

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LRA MEETING HELD ON MONDAY

3rd July 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT LETHERHEAD INSTITUTE

Present: Caroline Brown* (CB) (Chairman), Susan Leveritt (SL) Secretary, Cheryl Allen* (CA), Ann Cardew (AC), Louise Herrity* (LH), Hilary Porter (HP), Ian Seifert (IS), Fran Smith* (FS), Martyn Williams* (MW), Ray Brown, Ray Ward, Peter Snell, Irene Seifert, Janet & Robert Lines, Joanne O'Rourke, Frank Lynes, Percy Hawkins, Carol Thrift, Elizabeth Millross, Chris & Joan Pelley, Steve & Freda Andrews, Andie Rory Ryan, Margaret Ludford, Paul Sutherland-Waite, Eve Sutch & Steve Stuart, John & Sheila Baddeley, Jenny & Steve Day, Lynn Todd, Geoffrey & Caroline West, David & Sue Wall

* = Director

In Attendance: MV Cllr Rosemary Dickson 39 Attended.

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1	Apologies: Paula Sabine, SC Cllr. Tim Hall, Cllr Joe Crome, Evelyn Wightman, Elaine Arnold	
2	Minutes of the Closed Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2017: The Minutes were approved; the Chairman advised that although the meeting was a closed one, the minutes could be read on the LRA website.	
3	Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.	
4	<p>Chairman's Report (full Report online): The Chairman reported on the following:</p> <p>Transform Leatherhead - the LRA survey of members which showed dislike of four key elements of the proposals; proposed meetings with Cllr Simon Edge and Sir Paul Beresford M.P; a decision on Claire & James House being postponed until the Autumn.</p> <p>The Local Plan- consultation/exhibitions are to be held on Saturday 8 July from 10 to 4 at the Leatherhead Theatre and again on 17 July at All Saints Café;</p> <p>Bridge Street- there was a discussion as to whether it should be 1-way initiated by Mr. Lines.</p> <p>The Food Research Site- the prospective developers, Titan, had invited LRA to an exhibition on 4/7 regarding a proposed planning application for 240 flats on the site. CB/FS/MW attended.</p> <p>Parking- the results of the parking survey were printed in LH Advertiser. Many more double yellow lines are planned. There was a lot of discussion about recent PCNs issued to drivers of cars parked at Ashcombe House on a Saturday. Cllr Dickson is working to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Church Street- progress with works was noted, although it did seem very slow. It was pointed out that it was slow because access for cars and pedestrians had to be maintained</p> <p>School Places- The number of school places in the area (Leatherhead and Effingham is the administrative area) was noted and proposals to deal with "bulges" in demand by the use of temporary classrooms.</p> <p>Recycling- It is proposed that the small recycling sites should close and that new charges be introduced in an attempt by Surrey C.C. to save more money.</p> <p>Membership- The Chairman thanked those who had sent her their new/corrected email addresses.</p>	Online

	<p>The North Leatherhead Partnership- would be meeting on 5th July, (CA said she would represent the LRA.</p> <p>The Town Centre- two businesses are closing, South Bank and Wharfside, both in North Street.</p>	
5	<p>Reports from Committees:</p> <p>Planning - FS reviewed planning matters over the last 2 months, correspondence, appeals, decisions and new planning applications. Discussion followed on the regrettable number of flats planned, when Leatherhead badly needs 2 and 3 bedroom houses, in order to keep families in Leatherhead as they grow. (Full report online)</p> <p>b) Forward Planning Group. (full report online)</p> <p>The Local Plan- MW updated the meeting where representations must be made by 12 August. The LRA will be making a submission.</p> <p>The Traffic Survey- MVDC are talking to traffic consultants as SCC don't have funds available to carry out this task;</p> <p>The Swan Centre- is to have a considerable upgrade , including 4 new shops.</p> <p>c) Environment - CA reported on the Leatherhead Open Gardens Day on Sunday 9th July. Working together with the Amersham Vintage Bus Company and the Friends of Leatherhead Parish Church, admittance to 14 gardens including free vintage bus transport to the outlying gardens, is £5, which provides an informative programme with all relevant details. CA also reported on the activities of the Flood Action Group, centred in Fetcham.</p> <p>d) Membership - the recent new membership has resulted in a number of new joiners.</p> <p>e) Health - HP said that people should be aware that if they are unable to book an appointment with a doctor, they have the opportunity for a phone call from a doctor.</p> <p>f) Newsletter - to be addressed in detail in due course</p>	Online
6	Ashted & Leatherhead Local - CB and CA will decide on next entry	
7	<p>Any Other Business - FS commented that Dorking is getting 24 spaces for 30 minute free parking. Leatherhead has a similar need, we must all comment individually for greater effect.</p> <p>Robert Jolly of MV is conducting a seminar on Economic Planning Strategy soon.</p> <p>Open Gardens tickets available from Bartons, Truelove, Cradlers and the Institute.</p> <p>Sheila Baddeley commented on the sad state of the sculpture and iron work at the bottom of the High Street. Cladding tiles were falling off almost daily.</p>	All
8	Date of next Meeting: Monday, 7 th August 2017 at Letherhead Institute, Room G6.	