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Chairman's Message

Peter Seaward

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At last, we have seen the publication, by Mole Valley District Council (MVDC), of the latest version of the Draft Local Plan - Regulation 19. We have many concerns, not least of all the brief time allowed for response. The BRA has appointed a Planning Consultant to advise how we should respond and protect the Green Belt. In this Newsletter you will see a precis of our response that was sent to meet the deadline of 7th November. Other local groups have also been working hard to formulate their responses.

After many years of challenging work and persistence by the Flood Forum, the BRA, our County Councillor, and others, it is a delight that we can at last see that the work on the "Squareabout" is well underway. Whilst short term these works will be causing frustration, please do not lose sight of why they are so necessary to prevent the flooding that we have had to live with for so long.

Throughout the Newsletter you will read about the many projects on which we are working. There is a gaping hole though, we need the "Next Gen" to step forward. So many of our projects are longer term, whether it is building, schools or the Youth Centre and will not affect those involved in the process. We need input from individuals, such as parents of current schoolchildren to help shape the decisions being made today for the

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We post updates on a regular basis on our own page and other Bookham interest groups.

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future generations. Do contact us via the BRA website.

On a lighter note, it is great to reflect at the variety of social activities that were held in the village across the summer, the Street Party, the Food Festival and of course the return of Village Day.

With Christmas not far away we can now look forward to some street entertainment in the village on some of the Saturdays in December, a great initiative by MVDC to encourage us all to use our village shops and services.

Hope to see you there!



Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 16th September 2021

Present

Directors: Cllr Clare Curran, Andrew Freeman, Chris Pullan, Peter Seaward.

Company Secretary: John Howarth

Bookham Councillors: Cllr Roger Adams, Cllr Sarah Chambers, Cllr Richard Moyse. Members of the Association.

1. Chairman's Welcome & Introduction

Peter Seaward, Chairman, thanked everyone for coming. He said that there was a repetitive similarity to this year's comments despite all the COVID disruption we all have had to deal with.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Elizabeth Daly, Carolyn Elson and Cllr Paul Kennedy.

3. Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting

3.1 Accuracy

The Minutes were ACCEPTED as a true record of the meeting.

3.2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered on the agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

Peter Seaward made the following comments:

All our Governance matters are well under control thanks to the diligence and efforts of John Howarth, our Company Secretary.

Our membership work through Carolyn Elson continues and our Road Stewards are out and about again and COVID aware. A positive from COVID is that it has accelerated our efforts to move more into the online world. Half of your subscriptions are now paid online and every time another of you takes this route, we gain another email address.

This make it so much easier to keep in touch and let you know more immediate information than is possible by paper channels.

Les Huett who manages all of Communications matters has done miracles in all aspects of our media and contact forms. A very big vote of thanks to Les.

Planning is a big part of our work and Nigel Smith and his team look at over 200 planning applications every year comment where necessary as well as speaking to any member who wishes to discuss matters with him. This year Mike Brookes who has been our Planning secretary for over 25 years has stood down because of a health issue. Thanks Mike we all owe you a great deal.

On our finances our numbers are healthy.

A problem here in Bookham is that spending on what can be called "the public realm", that's parts of the public spaces looked after by both Councils is almost zero apart from Highway's improvements.

We are trying to redress this by using some Community funds and Frances Fancourt who leads Bookham's Tree Wardens is managing a scheme to improve the High Street. Frances and her team do many other "gardening" tasks around the village as well as continuing the tree planting programme. She has managed to plant over 200 trees in the past five years.

Margaret Lawson does wonders with her Litter Pick programmes the latest being recruitment of well over 40 Street Wombles who look after their own "patch" with help in equipment etc. via Margaret. If you want to be involved, please see the article on page five.

Young People and Education.

David Cox, Jenny Coffin of Bookham Youth Project and Julia Dickinson spent many hours on the Outline Planning approval for the Youth Centre. All we need now is for this building to be delivered. Please Councillors do all you can to get this through the legal and planning hoops from both Surrey

County Council (SCC) and MVDC. We would not like to see a repeat of the Fetcham youth facility which has fallen through due to complex difficulties in the legal process.

Roads always take a lot of time and with residents of Little Bookham Street (LBS) and SCC and our Surrey Councillor we have now obtained speed warning devices which will soon be installed there. We have persuaded SCC to do further studies on the problems you all raise about the rest of LBS and Church Road and plans have been drawn up to stop some of the speed excesses that occur in Church Road.

Remedial drainage work has started on the "Squareabout" and parts of the Lower Road. Some 10 years have passed since we started the campaign to get this work done. Michael Agius with Councillor Clare Curran has been key over the years in this task and many others.

Keith Francis does battle regularly over bus and train information as well as his work with police liaison. As always the public transport issues are never simple or consistent.

Working with the Bookham trading organisation continues and these last 20 months have been especially challenging. The street party paid for by MVDC organised also by the traders with Dan Coffin and Richard Davey in spite of the rain was a boost and great success. And what about the Food Festival? This was well received and hope it will be a regular feature of Bookham life.

Diane and Steve Poole have created a new world through their Blue Hearts scheme and copied everywhere. This will be reviewed to see how it can be even better next year.

Future Planning under Geoff Tranter has been challenging this year and we will discuss together the Local Plan later in this newsletter. The work done so far has highlighted our concerns.

We think that your £5 is well spent!

On being put to the vote the Chairman's Report was ACCEPTED.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chris Pullan made the following report:

This is the fourth occasion on which I have had to present a full year's Accounts for a Company Limited by Guarantee but the 14th for the BRA. The surplus for the year was £215 compared with a surplus last year of £692. The figures are in the old format and John Howarth prepares figures to submit to Companies House. They are available for inspection but the one page version does in my opinion give an adequate picture.

We have two main sources of income. The subscriptions which were £8495, 8% below last year's figure. This was a very good result given the problems of COVID. A major charge on BRA funds was the £2800 on Xmas lights. There were contributions of £5000 for COVID projects from MVDC with corresponding expenditure.

Other organisations asked us to donate to their projects. In 2020 they were low but higher in 2021. We are pleased on behalf of the village to make such donations.

You will note that the BRA has a number of sub-funds which amounted to £12300. These are reserved for specific purposes.

The sub-fund called Education was formerly the money held by us for Don't Drive Our Children Away. It has been passed to us on the understanding it is used for matters relating to the education of children from Bookham and one use in 2020 is in connection with the replacement of the Youth Centre.

6. Election of Directors

6.1 Resignations from the Board

There were no resignations to note. However it should be noted that two of the positions on the Board are nominees of the local authorities. Simon Edge was the MVDC nominee until he stepped down from the Council at the last

elections. His replacement as MVDC nominee is Cllr Nancy Goodacre.

6.2 Retirement by Rotation

Peter Seaward and Chris Pullan Retired by Rotation under Article 55 and offered themselves for re-election. On being put to the vote this was AGREED.

6.3 Election of new Directors

No nominations had been put forward. The Company Secretary reminded the meeting that the Board could make such appointments during the year and that they would have to be ratified at the following AGM. He said that anyone wishing to join the Board should contact him.

7. Election of Officers

7.1 Election of Chairman

Peter Seaward was nominated as Chairman. On being put to the vote this was AGREED.

7.2 Election of Vice Chairman

Michael Agius was nominated as Vice Chairman. On being put to the vote this was AGREED.

7.3 Election of Treasurer

Chris Pullan was nominated as Treasurer. On being put to the vote this was AGREED.

8. Independent Examiner

Chris Pullan proposed that Lawrence Penney continue as Independent Examiner. This was AGREED.

9. Membership Subscription

It was AGREED that the membership subscription remain at £5 per household for the year 2022.

10. Any Other Business

There were no other items.

11. Date (and format) of Next Annual General Meeting

To be advised in due course.

Environment



Photos:
Steve Poole

Bookham Blue Hearts End of Season Review

Steve Poole

Well, Summer is over and we can look back on a year in which we have achieved a lot in our efforts to promote wild flowers on roadside verges. This is the first time in many decades that flowers in our designated areas have been allowed to complete their natural cycle and it has been amazing to see what has popped up, including lots of rare orchids! There has been a lot of local support and 60 residents are now managing their own 'blue heart' verges under the scheme. Email us for details on how to do it.

You may also have noticed some Blue Hearts sprouting up in the centre of Bookham around the Lower Shott car park. Most have been beautifully decorated by Angela Jones to highlight areas reserved for flowers. There is now a lovely display of flowers and shrubs near the crossing, planted and maintained by Frances Fancourt (BRA tree warden) and her team.

They, together with resident Sheila Morley, also created the delightful mini meadow outside the telephone exchange in Church Road, an area



which had previously been 'maintained' by the use of weedkiller!

We're also 'greening up' the ugly fence around the electricity sub-station at the Lower Shott with bee and bird-friendly shrubs which the team will maintain. We also intend to do some judicious planting and seeding of wildflowers in the surrounding grass. The rest of the area will be mown as usual by MVDC.

By now, all the Blue Heart verges should have been mown, cleared and put to bed. Here's hoping next year will be even better and also SCC will keep to their side of the bargain e.g. keeping sightlines clear and mowing verges

that are not designated for Blue Heart treatment! BRA will be working with Surrey County Council on this.

The Bookham Blue Hearts
have a Facebook page
[@bookhambluehearts](#) or

bookhambluehearts@gmail.com

You can also leave a message
on the BRA Message Line:
0300 030 9890.

Environment



Girl Guides and the regular team keeping Bookham tidy



Litter Picking in the Bookhams

Margaret Lawson

The litter picking group has continued to meet on the first Sunday of the month (Lower Shott Car Park at 11 am) and the Womblers, who litter pick near where they live, have continued to do their bit. I'm also very pleased that some youngsters have been litter picking as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award service section.

Litter Pickers have reported that there has been less litter about, but still some, so we mustn't become complacent!

We meet at Lower Shot car park starting at 11.00 am and usually the session lasts around 90 mins. Safety gear, bags and equipment supplied.

Any litter pick queries you can contact Margaret:

litterpick@bookhamresidents.org.uk or 0300 030 9890



Recycling in Bookham and Surrounding Area

Diane Poole

We should all be thinking **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE** – think before buying stuff that might end up in landfill. Recycling helps to save some of the materials that are thrown away but even that has a negative environmental impact in terms of transport and energy to process it.

In the last newsletter we told you about the new *Recycling Guide and Search Tool* developed by Plastic Free Bookham in conjunction with Les Huett of the BRA. Details can be found on the BRA website where there is a quick link to the tool where you'll also find a link to a document detailing

how you can adopt the **reduce, reuse, recycle** order of thinking! You can also access it by scanning the QR code below.

If you do end up needing to recycle items, the search tool will help you find out where you can recycle lots of items. We'll update it as we find out new information.

Many of our **local supermarkets have now started recycling soft flexible plastics** i.e. bags, film, pouches, sachets, wrappers from many products, including the Bookham Co-op and local branches of Sainsburys and Tesco are also rolling this out.

Alternatively a company called **Terracycle** recycle mainly plastics which don't go in the green bin and the search tool allows you to find what is being collected in Bookham and nearby areas to benefit charities. Do check out which plastic things they recycle which are not covered by the supermarket collections.

There's even a form on the page to allow you to ask about other items or you can email pfcbookham@gmail.com. Do visit our website at: www.plasticfreebookham.org.uk where we're starting to list manufacturer- or retailer-led schemes outside the immediate area.



For MVDC wheelie bin and household collections: www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/bins-recycling/bins-what-goes-them.

At the Lower Shott recycling area and Leatherhead RC. www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/bins-recycling/ecycling-centres-bring-sites

Environment

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Tree Matters

Frances Fancourt

Environment and Tree Warden

November is the best planting time for the free 'Treebilee Trees' which we gave away on Village Day. The Tree Wardens will shortly be contacting the people who requested trees in order to check the sites and arrange for planting. We have a few smaller trees available for some who could not get their first choice. The trees are specifically for front gardens because it is often not possible to plant in verges.

Tree Wardens throughout Surrey have been disappointed not to be able to plant street trees over the past few years. I, together with group of tree wardens from north Surrey, met with Surrey County Council Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure Matt Furniss in order to try to get this situation improved.

We hope that the process might be relaxed a little in order for us to be able to help plant more trees and keep our verges in Bookham looking beautiful. Planting a tree is the single best thing an individual can do to help avert climate change.

SCC has pledged to plant 1.2 million trees and we hope at least a few can be planted in Bookham.

Great Big Green Week – acting on Climate Change:

The Pyatt family held a Bake Sale in The Garstons in September and raised £102 which they have generously donated to the Tree Wardens for tree planting in Bookham. What a wonderful initiative!

Our Tree Wardens are:

Jenny Wilson: 01372 453573

Frances Fancourt: 01372 454000



Village Sign

Peter Seaward

As most of you know this sign had to be taken down as the bracket that connected it to the oak post and the sign itself fractured. The firm that made the sign for us accepted this was a fault and are making a replacement at no cost to the BRA except transportation of the replacement.

There has been a long delay as the person doing the work had to go into hospital for a lengthy orthopaedic operation but we understand that the work is nearly complete.

Some painting and the new attachment still needs to be done but should be ready for shipment within the near future.

We are also working with MVDC to see if we can extend power from the public toilets so the sign can be lit in what is a dark area of Lower Shott.

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Refreshed BRA Logo and Website

Les Huett

You may have noticed a slightly different BRA log on the front cover of this newsletter. The previous version had been in use for a number of years and was starting to look a little dated.

The new logo is in a similar style but with a modern font (which we are using in the newsletter) and simplified layout.

You will start to see to see this new look appear in all BRA communications.

In addition to the new logo we will be refreshing our website. This will a cleaner and simplified look with improved navigation. The new website will be online mid November.

The website address:

www.bookhamresidents.org.uk

remains the same.

Community

All in a day's work...

Carolyn Elson
Membership Secretary

Peter Seaward our Chairman gives an insight to the many varied items, that are not generally reported on, that he and the committee participate in on behalf of Bookham.

In each Newsletter we update you on the key initiatives and projects that the BRA are working on. However, behind the scenes there are many other issues that require input or research. These are ongoing and some may not even reach a satisfactory conclusion but will have taken a considerable amount of time and effort.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL is a charge that local authorities can set on developers to raise funds to help fund infrastructure, facilities, and services. We can then bid for some of this fund to make improvements in the village. The bids require considerable detail and administration. Whilst each bid is processed via MVDC other interested authorities and organisations often must be consulted with. It can be a slow process!

CIL Bids

We currently have bids underway for putting power to the Lychgate at St Nicholas Church, so that we can have the area lit up at Christmas as a part of the BRA funded Christmas lights plus power for a PA system for use at village events.

More work is needed on both War Memorials in the village a project where we have to be very mindful of the special treatment required to preserve them. We are working to upgrade all the benches around the village in conjunction with MVDC and to install more planters around the High Street to continue to enhance the ambience.



BRA Chairman Peter Seaward (second left) following a meeting on Community Policing with Bookham South Councillor Nancy Goodacre (left), Surrey Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner Ellie Vesey-Thompson and Tod Wilson Chairman of Bookham Tennis Club.

Working with Surrey County Council (SCC) and MVDC

A lot of time is spent on this! Much of our work requires us to liaise with officers / councillors at both SCC and MVDC to progress many of the projects for the village. This can be on anything from planning to road repairs to rubbish collection.

Other Residents Associations & Parish Councils

In addition, we work with the other Residents' Associations and Parish Councils in the vicinity on matters of common interest that impact us all. Most recently we have attended a presentation on the proposals to review the boundaries for all MVDC electoral Wards. Also following the successful introduction of the Blue Heart Scheme, we have worked, particularly with Ashted RA on the effects of verge cutting. Other subjects under discussion are GP surgeries and public transport.

Then there is the trial and implementation of the demand led transport scheme using electric buses. Funded through the rural mobility fund grant to SCC, when finalised should be of great benefit.

Other issues...

There are always issues that are important to residents. Recently we have been involved in trying to assist with solutions for the green waste collection problems plus the issue of the regularity in street cleaning.

In the summer it was raised that there is a shortage of allotments within Bookham, with a long waiting list. This is being pursued with MVDC. We plan to have talks with Polesden Lacey to see if their need to recreate the vegetable garden could be a solution.

Oh, and there is the new Youth centre; how to replace the old skateboard park; provide an outdoor adult gym; the Local Plan... and so on.

It really is a case of if something is affecting our village, however small, we try and help.

Note: The Bookhams Residents' Association is a voluntary membership organisation that is open to all residents and is independent of all political parties. We work closely with all Bookham Councillors irrespective of the political party they represent.

Transport

A New Bus Operator for Route 479?

Keith Francis

My thanks to Val Sexton, the Senior Transport Officer at Surrey County Council and Tim Hall the Surrey County Councillor for Fetcham East and Leatherhead for keeping me informed about the change which is due to take place in the middle of December 2021.

Arriva Kent & Surrey will be withdrawing its bus services throughout Surrey and at the time of writing there is no confirmation of a new Bus Operator for the 479 Guildford via Bookham and Leatherhead to Epsom town centre route.

Who in our villages uses Falcon Coaches 408 Monday to Friday Cobham / Effingham via Leatherhead Tesco's to Epsom bus service? If you haven't, you should try it!

(This service stops at the top of Great Bookham High Street at Rayleigh House and along the Guildford Leatherhead Road).

With Falcon Coaches buses you will be able to travel to many places in North Surrey including Hampton Court Palace using a Falcon Day Pass costing only £7!

Our Trains

Our next railway closure for maintenance work with a Rail Replacement Bus Service running is scheduled for the 12th December 2021 hopefully after the "Squareabout" drainage works have been completed.

Bus Timetables

We publish local bus timetables on the BRA website. Click on the "Transport" button on the homepage.

Are you worried about speeding traffic? Would you like to do something about it? Well, now you can.

Andrew Freeman

The Bookhams Residents' Association have been in discussion with residents in Little Bookham Street and Church Road who frequently experience issues with speeding traffic, although we know there are many other areas affected (Lower Road, East Street, the A246, etc.).

We have permission to erect two vehicle activated signs to warn motorists if they are travelling too fast in Little Bookham Street but we also have the opportunity to use one or two more around the village, but we need help!

We need a small team of volunteers to move the signs around every so often and perhaps replace the battery. Training will be provided.

The time commitment would only be a couple of hours every six to eight weeks, or less if we have a good number of volunteers.

The second thing you can do is even simpler, and that's to adhere to the speed limit at all times. You can only drive as fast as the slowest car on the road, unless drivers are really thoughtless and try overtaking! With your help we can make a difference, and make our roads safer.



If you can help, either call: 0300 030 9890 or send a message via the BRA web site.: bookhamresidents.org.uk



bookhamresidents.org.uk/contact

Infrastructure & Local Authorities



Drainage

Michael Agius

The BRA continues to try and resolve the villages' many historical drainage problems through the Bookham Flood Forum (BFF), along with SCC Highways and Thames Water (TW). Since the beginning of lockdown meetings have been held on Zoom.

Recent torrential rains have caused flooding all around the village, highlighting problem areas which the BFF will follow up with SCC and TW. Unfortunately such intense rainfall is likely to occur more often in future and the capacity of the village's old drainage infrastructure will need to be checked for capacity. Major new developments will only exacerbate the situation.

Following delays through the year, work on improving the drainage in Lower Road between East Street and The Squareabout has eventually started, albeit slowly. Having excavated a trench for the new pipe to be laid alongside the wall of St Nicolas' Church, a mass of service cables and pipes have been found which may necessitate moving the line. Work is scheduled to be complete by Christmas 2021.



Highways

Photos: Les Huett

Michael Agius

A scheme was carried out earlier in the year to improve pedestrian crossing of the A246 between Hawkwood Rise and Groveside. This location was chosen as it is well used by students crossing from South Bookham going to The Howard School. The purpose is to provide a refuge for pedestrians as they cross this busy road.

If you have any highways problems near you, the best way to report it is to go to www.surreycc.gov.uk and "Report It", or phone 0300 200 1003.

Please also email Michael Agius on meagius@gmail.com so that he can keep a record of the problems.



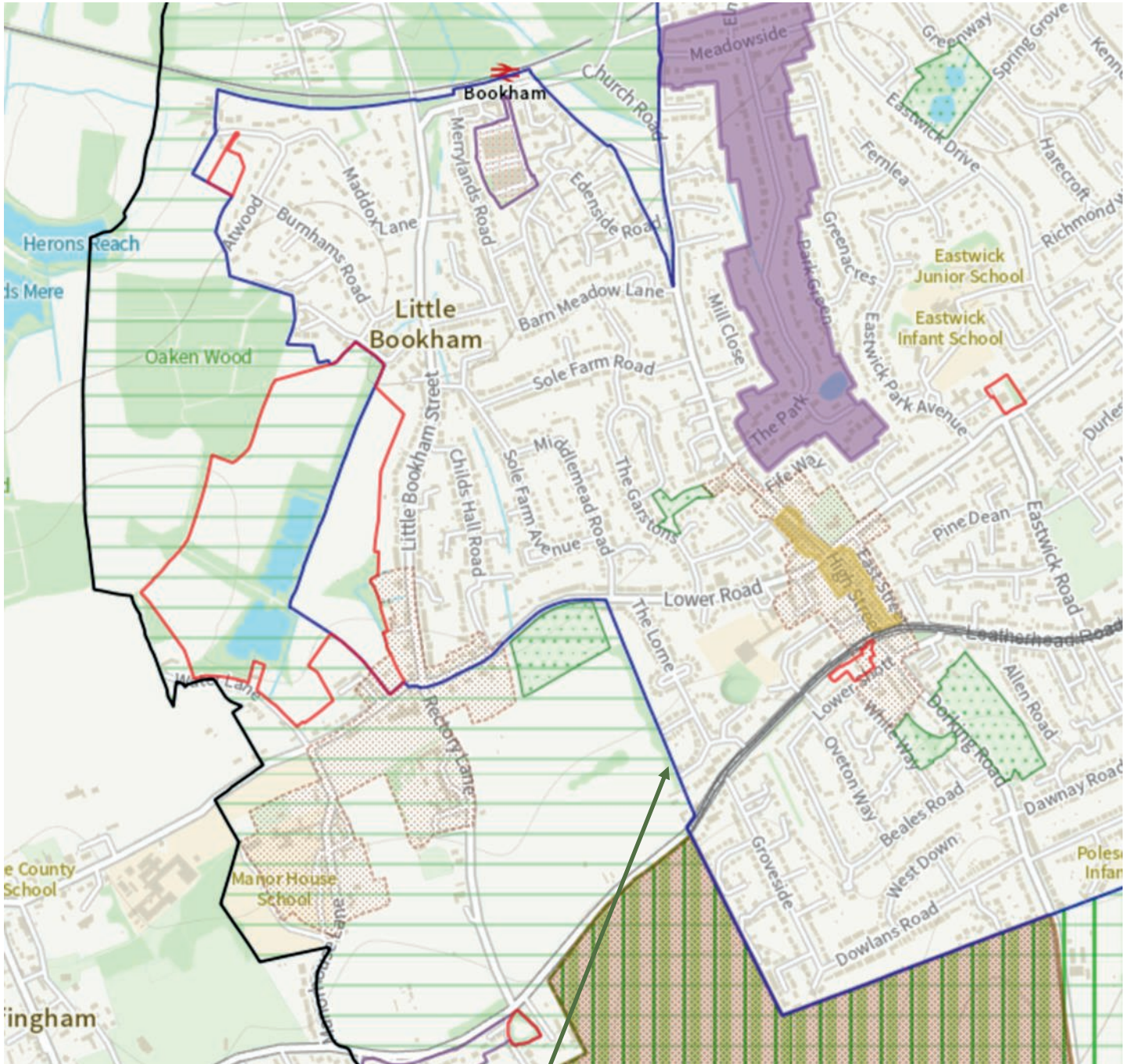
Future Mole Valley Draft Local Plan Regulation 19

Peter Seaward / Geoff Tranter

Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) have now published the next version of their Draft Local Plan which goes under the title of Regulation 19. This document must conform to stricter rules than the previous version (Regulation 18).

For Bookham, MVDC now propose that the village will have to take another 424 dwellings in the period from 2020 to 2037. Of these 200 will be on Greenbelt land at Preston Farm. Preston Farm is located behind the west side of Little Bookham Street and north of Lower Road.

Another 224 dwellings will be somewhere in the village when sites or more back garden development happens.



Map source: Mole Valley District Council

Proposed new boundary of the Green Belt (blue line)
Please note—in the print edition of the news letter the arrow was incorrectly pointing to the black line which is the MVDC District Boundary.

Areas outlined in red are the proposed sites to be included in the Local Plan.

The BRA has employed a Planning Consultant to advise how we should respond and protect the Green Belt and that our arguments must be legally robust as the next stage, before final agreement of any MVDC Local Plan, is that a Government Inspector must agree or disagree that the plan is sound and deliverable.

The consultation period has now closed and MVDC will then make a final decision to submit the plan to the Inspector. This will be in late January or February 2022.

The inspection process will take over a year, so this plan may come into effect in 2023. The BRA believes that the development of Preston Farm should not go ahead as it continues to merge Bookham and Effingham. Also, along with the development of the Howard of Effingham School, it will create a new village of over 1200 people in West Bookham and Effingham.

In addition to the Preston Farm site MVDC propose taking a smaller site out of the green belt for additional houses. A local team are preparing a legal objection. The BRA would like to see all proposed green belt sites rejected and our response will make this clear.

MVDC reduced the number of dwellings they originally suggested for Bookham from around 800 to the 424 figure. We hope this is due to the substantial number of objections sent to Mole Valley from Bookham which was the single largest set of responses from anywhere in Mole Valley.

MVDC are suggesting to Government that they can only build 350 new dwellings per annum as compared to the 430 plus MVDC were charged to build over the 17 year Plan period. This is spread across Mole Valley with 30% in Leatherhead, 30% in Dorking, 10% in Ashted and 10% in Bookham. The final 20% is in various villages.

We here must accept that we have to share this burden and will propose that the 200 houses destined for Preston Farm should be built within the built-up area of Bookham. Of the 424 dwellings 88 have already been built or will be between 2020 and 2024.



This harsh choice of "infilling" or using precious Green Belt is one that the village in previous surveys has said that "infill" is the best "worst" solution.

The Planning Consultant referred to earlier has produced the BRA's representation to the Regulation 19 process.

The Representation has been structured to address the following:

- The previous history will be briefly rehearsed
- The site and its assets will be described
- National policy on release of the Green Belt will be discussed
- The proposed changes will be identified
- The representation will be lodged along with suggested changes
- Conclusions

The representation has been prepared in full consultation with the local community and follows guidance that examines the draft plan legal compliance in terms of:

Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations (SI2012/767)?

Does the plan comply with the Duty to Cooperate set out in Paragraph 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended?

As regard soundness it will consider whether it has been:

Positively prepared: Does the Plan provide a strategy which, as a minimum, seeks to meet the area's objectively assessed needs; and is informed by agreements with other authorities, so that unmet need from neighbouring areas is accommodated where it is practical to do so and is consistent with achieving sustainable development?

Justified: Is the Plan an appropriate strategy, taking into account the reasonable alternatives, and based on proportionate evidence?

Effective: Is the Plan deliverable over the plan period, and based on effective joint working on cross-boundary strategic matters...

Consistent with national policy: Is the Plan enabling the delivery of sustainable development in accordance with the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework and other statements of national planning policy, where relevant?

If we consider the Plan not to be legally compliant or sound, we set out the modifications we consider necessary to make the Plan legally compliant or sound.

The full representation to the Government Inspector is available on the BRA website.

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Please help the BRA to continue its work for our village

There's still time to pay your 2021 subscription!

Throughout this Newsletter you will have read about many examples of how the BRA continues to champion many initiatives in the village.

The Bookhams Residents' Association (BRA) is a voluntary membership organisation that is open to all residents and is independent of all political parties.

We are now approaching the end of the 2021 membership year, and we would like to thank everyone who has paid their subscription either online or via their Road Steward.

If you have yet to pay the annual subscription of £5.00 per household you can scan the QR code below with your smart phone and you will be taken to the BRA website payment page. or if you can prefer you can pay via BRA website using a credit or debit card to pay through our secure payment system, or call our helpline if you wish to pay over the phone.

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Don't forget if you have already paid your subs to your Road Steward, sign up for our occasional email service on the BRA website to keep up to date with village news between our Newsletter print editions

NEXT GEN NEEDED!

Some of our Committee members and Road Stewards are at the stage in their lives when they are now unable to be as active as they once were and are standing down from roles in the BRA.

We now need a new group of volunteers to take over the reins and take the BRA into its second century of service. (Yes, hard to believe!) There are many issues we face in Bookham in the near future with the Local Plan and education being at the top and now is the time to help shape the direction of our community.

Maybe you have recently retired or spending less time travelling due to hybrid working and can use your skills to benefit your fellow residents. Or you might also want to develop new skills which you can add to your CV when looking for a new position.

If you are interested, please call or leave a message via the BRA website.

Have you a few hours to spare in 2022?

We need volunteers to:

- Help our Planning Sub-committee review applications in Bookham
- Help us collect the BRA subscriptions once a year from residents and deliver our Newsletters twice a year.
- Email communications
- Social media updates,
- BRA website posts
- Producing print for BRA noticeboards and Newsletter.

It can be a great way to meet some new people and really helps the BRA to both communicate with our residents and support our activities in the village.

If you can help either email: membership@bookhamresidents.org.uk or call: 0300 030 9890. We'd love to hear from you!