

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Company Limited by Guarantee - Number 10053863

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 1st August 2022 in the Church Room, St. Nicolas Church

In Attendance: Peter Seaward(chair), Andy Freeman, Julia Dickinson, Clare Curran, Chris Pullan, Frances Fancourt, Keith Francis, David Cox MBE, Roger Adams, Les Huett, Zena Rose, Paul Kennedy,

Apologies: Simon Edge, Nick Forrer, Monica Weller, Nancy Goodacre, John Howarth, Michael Agius, John Allen, Carolyn Elson, Elizabeth Daly, Margaret Lawson, David Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Lowes, Andrew Matthews, Geoff Tranter, Metin Huseyin, Richard Moyse, Diane Poole, Sarah Chambers, James Chambers, Martin Hollins,

- 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:**
 - 3.1 **Student's Dissertation:** The BRA has been approached by a student undertaking his dissertation and wished to interview a member regarding the planning system in England. John Pagella has agreed to speak to him.
 - 3.2 **Youth and Community Volunteer:** We have been contacted by a local resident who would like to get involved in the new youth and community centre. David Cox agreed to speak to the person to so what help they could contribute.
- 4 **AGM Feedback**
 - 4.1 The AGM was held successfully on 13th July, following which there was a general discussion on the Surrey County Council's budget and priorities by Michael Coughlin, Executive Director of Prosperity, Partnerships and Growth and Jane Last, Head of Communities and Engagement.
 - 4.2 At the AGM the following decisions were made:
Election of Officers of the Company:
 - Election of Chairman – Peter Seaward
 - Election of Vice Chairman – Simon Edge
 - Election of Treasurer – Chris Pullan
 - Election of Honorary President – In abeyance for 12 months
 - 4.3 **Directors:** To note the resignation from the Board of Michael Agius. David Smith was re-elected, who retired by rotation under Article 55 and who offered himself for re-election. Also the appointments to the Board of Simon Edge, Les Huett and Geoff Tranter were ratified.

5 CIL Funding

- 5.1 It was noted that the Association has submitted a number of funding requests, some a year plus ago, but decisions are still awaited, e.g. the request to refurbish the village's benches. There was a general sense of dissatisfaction regarding the time it takes to get approval, and that the new arrangements, whereby there would be a North and South committee making decisions plus a requirement for all councillors to be in agreement, could result in further delays. Cllr. Roger Adams agreed to speak to the officers.

6 Management Group

- 6.1 **Subscriptions:** Chris Pullan reported that circa £1,500 had been received during June.
- 6.2 **Cheque Signatories:** Chris also reported that it was now allowable for single signatures of cheques, although he will seek approval via email for audit purposes.

7 Planning Group

- 7.1 Since the last committee meeting the Planning Committee submitted letters of representation objecting to the following applications:
- MO/2022/0731: 7, Milton Way, Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9HY Description: Remove one Silver Birch tree
 - MO/2022/0749: Land adjacent to 8, Squirrels Green, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 3LE Description: Remove one Oak tree
 - MO/2022/0809: 12, Newenham Road, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4NJ Description: Reduce 1 No. Scots Pine by 4 metres
 - MO/2022/1087: Fir Tree Farm, Woodlands Road, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4HN Description: Description: The demolition of kennel buildings 1,2,3 and 4 and erection of one dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping.
 - MO/2022/1033: 5, Childs Hall Close, Bookham, KT23 3QE Description: Demolition of garages at 5 Childs Hall Close and the construction of a 3-bedroom detached dwelling
- 7.2 The Planning Committee also submitted letters of representation supporting the following applications:
- MO/2022/0788: Polesden Lacey House, Polesden Road, Bookham, RH5 6BD Description: Erection of play equipment and construction of pedestrian access path.
 - MO/2022/0907: Polesden Farm, Polesden Road, Bookham, Description: Demolition of 4 No. barns. Construction of biomass plant building, park ranger station, farmers building, one x 4-bedroom dwelling and one x 1 bedroom dwelling. Conversion of tithe barn to one x 5-bedroom dwelling and conversion of former stables/workshop buildings to 3 No. 2 bedroom dwellings. Retention of original farmhouse. Creation of new hard and soft landscaping, car parking, turning and driveway areas.
 - MO/2022/1153: Vine Court, 59-69, High Street, Bookham, KT23 4AD Description: Change of use of first floor from retail (Use Class E) to mixed used including one apartment (Use Class C3)

8 Environment Group

- 8.1 **Trees:** It was noted that an application has been submitted for 9 trees in Lower Road to replace existing trees that are in poor health.
- 8.2 **High Street:** Frances Fancourt reported that on the 5th August a contractor will clear most of the bed opposite Patrick Gardiner (plus a bit on the A246), and on Saturday some WI ladies (Bookham Butterflies WI) will plant up some colourful bedding. Some shrubs will be retained as they will either be reused there or elsewhere. We have taken the decision to plant colourful bedding in the meantime so that it looks bright until the autumn when it will be the right time to plant the new shrubs etc.
- 8.3 The new planters won't arrive for at least another 6 weeks therefore Frances has set a date, probably in October, for the contractors to return and plant them up, and at the same time the Patrick Gardner/Griffin Court bed will get planted up finally.
- 8.4 **Electric Car Charging Points:** It was reported that electric charging points will be installed in Bookham's car parks soon.

9 Community Group

Health: It was reported that Simon Edge had met with the other north MV residents' association and MVDC to discuss the potential to improve medical services across the area. The Surrey Integrated Care Board is now organising a meeting with NHS England estates, SCC, local GPs and Simon to progress the idea.

Surrey Connect: Whilst the majority of feedback is positive, there had been a few issues. It was also noted that the scheme had not been promoted by MVDC. Cllr. Roger Adams would look into this. Les Huett said that it was on the BRA's website.

10 History and Memorials Group

Little Bookham War Memorial: A quote had now been received to add 6 names, on a separate plaque, to the memorial, which will be part funded with PIC funds..

11 Any Other Business

- 11.1 **Youth Centre:** David Cox said that initial costings had now been received and were over budget. The project team will be seeking an increased budget but this will need to go to the cabinet first.
- 11.2 **Road Resurfacing:** Clare Current reported that the road and roundabout at Preston Cross would be resurfaced before the end of the financial year.
- 11.3 **County Deal:** Paul Kennedy said that the Association could apply for funding from this initiative, which would need to be submitted in September.

12 Next BRA Meeting: Monday 5th September 2022