



## **LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4 JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM AT THE LETHERHEAD INSTITUTE**

**PRESENT: Committee:** Caroline Brown(CB) Chairman, Cheryl Allen(CA), Ann Cardew(AC), Hubert Carr(HC) Vice Chairman, Louise Herrity(LH), Hilary Porter(HP), Ian Seifert(IS), Norma Tatham-Thompson(NT-T), Martyn Williams(MW), John Wilson(JW), Pam Wilson(PW) Secretary.

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Rosemary Dickson, Bridget Carr, Jean Cooksey, Julia Farrell, Percy Hawkins, David Lawrence, Susan Leveritt, Margaret Ludford, Frank Lyne, Irene Seifert, Thomas Webster, David Woodhead

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- 1 **Apologies:** Paula Sabine, Fran Smith, SCC Cllr. Tim Hall, Cllr. Howard Jones, Cllr. Tim Ashton.
- 2 **Minutes of Meeting held on 7 December 2015:** The Minutes were approved with the amendment to the date of the **Extraordinary General Meeting for all members** to be held on **Monday 7 March 2016** followed by an Executive Committee Meeting in Room G6 and **NOT Monday 1 February 2016** which will be a **CLOSED** meeting.
- 3 **Matters arising from meeting not covered elsewhere on the Agenda:** 3(a) Case for Change: MW has obtained Articles of Association from Companies House and has adapted these to prepare an LRA draft Constitution which will be discussed at the February Closed Meeting and brought to the Extraordinary General Meeting for approval by Members on 7 March 2016.  
3(b) Cross Rail: (TH) Bring Forward.

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Garlands Road: Cllr. Dickson reported that a crossing for residents and students had been agreed and should be in place later in the Summer 2016.

- 4 **Chairman's Report:** (a) Leach Grove Wood: The campaign to keep Leach Grove Wood as a Village Green has gathered momentum as the NHS is trying to mount a Judicial Review to get the judgement reversed. To pay for the additional legal help required, people in the vicinity of the wood are being asked to donate around £40 and there will be a dance plus a fish/chicken and chips supper for others to help with the donations on **Friday 4 March at the Abraham Dixon Hall**. Prices to be notified later.

Dennis Wickham has offered his band free.

(b) Surrey Downs CCG: The Chairman replied earlier to SDCCG who had requested a time slot to address members, but no reply has been received. See Health Report.

(c) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Some time this year the LRA will be consulted on how this money from developers can be spent. MVDC will also be looking at replies received from their Infrastructure Needs Assessment questionnaire which covers roads, schools and hospitals. The LRA would be entitled to 15% of this money for Leatherhead (Parish Councils and Neighbourhood Developments would receive 25%). The re-development of Church Street will also receive some of this money but these plans are held in abeyance until the town centre plans are produced by the Masterplanners.

(d) Meetings with BLEAF and MVDC CEO: No meetings have been held in December.

#### 5 **Reports from Sub-Committees:**

- (a) Environment: (i) Litterpick: CA reported that there will be a Litterpick on **Saturday 5 March** in support of the Clean for Queen National Litterpick. Members were asked to contact **CA (01372 370091)** to volunteer. Suggestions on where to litterpick locally are welcome.

(ii) Open Gardens: The LRA Environment sub-committee will be working with the Leatherhead

Parish Church to arrange **Open Gardens on Sunday 12 June**. We are in need of volunteers to open their gardens please.

- (b) Forward Planning Group: ([Report](#)) Comments can still be made online:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Transformleatherhead\\_Stage2](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Transformleatherhead_Stage2) **up to 15 January 2016** with

reference to the Masterplanners' exhibition at the Leatherhead Theatre in early December.

HC & JW attended a Reference Group Workshop on 17 December to which both the Community Reference Group and the Councillors Reference Group were invited. Those attending were divided into groups to discuss various subjects. HC & JW were in a discussion group on roads, transport and the river. Because fewer had attended, it gave a good opportunity for close discussion with the Masterplanners who were there in force.

The roads were discussed, but until an analysis of traffic is done it was felt nothing could be properly planned. Cllr. Jones had mentioned earlier the reluctance to spend money on this.

It was evident that the LRA/FPG Report on the Masterplanners' initial ideas had been thoroughly read and reservations acknowledged. Philippa Curran, the Project Leader, was at pains to assuage our reservations.

HC/JW

The next Workshop will be on 7 January run this time by MVDC Officers which HC and JW plan to attend.

- (c) Highways: (i) HC has heard that SCC will be engaging in a parking survey. Cllr. Dickson said she had not heard this.

- (d) Health: ([Report](#)) (i) Community Hospitals: The next stage consultation open meeting due to be held at the Letherhead Institute on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January has now been postponed on the grounds that (a) the SDCCG report is not ready and (b) any comments from the audience will not be included in the report.

(ii)HP is in contact with other local Resident

Associations(RAs) and the former members of Mid Surrey LINK and it was suggested a Health Concern Group be formed with representatives from the RAs. There is already such a group – Mid Surrey Link which could be re-established but does not want to clash with the PPG Forum, Patient Participation Group(PPG) emphasises patients helping patients and inspection of GP practices by the Care Quality Control Commission involves consulting representatives of the practice PPG. PPGs can be an excellent source of information about your GP practice and other support health services and an opportunity for improving communication between GPs and patients.

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JW/CA

- (e) Membership & Publicity: CB reported that these two functions are actually quite different and the work could be divided up between more people. Help was requested – please contact Caroline Brown. Thomas Webster asked if in future the Newsletter could be delivered with the Renewal Forms. It was explained why this did not happen this time in November.

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- (f) Planning: ([Report](#)) In the absence of FS, CB read through the Report. (i) Devonshire House: It was agreed we should write again stating that a more imaginative design should be possible which would use the space better enabling every flat to have a parking space and better access for the refuse truck. In addition, the number of flats reduced to six. (ii) Shop Opening Times: Discussion took place on opening and closing times and it was thought all should be the same.

- 6 **Newsletter**: The LRA Newsletter will be distributed by the end of February. **More copy is required please to JW or CA by 12 January.**

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CA

- 7 **Ashstead & Leatherhead Local**: Contribution by 12 February please.

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8 **AOB:** (a) Buses: We have been informed that because regular bus services in Mole Valley absorb funding cuts, this has led to some of the villages that they serve suffering from restricted timetables or even complete cancellation of existing routes. Help is at hand through the East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership – a not for profit charity that is dedicated to providing transport for rural areas such as Mole Valley. The fixed route scheduled services are at 29 – Newdigate to Dorking, 50 – Dorking to Horsham, 433 Redhill to Oakwoodhill, 522 Newdigate to Dorking, 623 Ashted to Epsom. Fares start at £1.50 for up to 4 miles, children under 5 go free and concessionary bus passes are accepted. There is also a Demand Responsive Service which is a completely flexible one run under the operating name of Buses4U. This service is open to anyone living in Mole Valley, Sidlow or Salfords from Monday to Friday. More information on this service can be found on [www.buses4u.org.uk](http://www.buses4u.org.uk)

(b) Letter from Flip Cargill in Australia: She would like to hear from members. Please contact CB for her address. Leach Grove Wood was mentioned again and a discussion took place on the preservation of trees in the area and it was suggested that Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) could possibly be put on certain trees.

HP

(c) LRA Notice Board: Cllr. Tim Hall is applying for a grant for Notice Boards for the LRA the location of which needs to be decided. A quote will be required to go with the application which must be made this month.

9 **Date of Next Meeting**: The next meeting on Monday 1 February will be a **CLOSED** meeting. An **OPEN Extraordinary General Meeting for all members** will be held on Monday 7 March 2016, followed by an Executive Committee Meeting at Letherhead Institute, Room G6.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm and was followed by a Social Get-together.