

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 in the Church Room, St. Nicolas Church

In Attendance: Peter Seaward (chair), Simon Edge, Andy Freeman, Clare Curran, Keith Francis, Les Huett, Paul Kennedy, Carolyn Elson, Richard Moyse, Martin Hollins,

Apologies: Nick Forrer, Monica Weller, Nancy Goodacre, John Howarth, Michael Agius, John Allen, Elizabeth Daly, Margaret Lawson, David Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Lowes, Andrew Matthews, Geoff Tranter, Metin Huseyin, Diane Poole, Sarah Chambers, James Chambers, Julia Dickinson, Chris Pullan, Frances Fancourt, David Cox MBE, Roger Adams, Zena Rose,

- 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 Defibrillators:** St. Nicolas Church had been in contact regarding the defibrillator on the wall of the Post Office, and wanted to know how to access it in a n emergency as there were no signs on it. On investigation there is another defibrillator on the side of the butchers in the High Street. Again, there are no signs as to who manages it nor how to access it if needed, although there is a sign with the name Effingham First Responders. Andrew Freeman is investigating further.
- 4 Dropped Kerb:** A resident in Sheriden's Road with a mobility scooter reported difficulties when going to the village, i.e. that there is no dropped kerb on one side of the road by Fairfield Cottages and on the other side there a dropped kerb in Southend until you go half way up the road, and similar in Allan Road. Clare Curran will investigate.
- 5 Management Group**
 - 5.1 Finance:** Chris Pullan reported, via email, that £762 had been received during the last month and a payment of £470 received under the auspices of trees.
 - 5.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
 - 5.2.1 Benches:** Funding has been received and a list of the works required has been sent to David Belsham to action.
 - 5.2.2 Power Supply in Lower Shott Car Park:** Awaiting decision from SCC.
 - 5.2.3 BMX Track:** If this was to go ahead then the cost could be circa £80k. Richard Moyse will produce a proposal paper for discussion with the councillors. If there is agreement, then a formal application will be submitted.

6 Planning Group

6.1 Since the last committee meeting the Planning Committee submitted letters of representation objecting to the following applications:

- MO/2022/1329: Land adjacent to Eastwick House, 152 Lower Road, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 3PP Description: Erection of one detached split-level 3/4-bedroom dwelling house
- MO/2022/1311: 48 Keswick Road, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4BH Description: Erection of rear single storey extension, loft conversion and side garage
- MO/2022/1263&1264: Fairfield House, 24 High Street, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 3PP Description: Demolition of existing modern rear element and erection of a two-storey rear extension and 2 No. porches, a new roof to side addition and internal alterations to allow the conversion of the offices to 7 No. flats with associated parking, bin store and landscaping
- MO/2022/1235: The Old Crown, 1 High Street, Bookham, Surrey, KT23 4AA Description: Erection of one hanging sign, 2 No. fascia signs, 3 No. amenity signs, 2 No. chalkboard signs, 11 No. LED floodlights and 4 No. brass up and down lights

6.2 **Wisley Airfield:** The planning committee hasn't looked at this large development, which falls within the borough of Guildford. The application is for 1,700 new homes.

7 Environment Group

7.1 **Speed Signs:** The speed indicating devices or vehicle activated signs have now been erected in Little Bookham Street.

7.2 **Traffic Calming:** Clare Curran said that she has submitted a bid for traffic calming measures in Church Road and Little Bookham Street as far as the station, which includes pedestrian safety activities.

8 Community Group

8.1 **Churches Together:** Martin Hollins said that they are establishing a new group to look at environmental issues and are planning a ceremonial wrapping of the church with a 'green' theme.

8.2 **Transport:** Keith Francis said that Falcon Buses are now running the 479 service and, in the new year (to be confirmed but probably from 1st January to the end of March), the Government will be funding a new initiative whereby all fares will be pegged at £2 per ride.

8.3 **Health:** Simon Edge is endeavouring to liaise with the GPs and council officers to try and push forward discussions about a new health facility, e.g. one that could provide services traditionally found in secondary care hospitals, thus enabling care to be provided closer to the home.

9 Communications and Membership Group

9.1 **BRA Directory:** Les Huett said he will be producing an updated directory shortly.

9.2 **Newsletter:** The Autumn newsletter is expected to go to the printers mid October for distribution during November.

9.3 **Membership:** Carolyn Elson said that subs and donations of approximately £7,000 had been received from circa 1,100 households to date.

10 History and Memorials Group

10.1 **War Memorials:** Peter reported that some of the names on the memorial at St. Nicolas needs re-doing and that PIC funding has been agreed for the new memorial at the All Saint's Church.

11 Any Other Business

11.1 **Poppy Appeal:** Richard Moyse said that he would be undertaking a 50-mile cycle ride visiting the war memorials across Mole Valley in aid of the poppy appeal. It was agreed that the BRA would make a donation to the Royal British Legion.

11.2 **Gas Works:** Clare Curran said that the gas works had not been completed and that further work was needed between Griffin Way and the High Street.

12 Next BRA Meeting: Monday 7th November 2022