroaching weed situation. Do note that MVDC has the responsibility for the clearance of weeds.	Elizabeth Daly	13/06/19: 1b
<b>Square-about:</b> Clare Curran to find out status of the design plan for the square-about. 01/07: Waiting for an officer response.	Clare Curran	13/06/19: 2
<b>Road Stewards:</b> Richard Moyse to speak to Keith Slark as to perhaps joining forces for the collection of annual subscriptions. After some discussion one of the issues is that the BCA is a charity and the BCA is not. The other issue is that the BCA is finding it difficult to get road stewards. Peter Seaward to talk to Keith Slack.	Peter Seaward	06/08/19: 1
<b>Litter Bins:</b> Margaret Lawson to be asked to advise whether there are problem areas where bins would be helpful, next to benches, in reducing litter.	Margaret Lawson	06/08/19: 2
<b>Weales Bus Stop &amp; Litter Bin:</b> Richard Moyes to speak to the contractors at Weales to reinstate the bin. At the moment no progress from the contractors	Richard Moyse	06/08/19: 3
<b>Memorial Bench – Ray Pritchard:</b> To investigate the purchase of a memorial bench. The sum of £350 has been allocated for installation.	Michael Agius	06/08/19: 4
<b>Benches:</b> Arthur Field said that he will be investigating the robustness of the 40 plus benches that Nick Forrer had identified across Bookham. It should be possible to use PIC funds for some improvements.	Arthur Field	05/08/19 1