

# BOOKHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Company Limited by Guarantee Number 10053863

## , DIRECTORS MEETING

Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Held in Maddox Cottage Little Bookham

**In Attendance:** Simon Edge (Chair), Les Huett, Carolyn Elson, Geoff Tranter, Neil McDowall, Keith Whale, David Armstrong, C Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Roger Adams. David Cox (for special item).

**King George V Playing Field:** David Cox stated that the Trustees wished to enhance the facilities at their field in Effingham with improvements to some buildings, a new football pitch and a new pathway around the perimeter. Funding had yet to be determined but the Trustees were anxious to obtain the moral support of BRA, particularly as 60% of the fields users came from Bookham. After discussion it was agreed that Paula Moss and some other Trustees be invited to the next BRA Committee Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**Notes on the last Meeting:** Accepted with no changes.

### 1. Chairmans Introduction:

**1.1 Joint Resident Associations:** The Chairman had attended a joint meeting with other local Associations to discuss green energy policy, the Local Plan and Transport.

**1.2 Proctor Gardens:** The prevalence of flooding every time heavy rain was experienced could be down to extra building in the area. Maybe local MP should be asked to participate in discussions to resolve problem.

**2. Finance:** Total Subscriptions to date were £8,600 of which £2,500 weere donations. The cost of cleaning the War Memorial in readiness for Armistice Day was £250. A small donation had been received from the Station Doctors who spent money on Improving the facilities at local stations.

### 3. Secretariat and Membership:

**3.1 Secretariat:** Les Huett advised that the latest HMRC Return had been completed.

### 4. Communications:

**4.1 News Letter:** The next edition of the BRA Newsletter was being prepared although it was recognised that all Planning Issues were being held in abeyance.

**4.2 BRA Inventory:** Les Huett was working on a complete listing of all assets held by BRA.

**4.3 Bookham Historic Walks:** Neil McDowall was writing a small book on Historic walks around Bookham. It was recognised that there was a lot of history attached to

many of the older buildings in the Bookhams which had yet to be revealed.

## **5. Projects:**

**5.1 High Street Traders:** Geoff Tranter reported that he had received a mixed response from his request from the traders for financial support for High Street improvements. Some had been quite generous, others not responding. Strangely, the three leading stores, namely the Coop, Boots and Tesco had not been forthcoming referring the matter to their Head Offices.

**5.2 Christmas Lights:** A collection of Christmas Lights had been found and it was agreed that these should be distributed among the traders free of charge to be used or not as they think fit. Geoff Tranter proposed that the lights for next Christmas should be enhanced with the addition of strings of lights connecting each building. The total cost would be about £4,600, including VAT, of which a grant from MVDC was expected.

**5.3 Rotary Club:** It was understood that the local Rotary Club were going to hold a Spirit of Christmas in High Street and Upper Station Road this Christmas.

**5.4 Benches:** The Officers at MVDC had turned down our request to repair all public benches on the grounds that it was Revenue expenditure and not Capital which could have been approved.

C Cllr Clare Curran suggested that a new application could be sent asking for funds to replace the existing benches which could then be classed as Capital Expenditure.

**5.5 Public Toilets:** CIL money for the refurbishment of the public toilets in Lower Shott had been granted but no work had started as yet.

## **6. Planning:**

Nothing to report.

## **7. Environment:**

Noted that no road closures would take place around the War Memorial on Armistice Day.

## **8. Proposed MP's Visit:**

It was agreed that an invitation should be sent to Chris Cogland asking him if he would agree to attending a Q and A meeting with the BRA Committee.

## **9 AOB**

Carolyn Elson queried the delay in taking action over the Berkley House and The Old Scout Hut in Eastwick Park, both of which were becoming an eyesore.