

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30 pm in
St Nicolas Church, The Church Room**

Present: Les Huett (chair), Chris Pullan, John Allen, Ray Pritchard, Julia Dickinson, Keith Francis, David Cox, Arthur Field, Nick Forrer (Minutes),

Invited Councillors: Cllr. John Chandler, Cllr. Richard Moyse, Cllr. Elizabeth Daly

Ordinary Members: M. Whiting, M. Williams, R. Osborne, Tony Alsbury, Richard Davey

Apologies: Peter Seaward, Michael Agius, John Howarth, Andrew Freeman, Cllr. Clare Curran, Carolyn Elson, Margaret Lawson, Cllr Simon Edge,

1 Bookstall

- 1.1 Before starting, Tony Alsbury asked for a volunteer to help with the bookstall at Friday's market day at Old Barn Hall. Mike Whiting volunteered to help Tony Alsbury with the bookstall, as this is a source of financing for the Bookham Community Association as well as us.

2 Minutes

- 2.1 Subject to several minor typos, the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3 Matters Arising

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

4 Correspondence

- 4.1 There was no correspondence to note.

5 Group Updates

5.1 Management Group

- 5.2 **Finance.** Chris Pullen brought up the subject of the indemnity insurance, which is currently £390 per year and has a limit of £5M. This is needed for the hanging baskets, litter pick activity and notice-boards. The Council has said that the insurance cover must be raised to £10M for the Christmas hanging baskets. We would need to use a different agent to obtain cover, which is likely to increase to an annual £680.

There was some debate, as to whether the memorial in the St Nicolas Churchyard would be covered as well. This will depend on who owns the memorial and whether it would be covered by St Nicolas Church, as it is in their grounds.

It would be useful if we had a Health and Safety Policy, so as to cover any activities that we ask residents to do. This would apply to the Litter Pick activities. Les Huett will work with Margaret Lawson to develop such a policy.

Action: Les Huett

Chris Pullen stated that the draft set of accounts for last year, showed a loss of £728. We had a grant of £7,500 for the recreation ground, as part of the flood project and tree support. The BRA has expended some £900 towards the memorial, but we do have a grant of £2,600 for the rest.

For this year it is likely that we will have a grant of £6,600 + VAT for trees from MVDC and for the installation of the bench in Little Bookham Street at the bus stop. This has now has been completed.

The bank charges for our account with Barclays Bank have started.

5.3 **Planning Group**

5.3.1 **The Local Plan** is being developed by MVDC and the indication is that some 610 – 670 houses will be put forward. Even if we are not enthusiastic with the numbers, we must show willingness to discuss them. We are considering having a Local Plan workshop on say the 3rd to 10th July at the Old Barn Hall.

5.3.2 **Heathrow.** Julia Dickinson said she had listened to some of the locally held presentations on the expansion of Heathrow and it is likely that the expansion will result in increased noise for Bookham.

5.4 **Environment Group**

5.4.1 **Trees.** Frances Fancourt mentioned that £3,000 had been allocated for the maintenance of trees along the streets in Bookham by the Council.

5.4.2 **Planters.** Frances Fancourt is looking into having a planter in Church Road. Casselden's Shoes have agreed to water the planter if approval is granted.

5.4.3 **Litter Picks.** Not so many residents were on the Litter Pick yesterday but still a good job was done.

5.4.4 **Norbury Park.** Vandalism has been reported and motor-bikes are not keeping to permitted routes, such as bridleways. Also reported were quad bikes stealing dogs. In Bookham Woods bicycle riders are being abusive and not accepting of others that are allowed to use the tracks. There is no legal right to ride on footpaths in England, but in some places a local by-law or Traffic Regulation Order can make it an offence.

5.5 **Community Group**

5.5.1 **Youth Centres.** The extension to the Space Youth Centre will be starting in April.

5.5.2 **Police.** David Munro, Police Commissioner for Surrey will be standing down in May 2012.

5.5.3 **Transport.** Keith Francis reported that the shuttle bus is now in operation between St Helier and Epsom University Hospitals and can be used by all. The shuttle is not run by Transport for London so the Oyster Card can't be used. There will be a new set of time-tables issued in March.

5.6 **Communications and Membership Group, Business Group, History and Memorials Group**

Nothing to report.

6 **Projects Update**

Nothing to report.

7 **Any Other Business**

7.1 **Surrey Wildlife Trust.** A volunteer is required to attend the workshop in Leatherhead on the 7th March.

8 **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 1st April 2019 at 7:30 pm.