

**THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
Company Limited by Guarantee - Number 10053863

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30 pm in  
St Nicolas Church, The Church Room**

**Present:** Peter Seaward (chair), Michael Agius, Cllr. Clare Curran, Carolyn Elson, Chris Pullan, John Allen, Les Huett, Ray Pritchard, Julia Dickinson, John Howarth, Keith Francis, David Cox, Nick Forrer (Minutes),

**Invited Councillors:** Cllr. John Chandler,

**Ordinary Members:** Clifford White, Roger Allan,

**Apologies:** Cllr Simon Edge, Cllr. Metin Huseyin, Cllr. Richard Moyse, Margaret Lawson, Frances Fancourt, Michelle Smith, David Smith, Andrew Freeman,

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**1 Minutes**

1.1 Subject to several minor typos the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

**2 Matters Arising**

2.1 There were no matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda.

**3 Correspondence**

3.1 Chris Pullen mentioned he had received £10 from Staybrite for BRA funds.

3.2 We had received an email from Trevor Sokell, Bookham Vanguard, who said that any underspend received from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) may be donated to The Meeting Place or possibly to the BRA. This will depend on the Vanguard Constitution and at the discretion of the Forum. The amount is about £2,791.75. We do have a potential use which could be for the development of local plans.

3.3 There was no other correspondence to note.

**4 Group Updates**

**4.1 Management Group**

4.1.1 **Finance.** Chris Pullen reported that there has been some discussion with Barclays Bank, about moving to Internet Banking which will reduce the cost by some £30 to £40. The second signature will be done by Andrew Freeman to ensure correct authorisation of payments. It is likely that there will be a small loss for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December.

In the coming year we can expect some £1,200? From MVDC depending on what projects we do, £200 from the bookstall and £200 from the local traders. We need to keep aside £2,800 for lights including insurance, £2,600 for the newsletter, £1,000 for Hanging Baskets. We could use our reserves, but we should consider increasing

our subscription, even if only a voluntary increase for this year, if agreed at our AGM.

4.1.2 **Company Tax Returns.** John Howarth mentioned our tax returns have been done for last year.

#### 4.2 **Planning Group**

4.2.1 **BRA Planning Committee.** We need some younger members for our Committee. If anyone is interested, please contact Peter Seaward or Stan Miles.

4.2.2 **Boarded up former banking premises** at the corner of Lower Road and the High Street. Cllr. Clare Curran said this really needed to be re-developed being at a central place in the village. It could be split into three units or incorporated into the supermarket.

4.2.3 **Mole Valley Future Plan:** It is suspected that the Plan will show that 2,000 homes are required on Green field and 4,000 on brown field. Once a plan is developed then agreement needs to be gained from Councillors. This equates to some 500 to 750 for Bookham. For comparison in the last two years 100 homes are in the pipeline for Bookham. Key for any future builds will be to ensure that there is sufficient infrastructure in place before the builds are complete.

#### 4.3 **Environment Group**

4.3.1 **Gullies.** They are planning for Super Gullies to interconnect Smaller Gullies in Catchment Areas. They are looking at Dorking Road, Howard Road and towards Polesden Lacey. However, they need to take care of the pylons and cables because of the cranes needed for digging.

4.3.2 **Trees:** Frances Fancourt is putting together a schedule for the work to be done over the coming year. We also need to consider what we should do to improve the High Street and Lower Schott. In the case of Lower Schott remove any dead larger trees and replace with smaller trees. For the High Street perhaps just tidy up.

4.3.3 **Christmas Lights.** We need to consider what we do for next year. This is because of Public Liability Insurance (PLI) increased fees to cover up to £20m liability and the required Certificate of Competence for those doing work to Council owned property, having a typical cost of £600.

#### 4.4 **Community Group**

4.4.1 **Police.** They will be doing a local walk-about on 14 February.

4.4.2 **Children Cycling to School:** It was noted that a number of children attending the Howard of Effingham were cycling in a potentially dangerous way, e.g. riding without lights in dark clothing, not wearing protective headgear, etc. It was also noted that Surrey CC only provide safety cycling scheme up to Level 2, whereas Level 3 would be more advantageous, covering a wider range of issues. It was suggested that the school could do more to ensure better compliance with safe cycling practices.

**Action: Richard Moyse**

4.4.3 **Youth Club.** David Cox reported that this was due for closure in July and they were looking as to where they should place any remaining assets, perhaps in a Community Hub. The replacement will be a Community Resource, but Surrey County Council won't be running it.

4.4.4 **Local Shops.** The free parking on Saturdays, before Christmas in Bookham, had a big impact on footfall. Some business had done well whilst others had found it a bit slow. It was mentioned that Bognor had free parking for up to two hours, but only for local Council Tax payers.

4.4.5 **Buses.** The local bus company (Excetera) has not had a good trading year. They have also rescheduled the 479 between Guildford, Bookham and Leatherhead.

#### 4.5 **Communications and Membership Group**

4.5.1 **Campaigns:** Les reported that we have had 10,000 views on our web site, 3095 different users and 428 residents using our email service. Of our 23 campaigns 70% were clicked-through.

4.5.2 **Social Media.** This is an active area with "I Live in Bookham" collecting interest from local residents. This is a self-moderating social platform taking a middle-of-the-road view.

4.5.3 **Membership:** Carolyn Elson reported that an evaluation of on-line payment services would be looked at this week.

4.5.4 **Business Group** – Nil to report

### 5 **Projects Update**

Nothing to report

### 6 **Any Other Business**

6.1 **Car Club:** Keith Francis mentioned that if anyone used a shared car, they must take photographs before and after use to prove that any damage later seen, was not put down to them, but to an earlier or later driver of the vehicle. There are 2 Enterprise Car Clubs, one in Leatherhead and one in Dorking.

6.2 **Gatwick Draft Master Plan:** This airport is the second busiest airport in the UK. It has 34M passengers per year with 140 per flight. This will rise over 7 years to 46M and 160. They are considering using the Standby runway for short haul flights. The additional passengers being increasingly sourced from the north and west.

7 **Next BRA Meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30 pm.