



Committee Meeting held on:	Wednesday 13 th May 2025
At:	Church Room, St Nicolas Church
Committee members present:	Simon Edge (Chair), Les Huett, Gill Caldwell, Frances Fancourt, Julia Dickenson, John Dowman, David Cox, David Armstrong.
Guests present:	Richard Rees.
Councillors present:	None.
Apologies received from:	Keith Whales, Margaret Lawson, Christine Milstead, Geoff Tranter, Neil McDowall, Carolyn Elson, Dianne Poole, Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Andrew Matthews.

Corrections from previous meeting:

Item 1	10.1 BRABA not BRAVA request. 10.2 Little Bookham not Lower Bookham.

Actions from previous meeting(s):

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Agenda

	Minute
2. Management Group	<p>2.1 Finance: Subscriptions received for current year were £3,800, £400 more than in the previous year. Nothing yet received from the B RABA Brequest as two cheques had been bounced.</p> <p>2.2 Secretariat: Les Huett stated that the June Newsletter was nearly completed and besides the usual articles on Planning and the Master Plan, articles on Bookham's history, trees and buildings were included.</p>

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3. Planning	<p>3.1 Preston Farm: John Dowman stated there were no further developments at present.</p> <p>3.2 Bookham Master Plan: Agreed by MV Cabinet. Noted thanks given to BRA for their assistance. However, many of the proposals were fanciful and unlikely to be implemented.</p>
4. Policing & Community Safety	Nothing to report.
5. Environment	<p>5.1 Trees: Frances Fancourt reported that broken tree tie fabrics had been repaired on a number of locations. Although quite a number of trees had been watered during this dry spell, 10 looked in need of more attention. Frances was particularly concerned over well established beech trees being felled close to new houses in order to provide more light. It was noted that the metal waste bins provided by the MVDC were unsightly and obscuring many flower beds and flower boxes. Frances thanked Steve Pull for generously providing a large number of daffodil bulbs which had been planted at various locations.</p> <p>5.2 Blue Hearts: The number of grass verges available could be limited by new regulations limiting the size and shape of verges available. It was hoped that these new rules could be changed.</p>
6. Projects	<p>6.1 Benches: A new bench had been installed at the former Wheals Shop.</p> <p>6.2 Refurbished Toilets: Work nearly finished except for fitting of some pipes.</p>
7, Local Government Re-organisation	The second proposal for the new Local Government Structure in Surrey had been submitted to HMG proposing two authorities, one in the east the other in the west.
8. Other Organisations	Rev Jill Caldwell stated that three churches had banded together to promote a concert
9. Councillors Updates	Noted that Cllr Paul Kennedy had resigned in order to pursue his career elsewhere. It was agreed he would be sorely missed.
10. Chairmans Updates	The BRA AGM would be held on the 17 th July and the Chairman would welcome any information to be included in his speech

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2025 Committee Meetings

Date	Location
7th July	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
18 th July	AGM – Old Barn Hall 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