

Agenda:

Apologies from: Rosemary Dickson, Sue Leveritt and Julia Jarret And also apologies from me for the number of emails some of you will have or NOT have received. We have moved to a new multi-mailer and if any of you has NOT heard from me over the last month, please either add your name to the sheet at the back or write to me.

Approval of the January Minutes

Matters arising

Chairman's Report and Address: I would like to offer a welcome to everyone, to our regularly attending members as well as to those stirred into attending by the importance for our town of the subjects under discussion this evening. I have been obliged to include two weighty ones tonight because their closing dates are right at the end of March or the beginning of April.

I get an awful lot of information from Mole Valley and other sources about what is proposed for our town and what is actually happening here. This time I have put some of these emails on the easel at the back and have highlighted in yellow the most important bits. I will not go through every one tonight, but the following are important.

- 1. The Swan Centre Car Park will be completely closed all day next Sunday, 9th February. All cars should be removed by midnight and it will not open until 7 am on Monday.**
- 2. Our Association is growing and we could do with more help on the Committee. In particular, our wonderful Newsletter Writer needs to cut down as she is quite unwell. The new Newsletter would not have to follow her style, but could instead take inspiration from the many notices I receive about events and then hand them on to our Printer, "Jones Creative Services." Anyone even vaguely interested would be welcome to come to one of our closed Committee meetings.**
- 3. I have had a request for 4 parking spaces to rent in the area of Kingston Road. See the Notice Board.**
- 4. And now for the DUCK RACE on Sunday, 7th June. I have said that the LRA is interested in helping. They are looking for Road Closure Marshalls, River Bank Marshalls plus duck sellers on the day and for 2 hr. stints in the Swan Centre on the 4 preceding Saturdays. This is a great day to celebrate "Localism" and to discover and run into all your local friends. Please let me know if you would like to take part, either by email or by adding your name to the poster.**
- 5. Our own Litter Pick will take place on 28th March, starting at 10.30 outside the Institute. Our Minuting Secretary, Tim Jones will be running it if Chery cannot. Please let me or Cheryl know if you would like to take part.**

6. We also have another Race Night planned for April 24th in roughly the same vein as last years. I am informed that Tim Hall already has it in his diary. It will be in Parish Hall and will cost £10.

Finally, I have brought some Application forms and one or two Newsletters for those who might be interested in joining us.

Now, what you have all been waiting patiently for: The Local Plan, being explained by Martyn Williams. Martyn is our eye on the radar for large new developments and so he is in his element here with this staggering Local Plan.

(Martyn delivers his explanation of the Local Plan)

You will all be aware of the reaction of the Allotment holders to this plan for their land. It is everyone's wish that it remain an Area of Community Value. We, and they, are asking everyone to pen individual letters to the Planning Dept. to object to it. The reference is MO/2019/2224 and the email address is planning@molevalley.gov.uk

Thank you Martyn, and now just a couple of pieces of good news on the subject of Planning:

1. An extension to a house in Parr Close, to create another house, much against other residents' wishes, has been refused and 2. Cherkley Court, after our request and also that of another person has dropped their night time blinds so that their large building does not stand out at night like a lighthouse in a black sea.

And now for the second part of our meeting, "Where to site the new Acute unit for our Health Care?"

We are indebted to Dr. Russell Hills, Andrew Demetriades, Daniel Elkeles and Giselle Rothwell for their interesting and useful explanation of the way forward . our three hospitals