



Committee Meeting held on:	3 rd February 2025
At:	Church Room, St Nicolas Church
Committee members present:	Simon Edge (Chair), Neil McDowall, Julia Dickenson, Christine Milstead, Dianne Poole, Gill Caldwell, David Cox, John Dowman, Keith Whale, Carolyn Elson, David Armstrong.
Guests Present:	Bhupinder Mahi, Chris Cunningham
Councillors present:	C Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Paul Kennedy.
Apologies received from:	Geoff Tranter, Frances Fancourt, Cllr Andrew Matthews, Cllr Monica Weller.

Corrections from previous meeting:

Item 1	No corrections

Actions from previous meeting(s):

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Agenda

Item	Minute
9 c	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chairman suggested that as a representative from Effingham was present, this item should be brought forward. Mr Bhupinder Mahi outlined the concern of a number of bodies in Effingham over the need to introduce a 20 mph speed limit in the centre of Effingham, namely at the Oreston Lane/Lower Road Roundabout, the Street, Browns Lane and the Lower Road as far as the Vineries. Surveys have already shown that the current speeds along these road was in the lower 20's and indicated that a 20 mph limit would be appropriate. After discussion, it was agreed that BRA

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	<p>would support the proposal and thanked Mr Mahi for his presentation.</p>
<p>3. Management Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.1 Finance: The Treasurer stated that last years Financial Statement had been finalised and was awaiting examination. • 3.2 Membership: Carolyn Elson said there was nothing new to report although further news would await the circulation of the next Email circulation in a few weeks time. • 3.3 Secretariat Report: Les Huett circulated his report to all members earlier.
<p>4. Preston Farm and Bookham Master Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1 Preston Farm: Keith Whale advised that the future of the Preston Farm Site would be discussed at a MV Planning Meeting next Wednesday. BRA's 3 Objections, viz flood danger, traffic congestion and the proposed loss of Green Belt had already been sent to the Council although it was known that the MV Planners were not supportive. • 4.2 Bookham Master Plan: The final version was discussed at a meeting on the previous Friday ready for the final version to be ready by the 10th February. It was considered that the result was very disappointing as many of the proposals had no hope of being implemented, the only one of consequence being the proposal not to pedestrianise Bookham High Street. • C Cllr Clare Curran pointed out that the SCC had not been consulted on road proposals even though the SCC were responsible for the roads and the land. It was also noted that the Master Plan was not free and had been instigated by means of a £92,500 Government Grant.
<p>5. Enviroment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.1 Trees: In the absence of Frances Fancourt, Chris Cunningham gave a brief outline of the tree situation. There was concern over the health of all Oak Trees in the Bookham Area, particularly those in Parkway. However, it was not considered that at present, the disease was not fatal. It was noted that work was now underway building the new Toilet Block in Lower Shott. Also, it had been decided that the new mural on the rear of the bus shelter would be sprayed on in 3 pieces, thus allowing easy replacement if any were vandalised. It was also noted that new Council Trees would be on sale at Horsley on the following Saturday. • 5.2 Litter Picking: Nothing to report due to the absence of Margaret Lawson.

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	<p>5.3 Blue Hearts: Diane Poole had nothing major to report.</p> <p>5.4 Flood Forum: Julia Dickenson queried whether a Flood Forum should be revived in Bookham owing to the recent heavy rainfall.</p>
6. Projects	Nothing to report owing to the absence of Geoff Tranter.
7. Campaigning	<p>7.1 Local Government Re-organisation. A statement was being made in the House of Commons next Wednesday. Local Councils were meeting weekly to discuss the situation although the public had yet to be consulted.</p>
8. Councillors Update.	<p>8.1 Dispute over Responses: A disagreement had arisen between BRA and Cllr Monica Weller over the number of residents who had responded to the recent consultation opened to the public over the proposed Bookham Master Plan. The BRA figure, taken from the Consultants, was correct with only 225 residents responding to some or all of the consultants questions. None response was not a sign of support.</p> <p>8.2 MVDC Budget 2025/6: Cllr Paul Kennedy stated that the MVDC would be discussing this years Budget as a meeting on the following day.</p> <p>Inspite of a drop in the Government Grant of 10%, the increase in the Police Budget was being held at 4.3% and the overall increase to being held to 4.9%.</p> <p>8.3 Waste Clearance: It was known that the current waste contractor, Amey, was dissatisfied with their current contract. However, under the proposed reorganisation of Local Councils, the new grouping would give ample scope for new contracts to be made.</p> <p>8.4 SCC Council Tax: C Cllr Clare Curran pointed out that with the increase in Council Tax being held to 4.9%, Adult Social Care could be adversely affected.</p> <p>8.5 20 mph Speed Restrictions: Work was about to commence in introducing 20 mph speed limits on the upper part of Church Road from the Squareabout to Sole Farm Avenue. Other news was that more M25/A3 road closures were being planned and HMG had given permission for a 3rd runway at Heathrow.</p>
9. Other Organisation Changes	<p>9.1 Churches Together: Rev Gill Caudwell stated that the Christmas Lights around the Church entrance had been well received and that the Christmas Services had been very well attended with over 1,000 people in the congregations.</p>

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	<p>9.2 BYCA/Education: David Cox reported that there was still no progress in the MVDC granting permission for the restructuring of the Youth Centre in Lower Road to commence.</p> <p>9.3 Howard of Effingham School: Dianne Poole was concerned over plans to extend the existing school with the introduction of an Autistic Unit. Access to this unit was planned to be Manorhouse Lane which was very narrow and could easily be a danger to the children.</p>
<p>10. Chairmans Updates</p>	<p>10.1 MV Information Circular: The MVDC had recently circulated a leaflet illustrating the benefits of living in the Mole Valley.</p> <p>10.2 New Bowles Hut: The MVDC had agreed to the replacement of the Bookham Bowles Club shed which had all but fallen down.</p> <p>10.3 KGV Improvements: The committee organising improvements to the existing field had had some success in obtaining funding for the project.</p>

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2024 Committee Meetings

Date	Location
5 th February	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
8 th April	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
13 th May	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
t1 st July	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm
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

Bookhams Residents' Association

Date	Location
4 th November	Church Room, St Nicolas Church. 7.30 pm