

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Company Limited by Guarantee – Number 10053863

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th June 2022

In Attendance: Andy Freeman (chair), Julia Dickinson, Clare Curran, Andrew Matthews, Chris Pullan, Geoff Tranter, Frances Fancourt, Keith Francis, Metin Huseyin, Richard Moyse, Diane Poole, Sarah Chambers, James Chambers, Martin Hollins, Fiona and Richard Rees

Apologies: Peter Seaward, Simon Edge, David Cox MBE, Nick Forrer, Monica Weller, Nancy Goodacre, Roger Adams, John Howarth, Michael Agius, Les Huett, Zena Rose, John Allen, Carolyn Elson, Paul Kennedy, Elizabeth Daly, Margaret Lawson, David Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Lowes

- 1 **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.
- 2 **Matters Arising & Actions:** There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.
- 3 **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence of any note.
- 4 **AGM:** The AGM is scheduled for the 13th July in the Old Barn Hall, and Michael Coughlin, Executive Director of Prosperity, Partnerships and Growth and Jane Last, Head of Communities and Engagement, Surrey County Council will be the guest speakers.
- 5 **Grants and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding:** Andy reminded the CIL issue, i.e. there are two elements to CIL – ‘strategic’ and ‘community’. The strategic fund for Mole Valley stands at about £5m and can be used anywhere across the district for major projects. Community CIL funds have, in the past, been reserved for the local community in which the levy had been raised. This is automatic for parish councils. Also, as Bookham has a Neighbourhood Plan in place, we are entitled to 25%, the same as parish councils, although we need to submit bids.

Now, MVDC plan to divide Community CIL north and south and therefore funds raised in Bookham may not be spent in Bookham. However, this decision was called-in and it will be debated by the Council’s cabinet tomorrow night (7th June).
- 6 **Vehicle Activated Signs:** Andy reported that the sign was now operational, sited on the A246 near the public toilets, screening cars driving away from the High Street. This sign will be rotated to face to traffic approaching the village in the coming weeks. We also have permission to use two other existing posts, one on the A246 near the junction with Groveside and another in Church Road opposite the Old Barn Hall.
- 7 **Management Group:** It was reported that in May £3,055 had been received is subscriptions. Recent outgoings included £1,988 for the Newsletter, £3,000 for the Little Bookham Street speed cameras, £480 for the summer hanging baskets and £462 for a watering machine to water the hanging baskets.

8 Planning Group

- 8.1 **Planning Committee:** The committee had reviewed all the new applications but felt none merited a letter of representation to be sent. However, one new application had very recently been submitted for a fairly significant development at Polesden Farm, which the committee will no doubt comment on.
- 8.2 **Howard of Effingham:** It was noted that the outcome of the appeal for 110 homes on this site is due on 20th September. A further application for 99 homes had also been submitted.

9 Environment Group

- 9.1 **Trees/Horticulture:** Village Day is on the 16th June and Frances Fancourt and her fellow tree wardens will be present, raffling off three trees. Frances also said there have been many requests for new trees to be planted on verges.

10 Community Group

- 10.1 **Demand Responsive Buses:** Julia Dickinson said this service was very popular and that be rolled out to Bookham shortly.
- 10.2 **Churches Together:** Martin Hollins reported that some members visited St. Paul's Cathedral over the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations, and there was a special ceremony in St. Nicolas's Church and a ecumenical service at St. Lawrence Church.

11 Any Other Business

- 11.1 **Garden Open Day:** Diane Poole mentioned that the Garden Open Day is being held on the 26th June.
- 11.2 **Christie Rec Netting:** Metin Huseyin reported that he is seeking two quotes for additional netting along the boundary with Dorking Road.
- 11.3 **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA):** Clare Curran said that there was currently a PNA was out for consultation comments, to better understand the provision of services, etc. The consultation closes on 24th July 2022.
- 12 **Next BRA Meeting:** 7.30 pm on Monday 1st August 2022 in the Church Room, St. Nicolas Church