

# LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Open Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Committee Members: Hubert Carr (Chairman), Hilary Porter (Vice-Chair), Ray Brown (Secretary), Cheryl Allen, Caroline Brown, Ann Cardew, Flip Cargill, Fran Smith, Norma Tatham-Thompson, Ray Ward

Other Members: Percy Hawkins, John Hayball, Margaret Ludford, Jane Pratt

### 1. Apologies for absence

Paula Sabine

Cllr Tim Hall, Cllr Rosemary Dickson, Cllr Bridget Lewis-Carr, Cllr David Sharland

Tom Musoke, Allan Turnball

### 2. Minutes of meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December

The minutes were accepted *nem. con.*

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

Page 2, line 4 "*Action: HC to supply the name.*"

HC informed us that the name was Paul Manwaring

### 4. Correspondence

HC referred to recent communications with Councillors.

CA reminded the Chairman that he had received an email from Andrew Bircher regarding trenches to be dug on the Cherkley Court site.

HC said he had received a note from Cratus that archaeological excavations were a requirement and that Natural England worked with these people and would see that excavations were done properly and the land restored afterwards.

CA said her Environment Subcommittee remained concerned by the size and number of excavation trenches.

RB reported that earlier that evening he had received an email from Felicity Stanbridge, Campaign Communications Officer of Surrey County Council (SCC), about Surrey Reuse Network. He had not had time to read it properly and would be putting something about it on the LRA Blog.

HP reminded us she had emailed Committee members about A boards and banners in the High Street. HC said this point would be taken up in the Highways Subcommittee Report.

HC said he had received communication about a Charity Quiz Night, organized by Cllr Bridget Lewis-Carr, Chairman of the Council, and by Cllr David Sharland, for the 19<sup>th</sup> January at Vecchia Trattoria. Tickets are £20, which includes a two-course meal, of which £8 goes towards the nominated charity of the late Anne Howarth: Mid Surrey Dementia Care Trust.

### 5. To Receive Reports from:

#### Environment Subcommittee ([Environment\\_Jan\\_2012.pdf](#))

CA presented the report and said the main thing to notice were the efforts of FC and FS who now had over 90 'Evidence of Use' questionnaires returned and who planned to have the application for "Village Green Status" lodged before the end of this month.

CA drew our attention to the report on the Leatherhead Community Garden, reminded us about Tree Planting in Norbury Park on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month and the open gardens

planned for 9<sup>th</sup> June, and finished by demonstrating the bins for the Small Item Recycling Project

NT-T asked if we could ask the Council when they will tell us where mercury filled light bulbs may be deposited.

*Action: CA to enquire.*

**Planning Subcommittee:** ([Planning Jan 2012.pdf](#))

CB presented the report, giving the appeals, decisions and running applications.

HP said she had received notification of an application by St John's School to erect a single storey extension to the old chapel building.

*Action: CB to investigate.*

**Highways Subcommittee** ([Highways Jan 2012.pdf](#))

HC presented the report and said that it omitted to say that the Leatherhead Highway Forum due that afternoon had been postponed for about ten days.

HP asked if HC would enquire at the Forum whether they were aware that a special meeting had been held about the crossroads at Linden Pit Path, Linden Gardens and Garlands Road. This was particularly dangerous as cars parked right up to the corners, restricting visibility. It has been proposed that a petition should be actioned calling for double yellow lines at the road junction with Garlands Road and Linden Pit Path and down one side of Garlands Road.

N T-T concurred and stressed its danger, particularly as many school children crossed here.

HC said he would ask and then went on to refer to the second paragraph of the report and said that things were moving forward over the question of the cycling ramp.

There was much discussion regarding the third paragraph of the report:

HC explained the Upper Fairfield Road problem;

N T-T expanded on this and also said there were a large number of Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) permits in the Station Road car park and in the Bull Hill & Randalls Road car park; also in the latter were many with Unilever permits. She said that Unilever did not have a transport policy which operated in the interests of MVDC;

CA supported N T-T on this, adding that Unilever had also been given parking spaces in the Leisure Centre car park.

PC said that Cllr David Sharland was the "parking supremo" and he would ask Cllr Sharland to take up these matters.

HP said Cllrs David Sharland and Tim Hall had been very quick to act regarding the problems with the Upper Fairfield Road car park.

HC proposed that N T-T be made a member of the Highways Subcommittee. This was agreed *nem. con.*

*Action: HC to follow up the various parking and other highways concerns.*

## 6. Any Other Business

### a. Localism

HC said the Department for Communities and Local Government website had published a document telling us about the Localism Act:

[www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1896534.pdf](http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1896534.pdf)

HC said it covered four areas - New freedoms for Councils, New Rights for communities and individuals, Reform of the Planning system, and Reform of Housing decisions - but that the details would be in the schedules which had yet to be published and did not say how more

powers were to be given to local groups. Although MVDC are now consulting us over planning, we should also be involved with local hospitals, emergency services, water board and so on. He proposed that we make this the special topic of the next meeting.

HP said that in connection with this there will be a meeting of the Mid Surrey Locality Group of Surrey Local Involvement Network (LINK) on Wednesday of this week at St George's Christian Centre in Ashtead; the meeting is attended by retired health and social services professionals and is open to the public.

#### **b. Olympic Games**

CA reminded the Chairman that we had been offered a talk about the 2012 Olympics. Had he taken this up?

HC replied that he had not done so.

FS said that any meeting about the Olympics would need proper preparation and publicity.

HC suggested that a joint meeting with Ashtead, Fetcham and Bookham RAs might be more suitable forum for someone to address on the Olympics.

In response to a general murmur that the bicycle races were going only through Leatherhead, RB said that at another meeting he had attended, which had been addressed by a speaker on the 2012 Olympics, little was said about the bicycle race and much more about how people living close to London could be involved. e.g. offering accommodation to visitors.

HP said the Festivities Committee did not know what was happening regarding the Olympics. *The matter was left unresolved.*

#### **c. Other Meetings**

AC asked if there had been other meetings on which no report had been made? She was concerned there had been no report about the meeting of the chairs of Bookham, Leatherhead, Ashtead and Fetcham (BLeAF) RAs.

HC said that the January BLeAF meeting was scheduled for later in the month and that all meetings attended by members of the committee had been reported.

HP said a meeting of the four LRA members who are Leatherhead Area Partnership directors had yet to be arranged.

#### **d. 19<sup>th</sup> May Festivities**

HP reminded us about the festivities planned for 19<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate 120 years of the Leatherhead Institute and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

RB said there had a notice about this on the LRA Blog last November ([leatherhead-institute-celebrates-120.html](http://leatherhead-institute-celebrates-120.html))

#### **e. North Leatherhead**

CA reported she had been told by Lucy Quinnell that earlier purchasers of Teazle Wood had pulled out and that if she gets an agreement with the seller of Teazel Wood she will re-launch her campaign to raise money for its purchase.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Ray Brown,  
LRA Secretary

**The next open Committee meeting will be on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012**