

# THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Company Limited by Guarantee - Number 10053863

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 7.30 pm in**

**St Nicolas Church, The Church Room**

**Present:** Peter Seaward (chair), Chris Pullan, Andrew Freeman, Les Huett, John Allen, Nick Forrer, David Cox OBE, Martin Hollins, Keith Francis, Margaret Lawson, Michael Agius, Julia Dickinson, Carolyn Elson, Geoff Tranter, Richard Davey, Frances Fancourt, Dan Coffin, Paul Kennedy, Diane Poole,

**Invited Councillors:** Cllr. Richard Moyse, Cllr. Clare Curran, Cllr. Elizabeth Daly, Cllr. Metin Huseyin,

**Ordinary Members:** Jacky Seaward, Clifford White, James Chambers, Zena Rose, Mike Herbert, Andrew Matthews, Mary Chambers

**Apologies:** John Howarth, Cllr. Roger Adams, Arthur Field, Marian Williams, Michelle Smith, David Smith, Cllr Simon Edge, Cllr. Nancy Goodacre,

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## **1 Minutes**

1.1 Subject to a few amendments, 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 **Land Auction:** Following the sale of the land at Mead Crescent/The Garstons, more land was now being auctioned. This includes a strip of woodland along the A246 (approx. 0.21 acres) to the rear of properties in Hawkswood Rise. It also includes land at the end of Hawkswood Drive and Swanns Meadow that could provide possible access points to speculative development land.

## **4 Group Updates**

### **4.1 Management Group**

4.1.1 **Finance:** Chris Pullan reported that the cost of the Christmas lights was £2,700 in total, funded by a grant of £1,300 from MVDC, £860 from local traders, £300 from the late night shopping organisers and £250 from a Coop local grant.

4.1.2 **Year End Accounts:** Chris also reported that the year end accounts are showing a surplus of £692, which approximately equates to the extra £2 contributions. The accounts are yet to be examined but will need to be prior to the AGM in May.

## 4.2 **Planning Group**

4.2.1 **Planning Committee:** The Committee had considered 17 applications and had written letters of representation on one, i.e. 64 Eastwick Drive.

4.2.2 **Local Plan:** There was a long discussion regarding the draft Local Plan. Peter Seaward began by explaining the main infrastructure areas of concern, namely health, education, highways and drainage, and encouraged as many people as possible to respond to the consultation which can be accessed here:

<https://futuremolevalley.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=29cfa943431d306b33ef76755&id=eefacbe922>

4.2.3 It was noted that the final decision as to whether to adopt the plan lies with full Council following the end of consultation.

4.2.4 The format of the public meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February was agreed, and a further meeting the week after could also be held should attendance be very high.

A plan of action for communicating to the local community was also discussed, i.e. Look Local and social media (website and emails), plus I Live In Bookham with the aid of Richard Davey and Dan Coffin. Response forms will also be available in libraries and supply would be brought to the public meeting.

## 4.3 **Environment Group**

4.3.1 **Litter Pick:** Margaret Lawson reported that 35 people had participated in the most recent litter-pick, collecting 26 bags of refuse, plus tree debris.

4.3.2 **Wombles:** Margaret also mentioned a new initiative called the Wombles, which is to identify local volunteers to adopt a road and regularly litter pick their area. Several volunteers had already come forward.

4.3.5 **Planting (Trees and Plants):** Frances Fancourt reported that there was a temporary halt to the planting of trees due to an issue with SCC, but other tree works were ongoing.

4.3.3 **Roads:** It was noted that Crabtree Lane had been resurfaced and that Eastwick Drive is due to be resurfaced with work commencing 10th January for 2 weeks.

## 4.4 **Community Group**

4.4.1 **Epsom & St. Helier NHS Trust:** It was noted that the trust has published a consultation document regarding the future configuration of health services across the two sites, with an additional build in Sutton. Further details can be obtained here:

<https://www.epsom-sthelier.nhs.uk/epsom-and-st-helier-2020-2030>

4.4.2 **Theft of Bicycles:** It was noted that a number of bicycles had been stolen from the station. It appears to be organised crime although 3 people had now been arrested. A more secure system for storing bicycles is needed.

4.4.3 **Action:** It was agreed that Dan Coffin would look into different storage options and Peter Seaward would write to the police and National Rail regarding theft of bicycles and the need for better security.

4.4.4 **Buses:** Keith Francis reported that the operator of the 479 bus was under review and decision is expected in August. Similarly, a decision is expected re. the future operator of the 408. Finally, it was noted that the H1 Bus between Epsom and St. Helier hospitals would be retained until 2024.

#### 4.5 **Communications & Membership Group**

4.5.1 **Communications Plan:** Les Huett spoke briefly about the communications plan and the forthcoming centrespread in Look Local. He also mentioned that visited the the BRA's website continues to grow.

#### 4.6 **Business Group**

4.6.1 Nil to report.

### 5 **Any Other Business**

5.1 **Royal Mail:** It was noted that Grant Woodham's campaign to get the Royal Mail to recognise Great and Little Bookham, as opposed to just Bookham, had progressed and the proposal was out for consultation. The change in addresses would n-only not proceed should 20% or more of residents objected, which is very unlikely.

6 **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7:30 pm.

## Action Summary

Action	Owner	Reference
<b>Weeds:</b> Elizabeth Daly to speak to the portfolio holder re. the encroaching weed situation. Note: MVDC has responsibility for the clearance of weeds.	Elizabeth Daly	13/06/19: 1
<b>Square-about:</b> Clare Curran to find out status of the pending drainage design plan for the square-about. 06/01: Report should be published at the Flood Forum on 15/01/20. Closed. Report produced although a budget now needs to be found.	Clare Curran	13/06/19: 2
<b>Weales Bus Stop &amp; Litter Bin:</b> Richard Moysse to speak to the contractors at Weales to reinstate the bin. At the moment no progress from the contractors. Closed.	Richard Moysse	06/08/19: 3
<b>Shape the Future of Bookham Village Centre:</b> Cllr. Richard Moysse agreed to speak to Cllr. Wellamn to try and find someone to take the lead on the Shape the Future of Bookham Village Centre initiative. 06/01/20: Richard is awaiting a meeting with Cllr. Wellman.	Richard Moysse	07/10/19: 1
<b>Composting:</b> Julia Dickinson will find out more about the Rocket composting system and report back. Closed. If the project proceeds, a location for the composter is required.	Julia Dickinson	02/12/19: 3
<b>Public Right of Way:</b> Diane Poole to progress an application to seek Public Rights of Way across the land at the junction of Mead Crescent and The Garstons.	Diane Poole	06/01/20: 1
<b>Vehicle Activated Signs:</b> Clare Curran to try and find out the status of the VARs, with a view to writing them off should they be deemed obsolete. Closed. It was reported that the VARs are now obsolete.	Clare Curran	06/06/20: 2
<b>Bicycle Storage at Bookham Station:</b> Dan Coffin would look into different storage options and Peter Seaward would write to the police and National Rail regarding theft of bicycles and the need for better security.	Dan Coffin and Peter Seaward	03/02/20: 1