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**MINUTES of the MEETING of LEATHERHEAD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
Held on Monday 5 August at 7.30 pm at the  
Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road, Leatherhead**

**Present:** Caroline Brown\*, Chairman; Cheryl Allen\*; Irene Seifert, Minuting Secretary; Louise Herrity\*; Martyn Williams\*; Fran Smith\*; Ian Seifert, Susan Leveritt, John & Audrey Cleeve, Tim Jones, , Bill Whitman, Julie and Martin West, Frank Lynes, Andi & Rory Ryan, John Long, Roy Allen, Jane Pratt, Bernard Salsbury, Percy Hawkins, Tony Russell. Margaret Sims, Lesley Knox, Margit Richards, Terry Richards, Pam Chouls, Jenny Christie, Stan Maiden, Julia Jarett, Jill Goodchild, Sally Edwards, Ray Brown, Ann Clark, Lesley Pearce, Martin Hogg, Joan Pelley, Chris Pelley \*Denotes Director

**In Attendance:** Cllr Tim Hall, Cllr. Keira Vyvyan-Robinson (Total Attending 41)

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies** – Martin Velzeboer, Hilary Porter, Cllr. Rosemary Dickson, PC Neil Clarke Pam and John Wilson

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

MVCD appointed Arcadis following a campaign for extended car parking on the High Street. Arcadis undertook plans, studies, a questionnaire and public meetings. Their report is awaited.

There has been a consultation on plans for Headley Court. The existing houses are being sold but suggestions would be welcome for future use of the house, garden and sports centre.

LRA members have been to the Supreme Court where Leach Grove is under consideration.

A "Picnic on the Plaza" will be held Bank Holiday Monday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Leatherhead Theatre.

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

MVDC will release a draft Local Plan in October and a 6-week consultation will follow.

Work is continuing on the Swan Centre.

LRA have supported an application by MVDC to the Heritage Action Zone Fund

A Transport Study has proposed 3 options to ease congestion and improve access to town. Martyn produced a large diagram to show these proposals.

Sustainable work on the Randalls Road waterpipes continues.

MVDC have approved the plans for Kingston House Gardens

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

Correspondence: Claire & James House; Fountain House, Cleeve Road and 7 Heymede.

Appeals Lodged: Royal Oak, Kingston Road and 11 Middle Road

Decisions: Claire & James House (Approved), The Chapel, Reigate Road (Dismissed), Piazza Firenze, High Street (Approved),

Prior Notification: Trident House, Kingston Road, Connect House, Kingston Road

Applications: Horizon West on Randalls Way, Fountain House on Cleeve Road, 7 Heymede

5. **Publicity Report** – Susan Leveritt

Update on the on-going campaign for free parking on the High Street

**The Chairman** - on behalf of Hilary Porter: reported that 20-22 August there will be a display of local memorabilia, maps, talks and refreshments in the Institute for Heritage Week.

6. **AOB**

Chairman: The Abraham Dixon Hall has become available. A show of hands revealed overwhelming support for remaining in the church.

Cllr. Keira Robinson: The Trinity Children's Centre, North Leatherhead, has been closed by SCC and an application has been made to replace it with an Asset of Community Value.

Cllr. Keira Robinson: MVDC has escalated the problem of pigeon proofing to Network Rail.

Fran Smith: In the last 10 years the number of flats in Leatherhead has increased by 50%, and this has implications for the character of Leatherhead. Since every flat built contributes to the overall housing numbers, the dilemma is: flats built in town or on the Green Belt?

Martin Hogg: Large lorries in Church Street have been causing concern. Cheryl Allen suggested a speed limit of 20 mph and redirecting traffic via Sat Nav. Tim Hall said a study had shown that most of the lorries were delivering to the town and refuse collection.

Tony Russell: the access road to the Recycling Centre has not been maintained.

**The LRA to write to MVDC, who own the entrance, and Thames Water who own the road.**

7. **Date of Next Open meeting** is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

8. The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.