

THE BOOKHAMS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 by Zoom

1. Those attending:- Nigel Smith (Chair), Peter Witter, Brian Eve, Julia Dickinson, Mike Brookes, Frances Fancourt, Geoff Tranter, Peter Seaward, Keith Whale
Apologies:- Judy Smith

Keith Whales was welcomed to the meeting as a new committee member. He hoped that his experience of the retail and commercial property sector would be a useful addition to the committee. It was also noted that Mike Brooks had retired as secretary and was thanked for his efforts over past years.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes:-

a. 20/0922. Peter W. drafted the letter of appeal on 67 Keswick Road and this has been submitted.

b. 20/2218 – Corner Cottages and Crossways. Brian drafted the LoR and this has been submitted. There is only one other LoR relating to this application.

c. 20/2292 – Tree works at 1 Hales Oak. Frances looked at this and decided that no action was required. This application has subsequently been approved with conditions as noted in item 5 of the agenda.

d. 20/0977 – Edenside House. This application was refused last month and a “written evidence” appeal was lodged on 27th January. An inspector is yet to be appointed. BRA’s objection, with regards to parking not complying with the BNDP, is dismissed by the appellant on the grounds that SCC Highways said that parking specifications had been met. It was agreed that the chairman will write to MVDC Head of Planning to ensure that the inspector gives weight to the BNDP specification. **Action: NS**

e. 20/2150 – Land south of Oaken Hill. After much discussion, a letter was sent to MVDC outlining various concerns that BRA has with the application.

3. Weekly running list – 29th January to 19th February.

The list was reviewed but no further applications were taken forward to item 4.

4. Possible letters of representation:- 6 applications were considered.

a. 20/2352, 20/2347, 20/2366, 20/2370 and 21/0020. It was decided that none of these needed action.

b. 20/2357 – A LoR objecting to this application will be submitted. **Action: NS**

5. Report on recent Planning Decisions

a. 20/1816 was for tree works and was refused on a technicality because an existing application 19/0039 had not been exercised and its validity did not run out until 22nd March 2021.

b. 20/2070 – Land at Garstons. Peter S. advised on the latest developments.

All other decisions were noted.

6. Any other business:-

a. Peter S. updated the committee on the Youth Centre, HOE development and Local Plan.

b. Mike advised the committee that 20/2109 was going to “written evidence” appeal. No further information available at present. Mike to monitor the situation. **Action: MB**

7. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 17th March at 2000hrs via Zoom.

This information will be given again with next month’s agenda.