



Leatherhead Residents' Association

LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd JULY 2018 at 730 PM at Letherhead Institute

PRESENT: Caroline Brown* (CB) Chairman; Hubert Carr* (HC) Vice Chairman; Susan Leveritt (SL); Cheryl Allen* (CA); Martyn Williams* (MW); Fran Smith* (FS); Louise Herrity* (LH); Ian Seifert (IS); Hilary Porter (HP); Ray Brown; Bridget Carr; Roy Allen; Irene Seifert; Tony & Pauline Russell; Pam Chouls; Percy Hawkins; Andi & Rory Ryan; Gill & W. Whitman; Lesley Pearce; Marian Millross; Carol Thrift; Pat Harris; Chris & Joan Pelley; Jenny & Steve Day; Audrey & John Cleeve; Daniel Bratton; Geoff Paterson. **NON-MEMBERS:** John Howarth, Guest Speaker; Carol & Robert Allan. (* denotes Director)

In attendance: SC Cllr Tim Hall; MV Cllr Rosemary Dickson

Total attending 38

	ACTION
1 Apologies: Paula Sabine * (PS) Treasurer; Cllr Jo Crome; Cllr Tim Ashton; Cllr Emma Norman; Sheila Baddeley; David Woodhead; Frank Lyne, J. O'Rourke.	
2 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th April (Open meeting) were approved with no changes. CB reminded those present that all minutes are on LRA website.	
3 Matters Arising: CB clarified that it had been ascertained that the Local Plan search for greenfield sites would also consider whether any Green Belt sites might be appropriate for release. She also confirmed that the housing targets set by HMG are for houses to be built not just planning consents granted.	
4 Chairman's Report	
CB presented her report, covering the following areas: (full report online). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The continuing need for a volunteer to do the minuting at LRA meetings 2) A new Membership Form is now available 3) Condition of our roads – Photos on notice board courtesy of 	

	<p>Mr Newton</p> <p>4) Announcement of Surrey Downs CCG AGM to be held at Cedar Court</p> <p>5) Warning regarding scam by people claiming to be Companies House .</p> <p>6) Duck Race postponed – see AOB</p>	
5	<p>Reports from Committees</p>	
	<p>Planning - FS- (full report online)</p> <p>1) Elmer Water Works - planning application refused</p> <p>2) Food Research Site - planning consent granted for revised scheme that reduced the height of the tallest blocks by one floor and reduced the number of flats from 249 to 218. <i>A question was asked as to whether Leatherhead now has enough flats.</i></p> <p>3) Grantham House –new application (but meeting unsure whether earlier application was approved) .Concern expressed as to access to parking during construction. TH said condition on access required in consideration of first application.</p> <p>4) Royal Oak – Representation to be made.Discussion as to whether object to demolition –agreed-and as to whether the ground floor of new building should be commercial-agreed.Also discussion as to why the two issues being considered as one application.RD said this quite normal and the decisions would be made sequentially.</p> <p>5) Linden House GP Surgery –suggestion that as only have 4.5 years left on lease may need a new home.Would one of the new developments provide it ?But are already paying CIL. TH will raise at Surrey Downs CCG meeting .</p>	<p>Discuss with MV?</p> <p>FS to confirm</p>
	<p>Forward Planning – MW (full report on line)</p> <p>1) Local Plan – A consultation document on the result of the call for Greenfield sites (which might include some Green Belt sites) will be issued later this year.</p> <p>2) Transform Leatherhead’s Public Meeting on 24th May – content summarised</p> <p>3) Flood Alleviation scheme –still work in progress</p> <p>4) Sustainable Transport- consideration now being given to better bus services in the Randalls Road area.</p> <p>5) Kingston House Gardens – letter of representation will be submitted .</p>	
6	<p>Other Speakers</p>	

1)	<p>Tony Russell on Police Presence in Leatherhead CB and Tony Russell met with Inspector Karen Coyne who commented that she feels that the current policing of Leatherhead centre is satisfactory; A base was offered for a PCSO in a meeting room in the Swan Centre management office – but the police said they did not wish to meet the cost of the rent. The current base is in the Fetcham Fire Station. Discussion included Pam Chouls reporting on drunken fights taking place around the War Memorial, and another attendee reporting a woman having money snatched from her after using an ATM. Cllr Dickson advised that Tim Hall had met with the Police <i>with a view to finding out who is selling the alcohol to the anti-social drinkers.</i> In answer to a member’s question of why there is no PCSO in Leatherhead, Roy Allen suggested that some analysis should be carried out as to whether the town has its fair share relative to its population. CA commented on the acceptance by MV of petition; SL advised that on checking the MV website, she read that MV will not give a petition meeting time unless there are more than 800 signatures gathered.</p>	<p><i>Tony Russell in meeting with Inspector Coyne</i></p>
2)	<p>Susan Leveritt (full text online) SL reported that requests have been made since 2015 for a 6-month trial of shortening the car ban and allowing parking from 3.30 (4.30 on market days). She has been speaking to most town centre businesses who are enthusiastic about a 6-month trial</p>	<p>Collect signatures depending on Results of J Howarth’s meetings</p>
3)	<p>John Howarth, Director of Leatherhead Chamber spoke on the meetings he has had with Emma Day of Transform Leatherhead on what actions TL have in mind to alleviate the problems faced by High Street businesses, especially retail.</p>	
7	<p>Marketing – Articles for Ashted & Leatherhead Local for August and September needed. Closing dates 12 July and 12 August.</p>	<p>Ideas for Sept to be submitted by end of July</p>
8	<p>AOB –Duck Race has been postponed due to low water level in the River Mole. It will probably be set for Sunday 9th September. SCC CEO David Hodge will speak in Pippbrook on 18^h July at 10 am Prudential Bike Race- 29 July. No LRA meeting in September</p>	<p>Attend David Hodge’s meeting</p>
7	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th August</p>	

