

# THE BOOKHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Company Limited by Guarantee Number 10053863

## DIRECTORS MEETING

Notes of meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Held at 4 Attwood, Little Bookham

**In Attendance:** Simon Edge (Chair), Neil McDowall, Les Huett, Carolyn Elson, C Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Roger Adams, Geoff Tranter.

**1. Notes on Last Meeting:**

Agreed with no amendments.

**2 Chairman's Update:**

Simon Edge stated that as he wanted the Director's meeting to operate at a strategic level and consider the reason for introducing new projects for the benefit of the community. The current projects were then discussed.

**2.1 War Memorial:** Steam cleaning held up due to difficulty in receiving permission from Church Authorities. Suggested that having access to advice (for this and other projects) from a Solicitor would be helpful.

**2.2 Wheals Clock** Has been sold: along with the property to the new owner.

**2.3 Public Benches:** Need to determine responsibility and ownership of all the public benches (including the Coronation Bench)

**Action:** C Cllr Clare Curran, Cllr Roger Adams.

**2.4 Bump Track:** Quotations are being sought from three firms which should allow progress to continue.

**2.5 Youth Centre:** Still subject to endless bureaucratic delays.

**2.6 Litter Picking:** John McKintosh of MVDC had offered additional picking tools but the limit of reimbursement remained at £90.

**2.7 Anchor Donation:** The donation from The Anchor to make a new Notice Board at the Lower Road Car Park is in progress. Prices are awaited.

**2.8 Liaison with Police:** It was recognized that contact with the Police was seen as a problem and it was considered useful if a Liaison Role could be introduced. It was recognized that many residents were reluctant to contact the Police for fear of reprisals although this could be avoided if Crime Stoppers were used.

**2.9 Benches:** Most of the public benches were sound but in need of cleaning. It was agreed that E T would take this work forward.

**Action:** Geoff Tranter

### **3 Deputy Chief Executive Meeting 28 September:**

The meeting was being held to discuss any issues arising throughout the Mole Valley District. Areas of concern for BRA were as follows:

**3.1 Financial State of MVDC:** This was considered vulnerable due to reduced HMG grants and reduced receipts generally.

**3.2 Banking Facilities:** Following extensive Branch closures, Banks should be encouraged to set up more facilities in Libraries.

**3.3 Station Ticket Office Closures:** Concern how this would adversely effect elderly and disabled residents.

**3.4 Transform Leatherhead:** It was understood that a new plan was being worked on

### **4 Councillors Updates:**

**4.1 Public Facilities:** Cllr Roger Addams reported that improvements' to recreational areas were being considered by MVDC.

**4.2 Berwick House:** C Cllr Clare Curran stated that improvements to Berwick House were proceeding including the provision of medical facilities.

**4.3 New Youth Centre:** No further progress reported.

**5 Finance:** The Treasurer confirmed that Patrick Maddison had been appointed the new Examiner at the AGM. Also, £8.800 had been collected from Subscriptions in August and BRA remained solvent. Efforts to recruit more road stewards were progressing.

**6 BRA Calendar:** It was intended that the calendar should be displayed on the website with details of the items covered by BRA including Benches, Hanging Baskets and Christmas Lights and key dates when each activity should commence. Also included would be details of all planned meetings.

7 Any Other Business:

7.1 A new Manager had been appointed at the Grange and it was agreed BRA should provide full support.

7.2 The next Directors Meeting would be held at Geoff Tranters house on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and the booking for the Church room on that date should be cancelled. **Action:** David Armstrong