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MINUTES of the MEETING of LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Held on Monday 7 October at 7.30 pm at the
Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road, Leatherhead

Present: Caroline Brown*, Chairman; Hubert Carr*, Vice Chairman; Cheryl Allen*; Irene Seifert, Minuting Secretary; Louise Herrity*; Martyn Williams*; Fran Smith*; Ian Seifert, Susan Leveritt, Tim Jones, Andi & Rory Ryan, John Long, Percy Hawkins, Tony and Pauline Russell, Pam Chouls, Jenny Christie, Stan Maiden, Ray Brown, Jill Rose, Heather Neilsen, Ginnie Hall, Maureen Conrad, Sally Thorn, Hilary Porter, Steve Stuart, Eve Smith, Simon Ritchie, Marion Millross, Carol Thrift, Jenny and Steve Day, Chris Pelley. *Denotes Director

In Attendance: Cllr Tim Hall, Cllr. Keira Vyvyan-Robinson, (Total Attending 36)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. Rosemary Dickson and Paula Sabine

2. **Chairman's Report** (report online)

The Local Plan will be published between 3 February and 15 March 2020.

MVDC has recently been awarded £50,000 for Planning Enforcement.

MVDC are in negotiations with a development partner in respect of Claire & James House .

MVDC is looking for a development partner in respect of their proposals for both the Swan Centre and the development of the Red House Grounds.

Questions were raised as to future of the Post Office, but apart from having been assured by Emma Day of TL that there would be one there, was no information as to the location.

MVDC Cabinet will discuss the opening hours at recycling centres and the feasibility of on-street parking charges.

The Community Transport Scheme has taken over from Dial-a-ride. Information is available at the Fairfield Centre.

The Aperdele Road Children's Centre has been categorised as an Asset of Community Value.

Tree planting has started at the site in Randalls Road opposite the Farthings development. One member asked if that area was in danger of being developed. He was told that it was Green Belt and should, therefore, be safe.

Transform Leatherhead have arranged 4 discussion sessions in October.

The Government has allocated funding for Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals to develop a new acute hospital and to improve their current buildings..

A Minuting Secretary is needed for 2 meetings a year please.

3. **Hilary Porter**

Described an exciting health event to be held from 10.30 – 4.00 on 2 November at the Leatherhead Institute. Aimed at holistic health it has advice, competitions, a Sponsored Hair Dye, Teddy Bear Tea Party etc. A request was made for help on the day please.

4. **Forward Planning Group Report** – Martyn Williams (report online)

Publication of the Local Plan HAS BEEN deferred until next year.

Transform Leatherhead drop in meetings dates, venues and times were supplied together with an announcement of a virtual Q & A Session with Cllr Bridget Kenrick.

A Swan Centre update was provided.

MVDC bid for money from a High Street Heritage Action Zone Fund was unsuccessful.

Sustainable Transport work on Randalls Road is on-going.

5. **Planning Report** – Fran Smith (report online)

Correspondence: Parr Close; Rear of Grantham House

Decisions: Fountain House, Cleve Road (Approved); Upper Basement, 25-27 High Street (Refused); Land Adjacent to 3 Parr Close (Refused); 25-29 High Street (APPROVED)

Applications: Grantham House: Land rear of Grantham House North Street; Church Street (Prezzo); Silver Birches, Headley Road.

A member, Simon Ritchie, expressed the opinion that the amount of pavement required to accommodate the tables and chairs requested by Prezzo was too great, resulting in very little space for pedestrians to pass by, especially with the proximity of the bollards. FS said she would look into it.

FS also reported that she had written about the proposed bungalow in the grounds of Silver Birches as it would be the start of a change of character for that area of Leatherhead.

6. **Speaker**

John Evans was welcomed to talk about “Dark Skies Matter.” He said the harm caused by light pollution should be of concern to all. It is associated with wastefulness, climate change,

human health and well-being, disruption to wildlife and the wider ecology. Everyone was encouraged to adopt good lighting practices, and to champion dark skies in the County.

7. AOB

Cheryl reported that there will be a litter pick from 10-12 on Saturday 12 October starting and ending at the Letherhead Institute. Everyone welcome.

Action: Caroline to follow up on her letter about the road giving access to the Tip

8. Date of Next Open Meeting

Monday 4 November 2019

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm.