

LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2015 AT THE LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE

PRESENT: Caroline Brown (Chairman), Cheryl Allen, Kristina Kenworthy, Hilary Porter, Paula Sabine, Ian Seifert, Fran Smith, Norma Tatham-Thompson, Martyn Williams, Pam Wilson, John Wilson

ACTION

1 **Apologies** : Ann Cardew, Hubert Carr, Louise Herrity

2 **Minutes of Meeting held on 2 March 2015:** The Minutes were approved.

3 **Matters Arising:**

A 3a(i) New Logo. JWW circulated document 1 with three options and it was agreed to use Logo 3 (Swan on water) for all documentation and publicity. The computer black font would be the selected typeface. **It was agreed that, wherever possible, this Logo should be used to provide a consistent image for the LRA.**

JWW

B 3b There has been no reply from Nick Gray to Hubert Carr's letter.

C 7 Future Meetings: The Chairman read her argument in favour of some Closed Meetings and then read Hilary Porter's and Cheryl Allen's points for having all Open Meetings. After discussion a vote was taken by those present with six votes for all Open Meetings and four for some Closed Meetings with one abstention. **A list of dates and meetings is attached.**

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4 **Chairman's Report** : The Chairman(CB) told the meeting that she had a meeting with Yvonne Rees(YR), MVDC Chief Executive, on 20 May. Those attending this meeting had been asked to let YR have questions before the meeting. CB would be asking the following three questions:

a)As a result of the excellent Art/Rubbish Exhibition organised by Cheryl Allen, there is a petition for Mole Valley to engage a Litter Enforcement Officer – the LRA would like to give YR some ideas of what we would expect such a person to do.

b)Leatherhead Theatre – the theatre is putting on some very good productions and receives no financial help whatsoever, whereas Dorking Halls appears to have received over two million pounds financial assistance over the last six years. This is simply not fair to Leatherhead.

c) Parking is a serious problem in Leatherhead, especially for residents in the South. Can we be assured that the parking problems are being taken seriously by the Master Planners?

At an earlier meeting which the Webmaster John Bleackley attended, the LRA website was discussed and the proposal to update the website by renaming the Blog as the Notice Board, the News Page, as the Newsletter and with further updates, was agreed by the Membership & Publicity sub-committee at their meeting on 8 May. **Ray Brown and John Bleackley will continue to put the Minutes on the website and the links on the Agenda .**

JB/RB

Wesley House had been suggested as an alternative meeting venue. CB had been in touch with the office and found it was not available in the evenings and there are only 35 places available. It was not, therefore, felt it to be a suitable occasional alternative venue.

Paula Sabine can no longer do the Newsletter distribution and we are urgently looking for two or more volunteers from the Committee or Members to help. **Please contact Paula or Caroline.**

ALL

Unfortunately, the Advertiser has made another mistake this month with the announcement about our meeting.

With Transform about to announce a skeleton plan at the end of June, CB suggested we ask one of the Master Planners' team to speak to the LRA. **This was suggested to be in October .**

CB

5 Reports from sub-committees :

a) Environment – [see report from Cheryl Allen](#). Cheryl also reported that attention had been brought to the non-collection of waste from the waste bins at the riverside.

b) Forward Planning – [see report from Hubert Carr](#). John Wilson said they had received a positive response from the Masterplanners to the Leatherhead town “walkabout”.

The Forward Planning sub-committee is assembling a list of key issues, which it believes should be addressed by the Masterplanners and MVDC.

MW said that it would be important to have the views of the LRA members on these key issues to back up any proposals made by those on the Community Reference Group.

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c)Health - [see Report from Hilary Porter](#). HP reported that finance is very short in our hospitals. She was also very concerned about the care of patients in their homes where more professionally trained carers were needed. **She asked that if we heard that proper care was not being given, to complain and keep complaining to the appropriate authorities to ensure that proper care is being seen to be given.** **ALL**

Norma Thatham-Thompson read out her report on her attendance at the first Surrey Downs CCG consultation meeting at Leatherhead Hospital **(See Health Report).**

d)Membership & Publicity - [see report from Hilary Porter](#). The updating of the LRA Membership Card was discussed **and it was agreed that the current mobile phone number should be removed, together with the line “Blog, Twitter, Facebook your views today”.** **PS**
CB

CB to provide Publicity with agreed LRA meeting dates for 2015-2015.

More work is required re publicity on Notice Boards in the area and this is being looked into. **Hilary Porter will speak to June Robinson, Chairman of the Leatherhead Community Association, for use of their facilities.** **HP**
JWW/PS

Some members have requested they receive the Newsletter by email. PS advised that email distribution needed to be coordinated with hard copy distribution. **JWW to liaise with PS** **CA**

It was suggested that the LRA have a presence in the old Help Shop. **This will be discussed and brought forward later .** **ALL**

The annual Duck Race will take place on **Sunday 28th June and extra volunteers willing to help will be most welcome. Please contact Hilary Porter.**

e) Planning – [see report from Fran Smith](#). Fran referred to variation of Condition 3 in Application 2003/0900. As there had been no complaints from neighbours, it was felt the decision should be left to MVDC. The second application for the development of the Social Club in Fairfield Road has been approved. Application 15/0420 – for the removal of a mature Beech Tree – Fran Smith has seen the tree and agrees the tree is in a poor state.

Pam Wilson asked about the removal of trees on the Givons Grove Estate. Martyn Williams, said the number sounded large, but it was the removal of saplings to then encourage the growth of quality trees in the area named on the application.

f) Highways – [see report by Hubert Carr](#). Parking proposals for North Street by SCC were modified as a result of a meeting on site. The proposals to increase the parking are now published giving one extra parking space. The proposals to put yellow lines throughout most of Cressal Mead and Levette Road have been deferred and it has been agreed that the bus company will try out an experiment of changing the bus route to enter and leave by Cressal Mead which has been in place for about two months. New parking limits along this route yet to be put in place.

Hilary Porter reports on the current changes to bus timetables and draws attention to the SCC local transport review. A second consultation launch on Monday 11 May will take place allowing residents and stakeholders to find out what SCC is proposing and for residents to have a say. **The consultation will run until Monday 8 June.**
surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview

6 Newsletter: The next Newsletter will be started in June for publication at the end of July. John Wilson asked for articles and pictures, especially on the Litter/Rubbish exhibition, Transform, Allotments and Leach Grove etc.

ALL

7 Ashted & Leatherhead Local: CA offered to write the next LRA article.

CA

8 AOB:

a) Road Stewards: As mentioned earlier, more help is needed with the distribution of the Newsletter. CB showed the Committee a map of Leatherhead on which she had used the membership lists to colour-identify those roads which contain LRA members who have a Road Steward and those members on roads which do not have a Road Steward.
Volunteers please contact Paula Sabine.

ALL

c) Teazle Wood: Teazlewood is being entered into an Aviva

Insurance Co. Competition for a donation of £5,000. Members on email will receive a message about this and are asked to support our ancient woodland by voting for it online. Each person will have ten votes, but must also register to prevent fraudulent voting.

ALL

Plant Bring & Buy Coffee morning: Pam Wilson to hold a Plant Bring & Buy Coffee morning to raise funds for the LRA in June/July. **PW to discuss with CA. Date and venue to be notified later.**

PW

9 The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

10 Date of Next Meeting: The next Meeting will be held on Monday 1st June 2015 at 7.30pm in Room G6 at the Letherhead Institute.