



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Leatherhead Residents Association

Held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30 in the Leatherhead Methodist Church, in Church Road, Leatherhead.

Present: Caroline Brown, CB, (Chairman), Martyn Williams (MW), Ray Brown, Hilary Porter, Percy Hawkins, Kathleen Pike, Ian Seifert, Irene Seifert, Helen Tribe, Carol Webster, Peter Mayor, Ann Mayor, Jenny Christie, Stan Maiden, Paula Sabine, Maureen Conrad, Kathleen Pike, Bernard Salsbury, Gareth Slater, David Woodhead, Lesley Pearce, Steve Day, Jenny Day, Tracey Brennan, Helen Tribe.

In attendance: Cllr. Tim Hall, Cllr. Simon Moss

1. Apologies received from: Sara Kane, Louise Herrity, Fran Smith, Elaine Arnold, Geoffrey West, Andi Ryan.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November : were approved. Two items from our Forward Planning Chair, Martyn Williams' report, were brought up (see next item)
3. Matters Arising: A. The "car park" which has been created at the bottom of a garden in Poplar Road. MW reported that he had been unable to establish its status, but Cllr Moss reported that he had already made investigations on this matter. He had been informed that consent to cross the pavement had been granted by Surrey C.C. and that MVDC Planning had confirmed that the land-owner needed no other consent .  
  
B. The Pond at the bottom of the Mansion House Gardens: MW confirmed that he had visited the site recently and found the Gardens to be well maintained. The pond itself looks a little untidy as it has very little water in it currently, but

no doubt it provides an excellent habitat for wild-life. In MW's opinion there is no point in raising the subject with MVDC.

#### 4. The Chairman's report (full report on the LRA web-site):

The Chairman gave her usual welcome to those present

She confirmed that some people had come forward to help with the running of the Association, for which she was very grateful, but that some more were still needed for the "Social Events" category and to help with entering items on to our website.

She reminded those present that the last meeting had voted in favour of the pedestrianisation of the High Street on Sundays. It may take some time for the economic result to be apparent.

She confirmed that there may, possibly, be more news re the Draft Local Plan at a meeting with MVDC she is to attend on the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

She then introduced two new initiatives being started to help Surrey residents have a say in their lives and to voice an opinion on slightly increasing the size of the Surrey Hills AONB.

She finished with an outline of a proposal for a secure psychiatric unit at the Jubilee Complex at Headley Court. However, Cllr. Simon Moss confirmed that this planning application has now been withdrawn.

#### 5. The Forward Planning and Planning Reports (full report on the LRA web-site)

MW reported that his information was that The Draft Local Plan and the public comments on it will be presented to MVDC for approval on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If approved. it will be submitted to the Sec. of State and thence to a Planning Inspector for an Examination in Public.

As regards Transform Leatherhead, the last information was that MVDC had selected a development partner for Claire and James House and a short-list of partners for Bull Hill / Swan Centre. Again, CB said she may hear more at her meeting with MVDC on 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Trident and Connect House, the Kingston Road –consent for 75 flats granted at appeal.

Thistle Cottages, Kingston Road (rear of Leatherhead Glass )-representation lodged re app for 9 flats

Beaverbrook House, Reigate Road-representation lodged re second extension.

Leatherhead Station-application for new platform bridge/stairs/lifts discussed. It was agreed that a representation as to unsympathetic appearance relative to Station should be lodged. In addition, it was suggested that the new facilities should also be usable by cyclists.

Ambulance station , Kingston Road-application for 8 s/d houses discussed. It was agreed representation was unlikely to be warranted. Responding to a question raised, Tim Hall confirmed that new ways of working mean that stations like this are no longer required.

37/39 Kingston Road-app for approval of reserved matters only. No action needed.

12/16 Kingscroft Road-app for 4 houses. Representation to be considered. Some discussion followed as members recalled the previous application which had assumed using the neighbouring church's car park as an access road.

United Reform Church, Epsom Road-application for substantial Age –Related development. Representation to be considered following meeting with developers.

Food Research Building- Randalls Way. Application for approval of reserved matters only. No action needed.

6. Questions:

7. The Quiz: In lieu of the abandoned social event (because of Covid ) the Chairman had organised a quiz involving attendees identifying the street numbers of some 31 shops that had disappeared from the Town over the last 30 years or so .The winner was Lesley Pearce who got just over 20 and she was closely followed by Paula Sabine who got just under 20.

8. The next meeting : will be on 7<sup>th</sup> February when there will be a guest speaker, Jacqueline Totterdell, C.E.O. of all our local hospitals. Please advertise this to friends to ensure a robust attendance.