

LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Open Committee Meeting 11th June 2012 at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

- 5 Committee Members: Hubert Carr (Chairman), Hilary Porter (Vice-Chair), Ray Brown (Secretary), Cheryl Allen, Caroline Brown, Ann Cardew, Flip Cargill, John Hayball, Kristina Kenworthy, Fran Smith, Norma Tatham-Thompson, Ray Ward
Other Members: Cllr Tim Hall, Paul Hamilton, Percy Hawkins

1. Apologies for absence

10 , Paula Sabine, Cllr Bridget Lewis-Carr

2. Minutes of meeting on 2nd April

The Minutes were accepted *nem. con.*

3. Matters Arising from the minutes (not covered on the agenda below).

Re Item 5 – Planning Subcommittee:

- 15 CA asked if CB had asked the Headmaster of St John's for the building 'master plan'.
CB replied she had not as she understood the present changes were being made so that the school could accommodate girls as well as boys.
HC replied that Cllr Lewis-Carr had met the Headmaster and they had agreed that piecemeal approval was not adequate.
20 Cllr TH said that he and Cllrs R. Dickson and D. Sharland had met with the Headmaster; the school was currently involved in negotiations with residents of Linden Gardens and St John's Close, but the headmaster was keen to discuss things when the negotiations were over. Cllr TH suggested that September or October meetings would be appropriate.
25 CB agreed to liaise with the Headmaster.

Re Item 5 – Highways Subcommittee:

- CA asked if the meeting of the Car Parking Study Group had taken place after the recent local elections.
30 HC said the make-up of the new Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) administration was still in a state of flux.
Cllr TH confirmed that there appeared to be a 'vacuum' at present and no meeting could take place until an Executive had been formed and portfolio holders decided.

Re Item 8 – Any Other Business:

- AC said she did not know what she had meant by 'Town Teams.'
35 RB confessed that he could not remember either and that that he had forgotten to put this item on the agenda for this meeting.
The consensus was that no one else remembered either, that it was probably to do with the Mary Portas report and that this was best discussed at the Leatherhead & District Forum.

40 4. Correspondence

- HC said he had written to the National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU) concerning Cherkley Court, but did not have the reply with him.
CB said she had received a reply from NPCU in which it was stated that the Secretary of State has directed MVDC **not** to grant permission on application MO/2011/1450
45 (Redevelopment of Cherkley Court into a Hotel Spa and 18 hole Golf Course) without specific authorization, so that the Department may have a further period in which to consider the proposal.
KK said in reply to a query from Cllr TH that the application has not been "called in" but that

50 the Department needs further time in which to consider whether to refer the matter back to MVDC for a local decision or whether the application should be "called in."

CA said that she had understood Norbury Park might be used as a camp site during the Olympics but that when this was not mentioned at the presentation that followed our AGM in May, she had contacted the Norbury Park Liaison Group. Nigel Davenport of Surrey Wildlife Trust had replied that plans for a campsite had fallen through and Norbury Park would not be so used.

CA said she had attended a meeting of the League of Friends of Leatherhead Hospital and that Dr Youldon has received correspondence from Surrey County Council (SCC) that replacement of the temporary AA signs are in SCC's plan.

60 Fran Smith reported she had received an enquiry from 40 Highlands Road concerning parking proposals. It was unclear what the concern was and it was also pointed out the proposals had been published since 18th May and we understand 15th June is the final date for representations to be made.

RB said the only correspondence he had received was a notice about a book fair in Dorking on the 24th June and a catalogue from Lyreco.

65 **5. To receive reports from:**

Environment Subcommittee ([Environment June 2012.pdf](#))

CA presented the report and thanked her subcommittee and NT-T for the efforts put into the Open Garden Event on June 9th which raised £331. There has been excellent feedback and it may become an annual event.

70 **Planning Subcommittee** ([Planning June 2012.pdf](#))

FS presented the report. The LRA will continue to oppose MO/2011/1617 when it comes to appeal; otherwise no further action was deemed necessary on other appeals or applications, though CA did raise concerns about lack of adequate parking for application MO/2012/0156.

75 **Highways Subcommittee** ([Highways June 2012.pdf](#))

HC thanked HP for presenting the Highways report and added that residents living in The Withies get woken up in the early hours with milk delivery to Build Center. HC has taken this up with the supplier in Epsom and is hoping to resolve the issue.

80 CA asked about yellow lines which have just appeared over parts of Leatherhead. Cllr TH said there were no new yellow lines but that some old and faded yellow lines had recently been repainted. No new lines would appear until after the consultation period on the new proposals from SCC.

HP asked if the consultation was merely to approve or reject SCC proposals or could residents ask for restrictions to be extended.

85 Cllr TH said it was consultation and residents could ask for restrictions to be extended. He also expressed the opinion that Leatherhead does not have adequate off-road parking space, especially in the south part of the town.

HP reported that there were two diseased trees by the raised walkway at the western end of Epsom Road.

90 Cllr TH said he would take the matter up.

6. Notice of meetings members will be attending before the July meeting.

95 HP said there would be a drop in session on Wednesday 20th June from 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm at Park House concerning [HealthWatch Surrey](#), which is being developed to give the people of Surrey a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided.

CA asked when the next High Street Advisory Committee would be held and was told it would be on July 5th. There was then a short discussion on tables and chairs in the High Street and who would attend this meeting.

RB pointed out that 5th July was *after* the next LRA meeting.

100 It was resolved that plans for the High Street that would be presented to the Advisory Committee on 5th July should be displayed in G6 in the Institute from 7.00 pm to be followed by the open Committee Meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday, 2nd July.

7. Reminder of Summer Newsletter

105 RB said that CA and AC had worked hard to secure special offer for LRA members from local traders and that, therefore, it was essential that the Newsletter be printed and delivered to members *as soon as possible* in July. ***It is essential that the 30th June deadline is adhered to.***

8. Any Other Business

110 FS asked who would post notice about the next meeting on the Blog and who would take minutes at the next meeting as the Secretary would be away that day.

RB said that he would put the notice of the agenda on the Blog on the 24th June, but ***reports for inclusion must be received by him by the 23rd.*** It would not be possible to include any which came late.

JH agreed to take the minutes at the July meeting.

115 There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting shortly before 9.00 pm.

Ray Brown,
Hon. Sec.