

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Cornerstone, St John's Church, West Byfleet at 19:30 on Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair	Isabelle David (ID) – Editor	Eleanor Grady (EMG) - Byfleet VR
Lynette Davies (LD) – Secretary	Robert Munford (RM)	Jean Pierre Frossard (JPF) – Byfleet DVR
Andy Grimshaw (AG) – Membership Secretary (acting), Chair PNF & Pyrford Village Rep	Eileen Perryer (EP) - Events Ernie Elliot (EE) - Pyrford DVR Emma Slaymaker (ES) – WB DVR	Penny Hoskyn (PH)-West Byfleet Forum Councillor Gary Elson (Cllr GE) Councillor John Bond (Cllr JB) Councillor Mary Bridgeman (Cllr MB)
Bob Tilley (BT) – Planning (acting)		

The quorum is 8 members - the meeting was quorate.

Reports circulated and to be appended to minutes: Treasurer, Membership, West Byfleet VR, Byfleet VR, Pyrford VR, Pyrford Forum

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Dharma Sivarajasingham, Keith Creswell, Lynn Cozens and Cllr Graham Chrystie

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 20 November 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019 were reviewed

Corrections received from Keith Creswell were made as follows:

- Emma Slaymaker and Liz Leese had sent apologies
- Item 6 – Cllr CE corrected to Cllr GE
- WB community festival – James Lowe would be resigning, not had resigned.

With these changes the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

All other actions completed or covered by the agenda for this meeting.

4. Welcome to Robert Munford

Robert Munford, who had agreed to take over the role of Editor from Isabelle David, was welcomed to the meeting.

5. Planning Report

There was no planning report but SD shared an email summary provided by Richard Thomas.

- **153 Old Woking Road** – application for 7 flats. Under consideration with a number of negative reports from the tree officer and Surrey Highways re traffic – parking and access
- **The Brambles, Pyrford Road** – application for 38 houses. Application withdrawn
- **Twisted Stone Golf** – part of the land had now been sold. This had been fenced off and the new owner intended to re-wild the area. Rumours that a planning application would be submitted for the remainder of the land which would still be used for golf and possibly a driving range.
- **Woodlands Avenue** – Applicant appeal pending decision
- **Murrays Lane** – an appeal was heard on 14.01.2020 and attended by EG, Cllr AB and Cllr MB. Byfleet NF and the RA objected on the grounds that it was not appropriate to release green belt for building. A significant number of other comments both for and against had also been lodged. The provision of traveller pitches in Surrey was also subject to discussion at this appeal. Result of the appeal was awaited
- **The Bedding Shop, High Road.** BT had raised this with EG who would revert to him within days to say whether they wanted the RA to object.
- **78 Chertsey Road** – backfill development had been approved; Planning condition modifications being considered

- **Wintersells Road** – some more data had been received

SD asked that the Committee should give some thought to the role of the RA with regards to planning applications and in particular satisfaction of Planning conditions. The RA had always taken a view on whether to support or object to Planning applications but very much relied on residents to bring to their attention situations where Planning conditions were not being complied with. WBC does not make visits to small sites leaving it to neighbours etc. to alert them to possible non compliance with planning conditions. Where appropriate RA planning officer alerts VRs as to where a watchful eye might be needed.

For larger developments ie Broadoaks Park it would not be possible for the RA to monitor activity or to check compliance with conditions. The RA was not qualified to do this. There was confidence that WBC conducted this.

SD then commented on the SADPD examination which he had attended on behalf of the RA and WBNF with WP and Cllrs JB and A Boote. In preparation, SD had watched the webcast of the Tandridge examination and had been impressed by the process and the professionalism of all involved. WBC had not webcast the proceedings but the examination had been efficiently chaired and there were many excellent presentations. The Inspector had been well prepared, had asked informed questions and had conducted the process in a balanced and fair manner. Ernest Amoako had represented WBC with support from his team. The basic position of the RA was that to 2027 WBC would meet its new housing requirement without any need to release Green Belt land for residential development. A range of individuals, companies and organisations had been represented - primarily to challenge the SADPD and seek release of parcels of land from Green Belt.

An initial statement was expected towards the end of January with the final decision following in late spring/early summer.

It was noted that should the recommendations of the SADPD be upheld that was not the end of the matter. Land would be released from Green Belt but there was still the planning process to go through. There would be many opportunities to oppose proposals along the way. One area which had not been realistically addressed was the effect on traffic and other infrastructure. There was an opportunity to do some preparatory work on this in readiness for challenges to be made at the appropriate time.

SD, WP, MM and the Councillors were thanked for all the work they had done and for attending the Examination.

6. Youth Provision in the three villages

ES reported on activity so far. Her husband had agreed, on behalf of the RA, to find out what sort of provision the young people and parents wanted to see provided. Activities for young people were currently centred around churches which did not have universal appeal. Contact had been made with Fullbrook school and a response was awaited. There might be an opportunity to meet with the school councils at the local schools.

AG would provide the name of a contact at WBC he had already passed on to KC.

ACTION AG

GE would also provide information about the Youth Council.

ACTION GE

The anti social behaviour had improved in WB but there had also been some reports from Pyrford.

ID indicated that there would be room to include an article in the Resident.

ACTION ES

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr JB reported as follows

- SADPD Examination in Public had taken up a lot of time
- Woking Football ground development was going to planning. Objections had been received. There was also a review of the process to see if it had been carried out correctly
- The commercial associations of WBC members and the number of companies associated with the WBC and councillors had finally been established as 22 companies and 63 directorships
- Flooding – improvements had been noted - Brewery Lane had not been affected by the recent heavy rainfall
- Problems with bin collections had been followed up
- Byfleet NF were working towards finalising their Plan. No professional advice had at this stage been sought. The draft Plan had been sent to Ernest Amoako for comment.

Cllr MB reported as follows:

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- M25 – surface noise - a petition had been set up and a meeting held. The online petition had been shut down at the time of the General Election and all the signatures lost so a new one would need to be set up. More signatures would be sought for the paper version which had not been closed down.
- Pool in the Park – the various issues with the re-furbishment were being addressed
- Mens Sheds application for West Hall had been approved and installation was imminent

Cllr GE reported as follows:

- Bin collections in Pyrford were being monitored as problems had been reported
- Some anti social behaviour in Pyrford but not certain if it was the same youths as in WB
- Suspicious activity ie vans crawling the streets was being monitored
- Costa in WB had moved to the old Speedflex unit
- Post Office would be closing end of March and Londis in April/May

The community were very unhappy at the prospect of losing the PO and pharmacy and there had been much rumour and speculation on social media.

GE had been in contact with the postmaster who had indicated he had been willing to continue but had not been able to find a suitable unit. There was very little that could be done despite the outline planning granted to Altitude including a condition about considering the relocation of the library, PO and pharmacy before construction. However, it looked as though the PO and pharmacy might be lost long before construction started and it would be hard to bring them back.

There was a suggestion that the RA should write to Post Office Counters expressing the wish that they should keep the PO in WB because of its importance to the community. **ACTION SD?**

Jonathan Lord MP was aware of the situation – RA could write to him again

ACTION SD

GE had contacted Altitude but was still awaiting a response

An article in The Resident might be the best way to communicate the complexity of the problem. **ACTION SD**

- No information about relocation of Boots
- GE had taken over as Chair of WBBA and contacted all the businesses to encourage them to continue to keep WB 'open'.
- Community Festival committee had a new Chair – Anca Fenton (57 Boutique) and a meeting was planned for w/c 20 January 2020. More volunteers were needed and welcome to attend the meeting.

21:40 JB & MB left

8. Treasurer's Report

End of year report circulated just before the meeting.

In the absence of DS, SD ran quickly through the report.

Cllr Amanda Boote, after discussions with SD, had suggested that the £589 remaining in her community fund be awarded to WBNF in support of protecting the Green Belt of West Byfleet. £500 of this would be passed on to the RA as a contribution to the funds released to Bell Cornwell for advice on the SADPD. (Subsequent to the meeting SCC have approved this allocation). WBNF were also expected to do some further fundraising.

9. Acting Membership Secretary's Report - a report and data had been circulated before the meeting.

More subscriptions had been collected in 2019 than 2018. However, the number of members had fallen.

AG asked for a push on collecting more email addresses as email was the preferred method of communication.

Envelope reprint still to be requested – banking information would be included and was different for each village.

10. AGM – Wednesday, 18 March at Byfleet Village Hall

Notice had been prepared for publication in The Resident. This would also be posted on the website together with the agenda, 2019 minutes and the Treasurer's Report. **ACTION LDD**

LDD would bring nomination forms for committee posts to the next RA meeting. Isabelle, stepping down as Editor, had agreed to consider taking on the role of Membership Secretary. This would leave vacancies for Vice Chair and Planning Officer.

ACTION LDD

Suggestions for a speaker included a discussion on youth provision/social issues in the Three Villages and Management of the Waterways/Wey Navigation/flooding. After discussion it was agreed to go with the latter. AG to call Katherine Walters at the Council to find out who might be approached (National Trust?).

ACTION AG

11. Website

AG had instructed Alan Fuller as per the discussion at the last meeting.

12. Editorial

Issue 163: **deadline for copy – 24 January 2020**

Drop in on 29 February 2020 at WB Catholic Church.

ID would oversee the production of this edition helped by RM who would then take over as Editor for the next issue.

ID ran through the articles to be included. The SADPD Examination in Public would be covered by SD but the Inspector's preliminary comments were unlikely to be out by the copy deadline. If appropriate, an insert could be included with deliveries.

Enough advertising to cover costs but some advertisers would not be renewing for the next edition so new ones were needed.

AG suggested that photos of all committee members should be included somewhere – website, The Resident – for discussion.

13. Right of Way Report – no report for this meeting

14. Events Co-ordinator

EP noted that she would be organising the refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits) for the February drop in session at the Catholic church in WB.

15. Committee roles and personnel changes

Geoff Geaves had stood down as Chair of Pyrford NF and would no longer be attending RA committee meetings. AG had taken over as Chair of Pyrford NF on a temporary basis and would attend RA meetings, representing the PNF. The committee were happy for him to do this and continue as Pyrford VR.

AG could not continue as the RA representative on Pyrford NF – SD would now attend in this capacity.

16. Village Representative Reports

Byfleet – a detailed report from EG had been circulated prior to the meeting.

- EMG noted the many Christmas activities which had taken place in Byfleet and thanked all organisations concerned
- EMG reported on a meeting of the Flood Forum had been held on 9 January 2020 and a workshop which had taken place. The issue of Flood Alleviation Planning and associated environmental opportunities was an important issue for many Byfleet (and WB) residents. The RA would consider a larger item on this in the June 'Resident' in consultation with Cllr AB. RA would also consider with Cllr AB, the value of staging wider comms/briefing for the wider community on plans and impact. EMG to progress with Cllr AB.
- Murrays Lane/Boyd's Farm planning application – appeal meeting reported above
- Memorial Bench for Godfrey Chapples – to be placed next to the library. RA had made a contribution.

West Byfleet – a detailed report from KC had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Pyrford

AG had submitted a written report.

- There were Street Rep vacancies to fill and the death of Maurice Turner was noted.
- Progress on Marshalls Parade development continued to be slow.
- Dulux London Cycle Race would take place 9/10 May. Annual event which did not require road closure

15. Forum Reports

Byfleet – no report received. Plan being finalised as reported under Councillor Reports above.

West Byfleet – PH gave a verbal report. Developments concerning WB covered elsewhere in the meeting.

Pyrford – written report provided by AG. Content covered by discussion elsewhere in the meeting.

16. DONATIONS

No new requests had been received.

EG will follow up the request previously considered from Byfleet Players

PH was still working on the request for a defibrillator at Waitrose

17. AOB

- > Community Policing Event at The Lightbox on 21 January 2020 – email to be circulated and put on website
- > Police and Crime Commissioner election in May 2020

Drop-in dates:

14:00 on Saturday, 29 February 2020 - WB Catholic Church booked by LDD

14:00 on Saturday, 6 June 2020 – Byfleet Village Hall booked by LDD

14:00 on Saturday, 10 October 2020 – Pyrford Village Hall booked by AG

Date of the next meeting – **Wednesday, 19 February 2020 – St Mary's Community Centre, Byfleet**

Meeting closed at 22:45

TREASURER'S REPORT
10 January 2019

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1st of January 2019 to 31st of December 2019.

The full year accounts shows a surplus of £4,482 (November £3,470). The increase from November is mainly driven by Advertisement collection £960 and subscriptions received from the final 2019 push. A donation of £250 towards a bench for the late Mr Godfrey was paid in January and not reflected in the balances above. A further donation of £250 towards tent equipment approved in September / October will be paid in January.

We have collected £12,130 in subscriptions for the year 2019 (previously reported £11,786 YTD in November). This is continuing to help us to maintain our cash reserves.

Advertising invoices for £1,210 relating to October 19, Jan 2020 and June 2020 Resident magazine issues were issued in November and collected £960 of that to date. Isabelle is currently in the process of discussing re-invoicing Big Phil computers for the outstanding £220. The customer is unhappy to accept small price rise for the year 2020. We have £80 continuing to outstand for Unity spares.

Issues.

- 1 In October, the committee had agreed to set aside £4,000 including VAT to cover the Stage 1 consultation cost of Bell Conwell for providing advisory and assistance in the ongoing regulation 19 consultation impacting all 3 villages.
- 2 In November this amount was increased to £5,000 to cover stage 2 of the consultation. It was agreed that, WBNF would contribute an additional £500 towards the total expenditure bringing the total budget to £5,500.
- 3 RA has received an invoice for £4,491. This is below the anticipated £5,000 funds set aside by the RA. This invoice will be settled in January. Please note this is a one off cost funded by existing cash reserve. RA has sufficient funds in reserves to support all 3 villages in the foreseeable future.
- 4 Charitable status and gift aid – progress is slow due to regulation 19 and other urgent matters. We will explore this in February.
- 5 I have already informed to this committee that, WBNF has started to raise funds towards future legal challenges. I understand an application to receive a public grant was made by their Chairman Wade Pollard during December.

Dharma Sivarajasingham 14/01/2019

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to 31 December 2019

INCOME	Year to date	£	£
Subscriptions and member donations:			
Byfleet	2735		
West Byfleet	4822		
Pyrford	4698		
Subscriptions not allocated	0		
2019 paid in 2018	-125		
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated			
			12,130
Advertising			2710
Bank Interest			32
Donations			0
Other			0
Total Income			14,871
 EXPENDITURE			
The Resident			4378
Committee Expenses			166
Street Rep Drop Ins			438
Room Hire not Comm.			156
AGM			98
Fetes			153
Display/Equipment			0
Donations:			650 *
Community Support			199 *
Insurance			310
Postage, Stationery & Printing			68
Sundries/Losses			0 *
Database/Web Expenses			654
Mileage/Parking			0
Forums - Pyrford	1808		
- Byfleet	0		
- West Byfleet	1312		
			3,119
Total Expenditure			10,389
Surplus/(Deficit)			£4,482
 Opening Cash			23,021
Surplus/(Deficit)			4,482
Closing Cash			£27,503
Analysis of Cash	Current Account		2,456
	Un allocated Collections		
	Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated		-
	Dep		10,006
	32Day deposit		15,042
			£27,503

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JANUARY 2020
(As at 12 January 2020)

KEY POINTS

2019 YEAR

a) Membership subscriptions

The total monies collected in 2019 was £12,160, £1,629 above that achieved in 2018 £10,531 (15% increase)

Compared to 2018, in 2019 West Byfleet achieved 163%, Byfleet 108% and Pyrford 91%.

213 electronic payments were received, of which in Pyrford there were 111 (52%) and represents overall 11% by volume of collections.

b) Membership numbers

The membership as at 31 December 2019 was 2,469 a fall of 381 since December 2018's 2,850.

Compared to 2018, at the end of 2019 West Byfleet achieved 88%, Byfleet 77% and Pyrford 91%.

2020 YEAR

There are memberships worth £296 to be entered into the membership database.

The number of email addresses is just below 50% of total membership, having grown from 35% at December 2018.

MEMBERSHIP DETAIL 2019 YEAR

The reports run on 31 December 2019 show that the membership stands at 2,469 an increase of 5 since the last report and 385 since 1st January 2019, but 387 below December 2018.

The numbers by village are shown below:-

Village	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Mth Chg	Yr Chg
fleet	751	549	551	554	554	560	574	574	575	575	575	576	1	96
West Byfleet	896	592	626	720	732	755	758	761	788	790	790	793	3	221
Pyrford	1,192	1,046	1,057	1,064	1,073	1,073	1,079	1,082	1,086	1,086	1,087	1,089	2	65
Other	11	8	9	10	10	10	8	9	12	12	12	11	1	3
	2,850	2,195	2,243	2,348	2,369	2,398	2,419	2,426	2,461	2,463	2,464	2,469	5	385
Movement		(655)	48	105	21	29	21	7	35	2	1	5		

The majority of the growth of members in 2019 is from West Byfleet village.

The amounts recorded as collected by village are:-

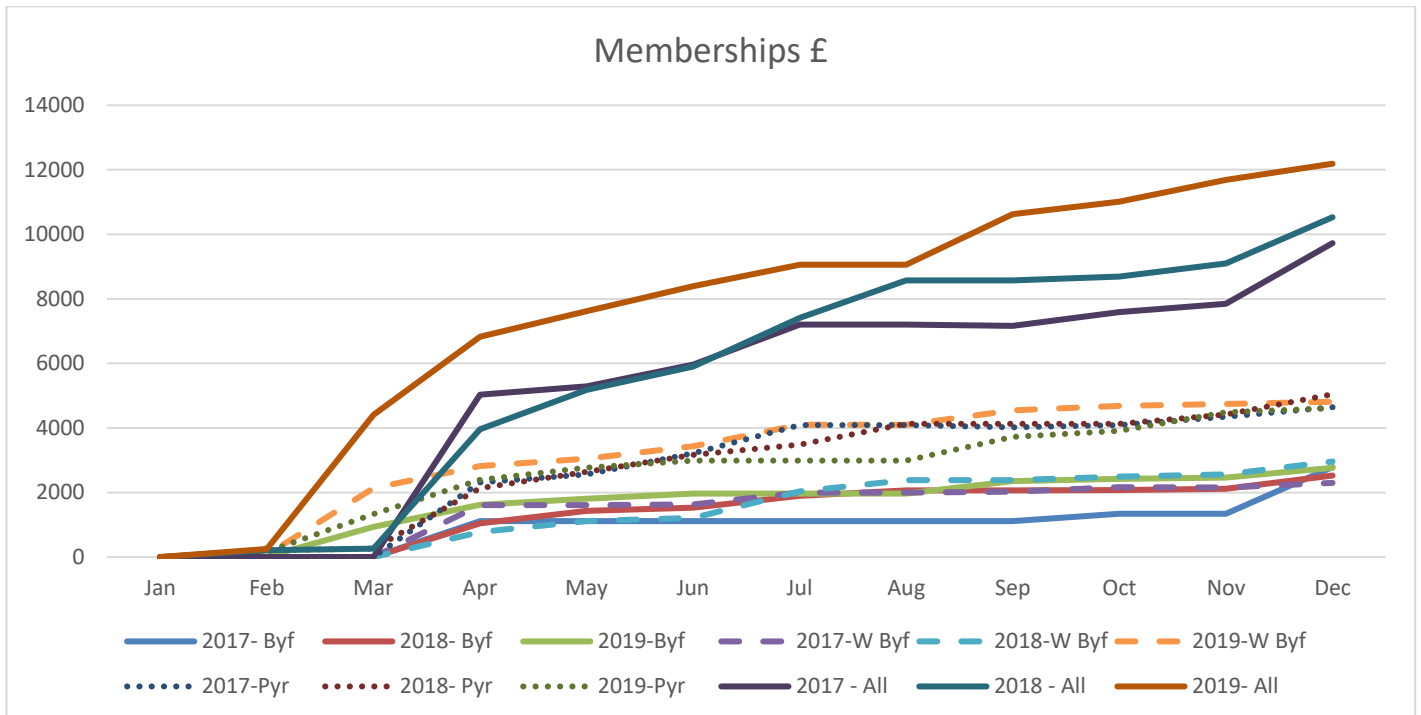
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Village	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Mt Che	Dec-18	Yr Che
Byfleet	2,526	-	15	932	1,615	1,803	1,965	1,965	2,334	2,405	2,440	2,740	300	2,526	215
West Byfleet	2,961	-	73	2,134	2,822	3,053	3,448	4,113	4,560	4,690	4,752	4,822	70	2,961	1,861
Pyrford	5,045	-	165	1,329	2,389	2,739	2,984	2,984	3,688	3,873	4,438	4,598	160	5,045	(447)
	10,532	-	253	4,395	6,826	7,595	8,397	9,062	10,582	10,968	11,630	12,160	530	10,531	1,629

The numbers over the last three years are:-

	2017 £	2018 £	2019 £	Subs R'cd 2017, 18 & 19 £
Byfleet	2,771	2,526	2,740	8,036
West Byfleet	2,457	2,961	4,822	10,240
Pyrford	4,550	5,045	4,598	14,193
	9,778	10,531	12,160	32,468
Change	(108)	(37)	470	325

The monthly history of collection is shown below:-



This clearly shows the total amounts collected are significantly earlier than the previous two years. Well done to everyone, in particular West Byfleet!

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The year to date amounts collected by village are shown below:-

Village	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	Full 2018	YTD % 2018	% Membership Collected
Byfleet	2,740	2,526	2,526	108%	77%
West Byfleet	4,822	2,961	2,961	163%	87%
Pyrford	4,598	5,045	5,045	91%	72%
	12,160	10,531	10,531	115%	78%

The year to date memberships signed up village are shown below:-

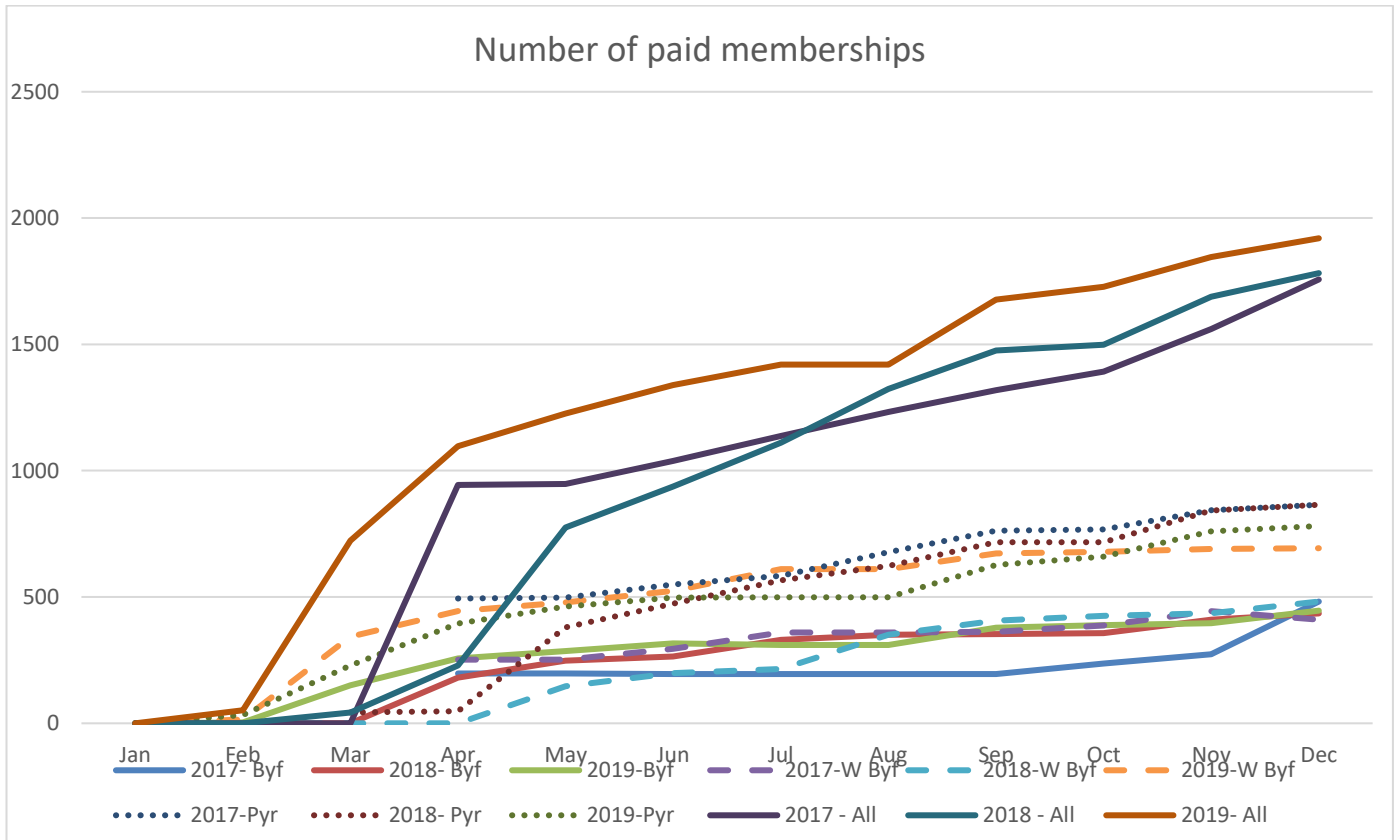
Number of memberships collected	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	Full 2018	YTD % 2018
Byfleet	446	435	435	103%
West Byfleet	693	482	482	144%
Pyrford	781	865	865	90%
	1,920	1,782	1,782	108%

The average subscription received by village is:-

Village	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	Full 2018
Byfleet	6.14	5.81	5.81
West Byfleet	6.96	6.14	6.14
Pyrford	5.89	5.83	5.83
	6.33	5.91	5.91

There are no 2019 memberships still to be entered into the database.

The monthly history of membership renewal is shown below:-



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The email, phone call & postcode data collected is shown below:-

	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Month Change
Emails	993	934	959	997	1,030	1,059	1,077	1,096	1,133	1,135	1,139	1,143	4
Telephone	855	823	841	880	913	949	961	977	1,000	1,003	1,006	1,012	6
Post codes	1,211	1,152	1,175	1,236	1,268	1,283	1,284	1,297	1,326	1,328	1,333	1,366	33

The analysis of direct payments by village is:-

FPI Payments Cum	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Month Change
Byfleet	-	-	25	34	38	39	39	42	44	44	44	45	1
West Byfleet	-	-	36	49	53	56	57	58	58	58	58	57	- 1
Pyrford Coll	-	-	48	71	72	76	78	85	88	90	90	93	3
Pyrford Main	-	5	9	13	22	22	22	18	18	18	18	18	0
	-	5	118	167	185	193	196	203	208	210	210	213	3

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

No emails sent out since last report. In 2018 24 emails were sent out.

In 2019 13 emails were sent out; for the first time in May one email was just to one village - West Byfleet.

The statistics are:-

	2018	2019	Totals
No emails sent	24	13	37
Average per month	2.0	1.2	2.1
No recipients sent	21,911	13,550	35,461
Bounced	1,028	361	1,389
	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
Delivered	20,883	13,189	34,072
	95.3%	97.3%	96.1%
Opened	13,295	9,293	22,588
	63.7%	70.5%	66.3%
Clicked	1,911	704	2,615
	9.2%	5.3%	7.7%
Unsubscribed	33	14	47
	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

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MEMBERSHIP BY FORUM AREAS

Set out below is the calculation for each forum's possible grant. For a grant to be paid, the Forum has to have a plan approved by a local referendum.

Village	2019		2018		YEAR CHANGE	
	Income	No Members PAID	Income	No Members PAID	Income	Paid Members
Byfleet	2,765.00	446	2,555.50	435	209.50	11
West Byfleet	4,811.50	693	2,846.00	482	1,965.50	211
Pyrford	4,613.00	781	4,934.50	868	(321.50)	(87)
	12,189.50	1,920.00	10,336.00	1,785.00	1,853.50	135.00

Pyrford Houses in RA West Byfleet Area	195	30	185	21	10.00	9.00
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Forum	2019		2018		YEAR CHANGE	
	Income	No Members PAID	Income	No Members PAID	Income	Paid Members
Byfleet	2,765.00	446	2,555.50	435	209.50	11
West Byfleet	4,616.50	663	2,661.00	461	1,955.50	202
Pyrford	4,808.00	811	5,119.50	889	(311.50)	(78)
	12,189.50	1,920.00	10,336.00	1,785.00	1,853.50	135.00
	0	0	0	0		

Amounts Due (£500 + £1 per member paid capped at £2,000)

	2019	2018	Change
Byfleet	946.00	935.00	11
West Byfleet	1,163.00	961.00	202
Pyrford	1,311.00	1,389.00	(78)
	3,420.00	3,285.00	135.00

MEMBERSHIP DETAIL 2020 YEAR

Very little activity has happened on the database in respect of membership renewals, though there is £296 of 2020 membership monies collected in Pyrford to be entered.

The database has automatically set the membership status from current to grace with the exception of 60 memberships which is being investigated further.

Membership is now 2320, 149 below 31 December 2019. Analysis by village below:-

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West Byfleet	896	793	759	(34)	(34)	(4.3)%
Pyrford	1,192	1,089	1,011	(78)	(78)	(7.2)%
Other	11	11	7	(4)	(4)	
	2,850	2,469	2,320	(149)	(149)	(6.0)%
Movement				(149)		

Email addresses is just below 50% having grown from 35% at December 2018.

	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan-20	Month Change	% Membership
Emails	993	1,143	1,129	(14)	48.7%
Telephone	855	1,012	1,004	(8)	43.3%
Post codes	1,211	1,366	1,329	(37)	57.3%

Byfleet Report 14.01.2020 v1.0

Village Representative and Deputy (Byfleet): Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard

RA Subscriptions/ Street Reps/Drop-in

Coverage of village :

Total number of roads in Byfleet: 93

Number of roads with Street Rep: 74 (80%)

Number of active Street Reps: 30

Of which number stepped down since last report: 1

Of which new since the last report: 0

Street Reps:

No updates for this report.

Subscriptions

Although percentage change was not significant 2018 v 2019, we were pleased to see that the hard work of the Street Reps in 2019 meant we recovered a number of members and that our total sum collected was an increase on that of 2018.

Other:

During 2020 we will continue to try to recruit SRs for the 19 roads without Street Reps and to increase our membership in roads with RA SRs.

Events :

The seasonal/Advent related events in Byfleet were a tremendous success despite the very cold and wet conditions for some of the events. The RA would like to thank a number of organisations for the events staged including **The Byfleet Amenities Group; The Byfleet Community Library and The Byfleet Players, Byfleet Boat Club, St Mary's Centre for the Community as well as local schools, churches and sports organisations.**

The RA Village Rep and Deputy Village Rep were supported by Street Reps at two Village Green of events. This allowed us to distribute Issue 162 to potential new members.

Village Matters

Flood Forum : Sanway Area, Byfleet : Flood Alleviation Scheme: For the last 7 years Cllr Amanda Boote has chaired a Flood Forum in Byfleet, working with local residents, the Environment Agency and various other organisations to develop a flood defence scheme for Byfleet.

The Forum met 09.01.2020 and VRB along with other members of the RA Committee and a Byfleet Street Rep attended.

The proposed Flood Alleviation scheme will offer opportunities for environmental enhancement to be developed. The EA, with Cllr Boote's support arranged a workshop to brainstorm these opportunities 13.02.2020 involving local interested parties.

VRB could not attend but was represented by a Byfleet SR. RA Committee member EE also generously dedicated his time and local knowledge to the workshop, VRWB, Footpath Officer and VRP could not attend but are in the loop for their expertise.

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Murray's Lane , Boyd's Farm : Planning Application 2019/0940 – Appeal took place at the Civic Offices 14.01.2020. RA VRB attended the morning session. A short statement regarding the RA's position with regard to the protection of Greenbelt was delivered on behalf of VRB during the afternoon session. A verbal update will be given at the committee meeting 15.01.2020.

Godfrey Chapples' Memorial Bench – The Byfleet Parish Day Committee thanks the RA and other organisations for their donations towards Godfrey's bench which will be installed in the small garden area being developed by the Community Library Team beside the library.

Planning

2019/1223, 140 High Road Byfleet - 2 additional flats at rear of property. VRB to take a view on whether RA should register an objection.

A.O.B.

None

EMG/JPF 14.01.2020

PYRFORD VR
(as at 12 JANUARY 2020)

PYRFORD STREET REPS

There are still six Street Rep vacancies to fill, covering around 125 members. 2 Street reps have already passed over monies for 2020 amounting to £270. Sadly, one of our long serving Street Reps passed away on Boxing Day. Maurice Turner was also the Footpath Officer in the nineties.

DULUX LONDON CYCLE RIDE 9TH & 10TH MAY

This event is in its ninth year and has a route through Pyrford on the afternoon of 9th May from Ripley towards Woodham Lane. There are no road closures and usually there isn't much inconvenience to other road users.

MARSHALLS PARADE

Even though the garage block behind the parade was demolished in late December 2017 and work started in late March 2018 to prepare for foundations, progress is very slow. Work is forever starting and then stopping and seems to have stopped. Recently, a new planning application has been approved to divide the single retail unit into two units. Work has not yet restarted. Parking is still an issue. Two residents have installed folding parking posts, but both were damaged and have since been replaced. Building work has started again in January 2020. The target date is to finish by Spring 2020. Time will tell!

GOLF COURSES

Concerns have been raised about unusual activities at the golf courses bordering Pyrford Road. VR is monitoring. A private individual has bought the majority of Twisted Stone Golf Club land. Speculation is that the remaining 25 acres might be used for a 9-hole pitch & putt. A planning application is expected soon.

SIGNIFICANT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Brambles, Pyrford Road

Outline planning (all matters reserved) for 38 new residential dwellings in greenbelt.

52 comments of which 49 objections. **REFUSED**

153 Old Woking Road

Demolition of bungalow & erection of three storey 7 apartment block. Vehicle access off Lincoln Drive.

Two consultees, Surrey Highways and Woking Trees have raised concerns. The application is still under consideration.

International School of London 182 Old Woking Road Ref. No: PLAN/2019/0665 | Validated: Thu 04 Jul 2019

Variation of condition 01 of PLAN/2014/0600 (Temporary planning permission for one single storey prefabricated buildings (Portkabins), WC facilities and office space) to allow for a further 3 years temporary permission. **PENDING CONSIDERATION**

SADPD HEARINGS EARLY DECEMBER 2019

The two Pyrford fields are not in the Reg 19 proposal being examined by the inspector. Preliminary indications of the outcome expected by end of January 2020.

Andy Grimshaw VR Pyrford

**Village Representative Report West Byfleet
For Committee and Street Reps**

Happy new year to all and best wishes for another year contributing to the community.

Admin

A quiet time of the year on subscriptions received with £70 banked since last report. It has been an excellent year with £5154.50 collections in total for which many thanks to all our street reps.

I am pleased to report that we have recruited a replacement for two retiring street reps and a permanent street rep to take over from one of our street reps who had taken on an extra walk. Many thanks to Noel Doran, Andrew Lamb and Sally Ahmed and welcome to Neil Dann, Roger Eades and Hilary Dickenson.

We still have Street Rep vacancies for the west end of Dartnell Avenue, Claremont Road and Rivey Close. We are also "locked-out" from some blocks of apartments such as Tattenhall and Rosemount. Could any reader knowing of potential volunteers in these areas let me know.

All magazines have been distributed, if any Street Rep knows of any member not in receipt of a magazine, please let me know. The next distribution will be end Feb/beginning March.

Local issues

Work with WBNF continues to be excellent and some of the following reflects work with them as a member of the WBNF Committee.

- 1 The review of the Woking BC planning proposals (SADPD) by a Government appointed Inspector, took place just before Xmas, the proposals would result in a massive reduction of our Green Belt. A number of local residents made representations to the Inspector and the RA and WBNF were represented by Stewart Dick and Wade Pollard, to whom we offer grateful thanks. They will be reporting separately and in more detail on their observations of the review process. The results of the Inspector's deliberations will be known early in the New Year. Keep an eye on the WBNF website for the latest news.
- 2 One of the objections that many of us made against housing development at West Hall was the concern of surface flooding, the effective dispersal of flood water and impact on neighbouring areas. Coincidentally, the heavy rains before Xmas resulted in exactly such surface flooding on the West Hall estate, which has now slowly been dispersing naturally. A number of people have pointed this out to the Inspector.
- 3 The West Byfleet Community Festival committee meeting in December was cancelled, the next meeting is scheduled for 8th January. The acting Chair, James Lowe, will be stepping down and a new Chair is being sought, thanks goes to James. A number of volunteers are needed for different roles if the festival is to be a success. If anyone knows of anybody willing to help, please ask them to contact James Lowe via me or directly.
- 4 Many thanks also go to Fran Nevett for not only organising the Xmas lights and Lighting Ceremony but also the Village Day just before Xmas. The events were well attended and show that, despite Sheer House, we still have a thriving community in West Byfleet.
- 5 The long-standing Head at West Byfleet Infant School, Shirley James, retired just before Xmas. She had a wonderful leaving party that involved many former pupils, teachers, colleagues and governors. We wish her well for the future and are pleased she will continue living in the neighbourhood and retaining her links with the community. Our best wishes go to her successor, Sarah Smithers.
- 6 The reduction in the antisocial behaviour in the centre has continued. Our thanks go to the police and our local councillors who have taken a number of steps to improve the situation. The community also need to be involved in helping provide improved facilities for local children, I am pleased to report that the RA will be looking at ways to contribute for all three villages and one of our members and parent, Ramesh Logeswaran, will be conducting an initial survey on what is available and what are the perceived needs. He will start by contacting relevant officials in Woking and Runnymede BCs and SCC and then with local schools and youth organisations.

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- 7 Concerning the replacement trees for Rosemount Parade, our councillors are pressing the responsible officers in WBC to ensure the replacement trees are planted this season.
- 8 Surrey County Council is conducting a survey on residents' views on the very popular London-Surrey Cycle events day. The events raise massive amounts of money for local and national charities, encourage cycling and raise the profile of areas such as ours, which are on the route. Please encourage residents to complete the survey at <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/deputy-ceo/survey-on-prudential-ridelondon-surrey/>
- 9 The developments at Broadoaks will result in further partial road closures on the Parvis Road from mid Jan onwards. Details have been circulated directly
- 10 Also pleased to report a West Byfleet and Pyrford Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page has been established working in collaboration with both the successful Byfleet group and our local NW co-ordinators. Well done to Sheila Carroll.

Other areas of concern/interest with nothing to report this month.

- 11 A245 shared use cycle path between Byfleet and West Byfleet
- 12 M25 noise petition
- 13 Sheer House redevelopment proposals
- 14 Woodlands Ave Car Park and community safety. Please ring 101 with concerns of apparent illegal activities.
- 15 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.
- 16 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives.
- 17 The Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan for Woking (SCC responsibility – Councillor Mike Goodman) was due to be published in 2019 but has gone quiet. It may revert to being for Woking Town Centre only.
- 18 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding. (John Bond will raise again)
- 19 Camphill Tip uses (Councillors and BUC)

Businesses:

Gary Elson has taken over as Chair of the West Byfleet Business Association from Michael Lee-Brown, who had been holding the role in an acting capacity, we look forward to continue working with WBBA in contributing to the community's wellbeing.

We also continue to be grateful for the engagement and support from our local councillors.

Keith Creswell
02/01/2020

PNF Report January 2020

AGM

The AGM was held on 25th November 2019 where, apart from the usual business, there were updates on Pyrford Heritage Conservation Assessment, Site Allocations DPD and CIL(Community Infrastructure Levy) .

COMMITTEE

As Geoff Geaves had decided some time ago, he would not continue as Chair after the 2019 AGM, Andy Grimshaw agreed to take on the role for six months to the end of May 2020.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Work continues on the assessment and a draft copy of the Landscape and Townscape Character Assessment was sent to Woking Borough Council. A DVD, produced by Tim Matthews and Cliff Bolton, on Pyrford's heritage sites and the importance of heritage conservation was shown at the AGM. It was well received and copies available on the night were all sold. Fundraising for the £13,000 cost has generated c£11,000 so there is a shortfall of £2,000.

SADPD

As the Plan as submitted did not include the two fields in Pyrford, the Forum did not make any further comments but did attend the examination as observers.

PYRFORD PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Forum does review each application to see if it breaches a policy in the Plan, but very rarely comments. Unusually, the Forum did recently raise objections on two applications The Brambles Pyrford Road and 153 Old Woking Road. The former has been withdrawn and the later has had objections raised by both Surrey County Council Highways and Woking Borough Council Tree team.

TWISTED STONE LAND PURCHASE

Good news - 100 acres of the Twisted Stone golf course to the south of the footpath across the golf course to Dodds Lane has been purchased by Joy and Akeel Sachak at The Old House for re-wilding and the protection of our semi-rural environment.