

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at St. Mary's Community Centre, Byfleet at 19:30 on Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair

Andy Grimshaw (AG) – Membership

Secretary (acting), Chair PNF &
Pyrford Village Representative

Isabelle David (ID) – Editor

Robert Munford (RM) - Co Editor

Lynn Cozens (LC)-Byfleet Forum

Eleanor Grady (EMG) - Byfleet VR

Jean Pierre Frossard (JPF) – Byfleet DVR

Wade Pollard (WP)-West Byfleet Forum

Councillor Gary Elson (Cllr GE)

Councillor John Bond (Cllr JB)

Councillor Mary Bridgeman (Cllr MB)

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, Lynette Davies, Bob Tilley, Richard Thomas, Eileen Perryer, Ernie Elliot, and Cllr Graham Chrystie.

SD informed Members that both EP and LDD were unwell and the Committee sent them their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 15th January 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2020 were reviewed.

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

SD gave an update regarding the closure of the West Byfleet Post Office.

At the beginning of February our six ward Councillors released a joint statement on the Sheer House situation which of course includes the Post Office.

Subsequent to that statement there had been discussions with Jonathan Lord and correspondences between him and the Post Office Ltd had been posted on the RA website. While at present there is no obvious solution it is clear that interim measures are being explored.

SD also took the opportunity to refer to social media postings that West Byfleet was a ghost town and run down. While not in anyway denying the negative impact of the Sheer House Complex, he pointed out that there were currently 103 businesses active in West Byfleet (Cllr GE in his capacity as chair of the WBBA provided further information on this); the only available space was the old Barclays Bank and that was now off the market and further Byfleet had a thriving retail economy.

Whenever possible Committee Members should take the opportunity to highlight the many positives.

All other actions have been completed or are covered by the agenda for this meeting

4. Planning Report

There was a brief report from Richard Thomas.

- **SADPD Examination in Public** - The Inspector had published 1D/10 on the 7th February. WP gave a brief summary. Several main modifications have to be agreed with WBC after which there will be a minimum of six weeks consultation
- **153 Old Woking Road** – application for 7 flats. Still Under consideration with a number of negative reports from the tree officer and Surrey Highways re traffic – parking and access
- **Woodlands Avenue** – Applicant appeal pending decision

- **Murrays Lane** – Approved. However for a period of five years subject to "named person" se and a demanding Schedule of Conditions. The Inspector emphasised the personal circumstances.
- **78 Chertsey Road** – backfill development had been approved; Planning condition modifications being considered. RA still decide on contact with developer.
- **Wintersells Road** – Still pending
- **Twisted Stone Land** - planning application is expected for the remaining 27 acres.

5. Youth Provision in the three villages

This is still very much work in progress. However at this time there is little to report.

The charity Eikon Youth Activities offers free youth clubs where young people can meet friends in a safe environment. Sandie Bolger is the contact person at SCC in relation to Youth Work Services in the Woking Area.

WBC will be offering free sports coaching sessions for young people again this year as part of the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games.

The RA is committed to greater involvement in the creation of facilities for younger people.

6. NHS North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group - "The Big Picture"

SD briefed the meeting regarding this and the possible impact on the Woking Walk-in Centre. Of particular concern was that though this consultation had commenced in August 2018 there was almost no awareness of it in the community.

The RA had arranged a community meeting on Monday 16th March which would be addressed by officials from the CCG.

7. Councillors' Report

Cllr MB and Cllr JB reported as follows:

- The commercial associations of WBC members; the number of companies associated with the WBC and councillors and timely returns to Companies House was again raised.
- Potholes - these were being repaired "on the cheap" with disappointing results.
- The bench on Birch Green would remain.
- In Byfleet there was the possibility of a Citizens Advice function being established and funded.
- The Sopwith Drive crossing was going to planning
- Flooding – improvements had been noted - Brewery Lane had not been affected by the recent heavy rainfall. One property in the High Road had been flooded but beyond that the situation had been contained.
- Flooding. Both WBC and the Environment Agency had been very visible and active in Byfleet with positive results.

Cllr GE reported as follows:

- We had received an update on the Post Office etc. Also on the economic well being of West Byfleet
- We were briefed on the Pyrford VE day celebrations.
- Trees in Rosemount Parade had been replaced.

20:55 JB & MB left

8. Treasurer's Report

The Statement of Affairs report was circulated just before the meeting.

It covered the period 1st January to 17th February. This period covered the payment to Bell Cornwell. Once WBNF receive funds from SCC community fund they will be in a position to reimburse the RA to the extent of £500.

We have cash reserves of £23,035

9. Acting Membership Secretary's Report

The report and data which had been circulated before the meeting was noted.

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 again bring nomination forms for committee posts to the next RA meeting. **ACTION** **LDD**

After the formal matters the meeting will be addressed by Katherine Waters WBC Drainage and Flood Risk Engineer and Emma Goodwin of the National Trust.

11. Website

Nothing to report

12. Editorial

Issue 163: ID and RM were congratulated on an outstanding magazine,

Drop in on 29 February 2020 at WB Catholic Church.

Disappointment was expressed regarding those companies that had decided not to continue advertising in the magazine.

As previously suggested by AG photos of committee members would be included somewhere – website, The Resident – subject to individual's agreement.

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

14. Village Representative Reports

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

- Flooding was discussed. Brewey Lane had experienced flooding but overall the situation in spite of much surface water was not causing undue concern.
- Both the EA and WBC had been much in evidence.
- The Godfrey Chapples' memorial bench will be unveiled on 18th April 2020
- Planning - Murray's Lane and 76 Chertsey (see under Planning Report).
- Street Tree Planting - there has been a programme of street tree planting to the benefit of a number of roads.

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

- The West Byfleet Community Festival Committee now meet weekly and the outlook is cautiously optimistic. This will continue to be promoted as "West Byfleet Live".
- A new community group has been established to plant both cultivated and wild plants. Well done and the RA is totally supportive.
- KC updated the Committee on water levels in Dartnell Park
- Other matters were noted.

Pyrford - AG had submitted a detailed report.

- 153 Old Woking Road (see Planning Report)

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- Progress on Marshalls Parade development continued to be slow - but has now restarted.
- Dulux London Cycle Race would take place 9/10 May. Annual event which did not require road closure
- Pyrford Flower Show - 11 July 2020
- VE Day 75th Celebration at 4.00 pm Friday 8th May

15. Forum Reports

Byfleet – LC updated the Committee on progress with the BRNF Plan. Once again the RA stressed its willingness to assist.

West Byfleet – WP had nothing further to report.

Pyrford – AG had submitted a written report which was noted without discussion.

16. AOB

None

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, 11th March 2020** – **St Mary's Community Centre, Byfleet**

Meeting closed at 22:05

TREASURER'S REPORT
17 February 2020

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1st of January 2020 to 17th of February 2020.

January 2020 was a slow month. Collections are steadily picking up towards early February. To date, we have collected £406 pounds. We have also received £230 cash for the outstanding 2019 advertising invoices (Unity Spares £80 and Phill Computers £150). As mentioned in the January report, the £4,491 pounds Bell Cornwell invoice was paid last month (see issues below for details). This invoice was paid out of RA's reserves as advised / agreed earlier. Since the invoice was received and paid in January 2020, there is a temporary year to date deficit of £4,554 shown in the current 2020 report. This is mainly driven by the timing of cash outflows between the years 2019 and 2020. Our cash reserves continuing to remain healthy at £23,035. We have also paid the £250 donation towards a bench for the late Mr Godfrey and a further donation of £250 towards tent equipment approved in September / October for Byfleet Amenities group. Both were approved last year.

During February / March 2020, we will invoice for the adverting relating to the latest issue of our Resident Magazine. This will increase our cash position further in March / April.

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 was settled in January. Please note this is a one off cost funded by existing cash reserves. RA has sufficient funds in reserves to support all 3 villages for the foreseeable future.
- 4 Charitable status and gift aid – progress is slow due to regulation 19 and other urgent matters.
- 5 I have already informed to this committee that, WBNF has started to raise funds towards future legal challenges. I understand £500 was raised towards the 2019 SADPD consultation. We anticipate this money will be paid to the RA as WBNF's contribution towards Bell Cornwell costs.

Dharma Sivarajasingham 17/02/2020

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Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association

to 17 February 2020

INCOME	Year to date	£	£
Subscriptions and member donations:			
Byfleet		40	
West Byfleet		10	
Pyrford		301	
Subscriptions not allocated		55	
2019 paid in 2018		0	
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated		0	
		406	
Advertising			230
Bank Interest			14
Donations			(500)
Other			0
Total Income			150
 EXPENDITURE			
The Resident		-	
Committee Expenses		-	
Street Rep Drop Ins		-	
Room Hire not Comm.		63	
AGM		105	
Fetes		-	
Display/Equipment		-	
Donations:		-	*
Community Support		4,491	*
Insurance		-	
Postage, Stationery & Printing		-	
Sundries/Losses		-	*
Database/Web Expenses		45	
Mileage/Parking		-	
Forums - Pyrford		0	
- Byfleet		0	
- West Byfleet		0	
		0	
Total Expenditure			4,704
Surplus/(Deficit)			(£4,554)
Opening Cash			£27,589
Surplus/(Deficit)			(£4,554)
Closing Cash			£23,035

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Analysis of Cash	Current Account	833	
	Un allocated Collections Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated	55	
	Deposit (instant access)	7,006	
	32Day deposit	<u>15,141</u>	
		<u>£23,035</u>	
* Donations			£
FRIENDS OF BYFLEET -			
GODFREY BENCH		250	
BYFLEET AMENITIES		250	
			<u>£500</u>
* Community Support			
BELL CORNWELL RE-			
SADPD		4,491	
			<u>£4,491</u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

(As at 17 February 2020)

KEY POINTS 2020 YEAR

Membership subs of £351 have been entered into the membership database and there is an addition £50 worth of memberships in the bank accounts to be entered.

The number of email addresses is just below 50% (48.3%) of total membership, having grown from 35% at December 2018.

Drop in is on Saturday 29th February.

MEMBERSHIP DETAIL 2020 YEAR

The reports run on 31 December 2019 show that the membership stood at 2,469, 381 below December 2018. As at 16 January 2020 the membership was 2,336, up 16 in 2020.

The numbers by village are shown below:-

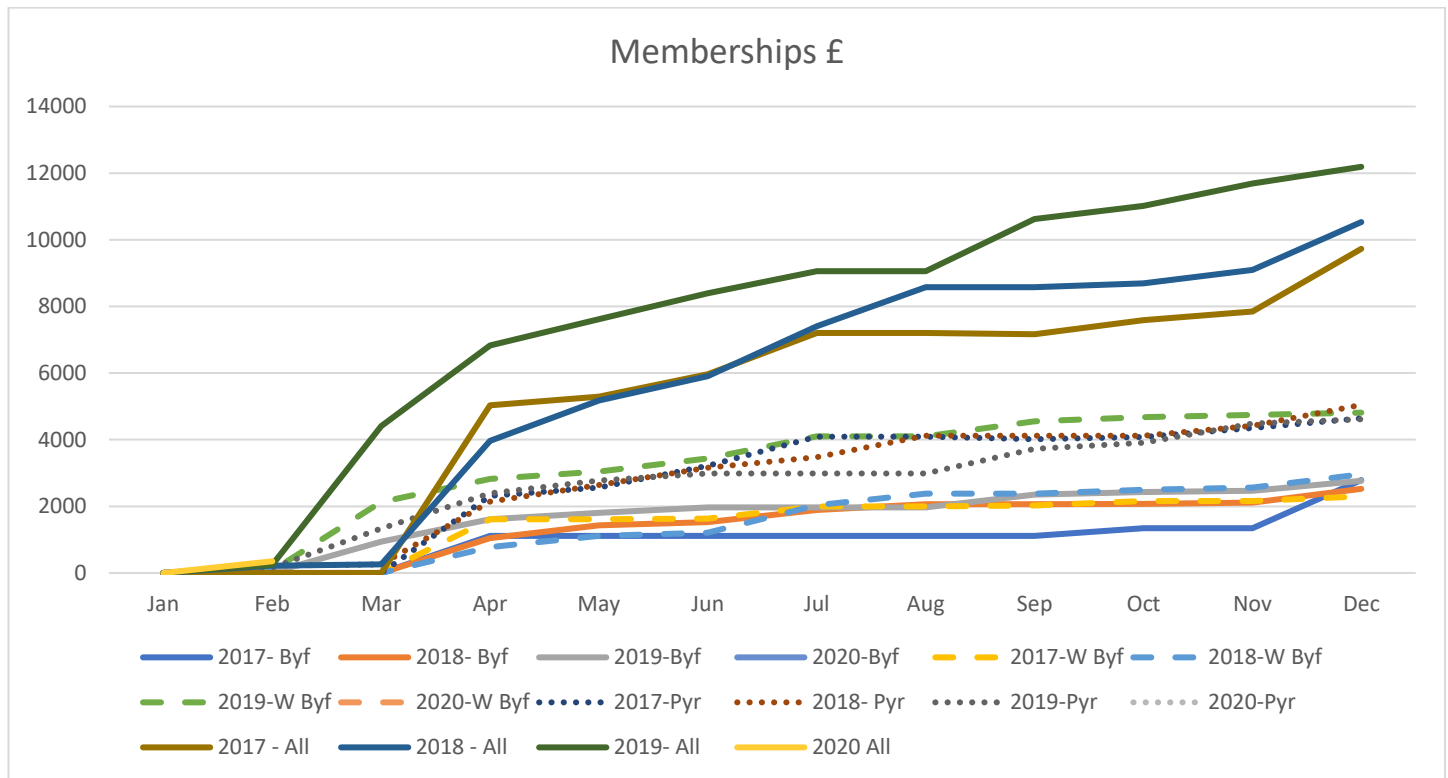
Village	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Month Change	Year Change	% Year Change
Byfleet	751	576	543	547	4	(29)	0.7%
West Byfleet	896	793	759	763	4	(30)	0.5%
Pyrford	1,192	1,089	1,011	1,016	5	(73)	0.5%
Other	11	11	7	10	3	(1)	
	2,850	2,469	2,320	2,336	16	(133)	0.6%
Movement		(381)	(149)	16			

The amounts collected by village are:-

Village	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Month Change	Feb-19	Year Change
Byfleet	2,771	2,526	2,740	-	40	40	15	25
West Byfleet	2,457	2,961	4,822	-	10	10	73	(63)
Pyrford	4,550	5,045	4,598	-	301	301	165	136
	9,778	10,532	12,160	-	351	351	253	98

The monthly history of collection is shown below:-

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

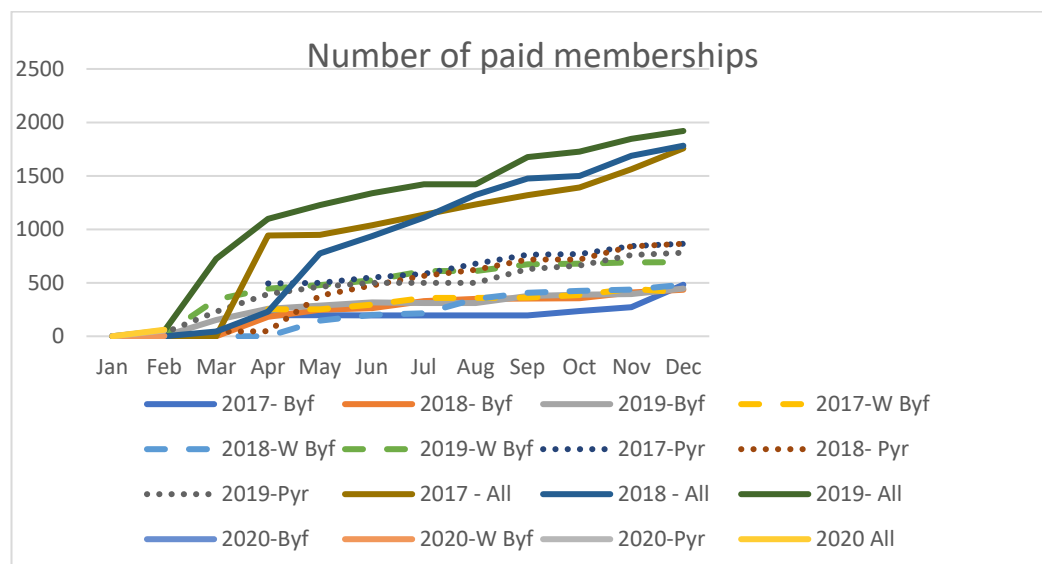
Village	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Change	Full 2017	Full 2018	Full 2019
Byfleet	40	15	25	2,771	2,526	2,740
West Byfleet	10	73	(63)	2,457	2,961	4,822
Pyrford	301	165	136	4,550	5,045	4,598
	351	253	98	9,778	10,531	12,160

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

Number of memberships collected	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Full 2017	Full 2018	Full 2019
Byfleet	4	3	482	435	446
West Byfleet	2	15	410	482	693
Pyrford	55	33	865	865	781
	61	51	1,757	1,782	1,920

The monthly history of membership renewal is shown below:-

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

	Dec-17	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Month Change	% Membership
Emails	694	993	1,143	1,129	1,137	8	48.3%
Telephone	524	855	1,012	1,004	1,012	8	43.0%
Post codes	743	1,211	1,366	1,329	1,341	12	56.9%

The analysis of direct payments by village is:-

FPI Payments Cum	Dec-18	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Month Change
Byfleet	25	25	-	3	3
West Byfleet	36	36	-	-	-
Pyrford Coll	48	48	-	2	2
Pyrford Main	9	6	5	5	-
	118	115	5	10	5

The amount waiting to be entered by village is:-

Village	£
Byfleet	45
West Byfleet	-
Pyrford	5
	50

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Two emails have been sent out since last report.

In 2018 24 emails were sent out.

In 2019 13 emails were sent out

In 2020 2 emails have been sent out.

The statistics are:-

	2018	2019	2020 YTD	Totals
No emails sent	24	13	2	39
Average per month	2.0	1.1	1.0	1.5
No recipients sent	21,911	13,550	2,407	37,868
Bounced	1,028	361	17	1,406
	4.7%	2.7%	0.7%	3.7%
Delivered	20,883	13,189	2,390	36,462
	95.3%	97.3%	99.3%	96.3%
Opened	13,295	9,293	1,678	24,266
	63.7%	70.5%	70.2%	66.6%
Clicked	1,911	704	129	2,744
	9.2%	5.3%	5.4%	7.5%
Unsubscribed	33	14	4	51
	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%

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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: 0
Of which new since the last report: 0

Street Reps:

To be highlighted at AGM : Assistant Membership Officer Byfleet likely to be needed soon/ in 2020. New Street Reps needed for 19 roads. To be highlighted at the AGM.

Subscriptions

Small numbers submitted in Feb 2020 (some relating to 2019 and new members in Dawson Rd.)

Village Matters

Flood Forum : Sanway Area, Byfleet : Flood Alleviation Scheme – The RA hopes to include a full page update in The Resident Issue 164 (June 2020) regarding the Councillors' work on this with the Environment Agency. Brief reference was made in Issue 163.

Brewery Lane water levels – Regrettably, Brewery Lane experienced flooding on the road on Sunday 16th Feb. This was the area which flooded in the past but had not seen flooding in recent years post EA remedial action.

Flooding/ Heavy Rain Feb 2020 – Impact on Byfleet – One property in the Plough Bridge area of Byfleet is known to have suffered this week. Although watercourses are very high all around Byfleet, fields and flood plains appear, so far, absorbed the heavy rainfall and river-swell. Surface water is in evidence on the Sanway end of the Manor Farm Nature reserve and on the open land at the end of Sanway Road and in one of the Sanway Road fields belonging to the Horse-riding business. The fields between Broad Ditch and the Wey Navigation are underwater for a good length of the navigation although the tow-path is passable. The water at Bluegates Hole lock in Mill Lane is very high and rapid, with the water on the River Wey over its banks at this point - but not impacting the road. The open space at the back of Millmead and Rivermead is passable.

WBC and the Environment Agency are in evidence around the village this week. Councillors have advised that we can guide residents needing sandbags to WBC should this be necessary.

Godfrey Chapples' Memorial Bench – On 18th April 2020 at 12h00, the Byfleet Parish Day Committee and the Community Library Team will unveil Godfrey's bench. There will be a small event after the unveiling. The RA VR has been invited and will attend on behalf of the RA Committee.

Street Tree Planting - Byfleet has benefitted from a recent programme of tree planting on street verges in a number of roads including Church Road, Hart Road and Mowbray Avenue. Having seen a number of newly planted trees die in the summer of 2019, the RA is keen to encourage local residents to water newly planted trees in dry months. VRB has contacted WBC and been put in touch with the Neighbourhood Team for Byfleet. We have asked to be informed when and where new trees are being planted and the reason for the choice of variety. We will then leaflet/ contact nearby houses and request help with watering.

Planning

Planning Application 2019/1223: 140 High Road Byfleet : 2 additional flats at rear of property. RA with input from the local RA Street Rep objected to this application with particular reference to the lack of parking provision in the plan in view of the congested nature of this corner of Studland Road and High Road.

Planning Application 2019/0940 :Murray's Lane , Boyd's Farm : Appeal decision is to allow for a period of up to five years the *'Change of use of land to 2 No. Gypsy / Traveller pitches including 2 No. mobile homes, 2 No. semi-detached dayrooms, 1 No. package treatment plant, 2 No. touring caravans, hardstanding, and associated works.'*

The decision referenced, among other items, the unmet traveller provision quota as per SADPD calculations.

Planning Application 2018/1281 : 76-80 Chertsey Road : This plan (Concept Developments Ltd) was approved last year much to the concern of neighbours (33 objections including regarding the removal of a tree line and impact on bats) ; the RA and the BNF . The development of this infill of a build of 6 houses has started. The RA Planning Focals have been looking into Conditions of build.

Events and expenditure:

The Byfleet Parish Day will take place on Saturday July 18th 2020.

May we have Committee agreement to reserve a stall and tables for the RA at the Parish Day event? The cost would be **pds 25** which includes the pitch and 3 tables.

We would also like to confirm a quarter page RA advert in the Parish Day Programme . The exact cost is not known yet but it will be in the order of **pds 33** which was the charge in 2019.

March 2020 – details t.b.a. The Community Library is holding a children's writing competition to tie in with Parish day again. The theme will be 'Who is coming to tea?'

A.O.B.

None

Many thanks and regards Eleanor and Jean-Pierre - EMG/JPF 19.02.2020

PYRFORD VR REPORT
(as at 16 FEBRUARY 2020)

A) PYRFORD STREET REPS

Total monies collected this year £301.

There are still six Street Rep vacancies to fill, covering around 125 members and the roads:-

- Elveden Close
- Old Woking Road
- Dean Close
- Warren Farm
- Lovelace Drive

B) MARSHAL PARADE SAGA

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!

C) SIGNIFICANT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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. The application is still under consideration.

D) SADPD HEARINGS EARLY DECEMBER 2019

The initial planning Inspectors report – “without prejudice for the final report” – was issued on Friday 14th February.

The good news is that there is no mention in the initial report of either of the two fields in Pyrford.

Clearly though one must wait for the final report to be absolutely sure they are still excluded.

E) FUTURE PYRFORD VILLAGE EVENTS

VE Day 75 th Celebration 4pm Friday 8 th May	Pyrford Cricket Field
Dulux London Cycle Ride 9th & 10th May	Coldharbour Road
Pyrford Flower Show 12:30 Saturday 11 July 2020	Pyrford Cricket Field
Prudential London Ride Sunday 16th August	Coldharbour Road

Andy Grimshaw VR Pyrford

Village Representative Report West Byfleet
For Committee and Street Reps

Admin

A quiet month on subscriptions received with £10 banked since last report. We have had a couple of "Friends" join from Woodham and one online new member,
We now have a Street Rep for the north/South part of Dartnell Avenue, many thanks to Lynette for carrying this last year on a temporary basis. We still need street reps 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.

The next distribution is coming up at the end of Feb/beginning March, this will create a surge of membership renewals and hopefully new members.

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 Inspector's initial observations are due to be published very shortly. Keep an eye on the WBNF website for the latest news.
- 2 The West Byfleet Community Festival committee is meeting weekly to ensure the event runs this summer. It is ably supported by a number of local residents particularly from the West Byfleet Schools Parents and Friends Associations who bring with them considerable experience of running large scale events like the Fireworks Extravaganza, The Committee has decided to run a three day event over the weekend of 1st August and are just awaiting for WBC agreement before advertising for stalls, concessions etc. 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 via me or the website.
- 3 As reported, the RA is looking at ways to contribute to activities for young people in the community for all three villages and one of our members and parent, Ramesh Logeswaran, is conducting an initial survey on what is available and what are the perceived needs. He is starting by contacting relevant officials in Woking and Runnymede BCs and SCC, the Eikon charity and then with local schools and youth organisations. Further information will be released later in the year
- 4 The replacement trees for Rosemount Parade, should be being planted as I write.
- 5 As a reminder from last month, 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/>
- 6 The developments at Broadoaks continue with further partial road closures on the Parvis Road. Details have been circulated directly. The current closure of one lane on the Parvis Road approaching Camphill Road and closing Pyrford Road has caused considerable blockages. Thanks to Amanda Boote, right turn at the traffic lights into Camphill Road has been prohibited, diverted via Station Approach and Madeira Road, this has eased the situation somewhat but still pretty dire. We have been informed that these works will be completed by 21/2.
- 7 A new Community Group has been set up under the leadership of Louisa Bergman and supported by Rebecca Bradshaw and Kristine Kleidt and other local enthusiasts, their aim is to brighten up the neighbourhood by planting both cultivated and wild plants for both wildlife and human residents. The first project is to plant up the area in front of Seymours towards the end of Feb before having a general meeting on 2nd March to agree further initiatives. This initiative is very strongly supported by the committees of both the RA and WBNF.

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

- 8 A245 shared use cycle path between Byfleet and West Byfleet
- 9 M25 noise petition
- 10 Sheer House redevelopment proposals
- 11 Woodlands Ave Car Park and community safety. Please ring 101 with concerns of apparent illegal activities.
- 12 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.
- 13 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives.
- 14 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.
- 15 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding. (John Bond will raise again)
- 16 Camphill Tip uses (Councillors and BUC)

Businesses:

The Post Office and subsequent Londis closure is causing considerable concern and has been separately commented upon.

A new Persian Restaurant had opened in the premises previously occupied by Chu Chin Chow, looking forward to trying it.

No news yet on the possible occupants of the old Barclays Bank building on the corner of Pyrford Road.

The new building in Station Approach next to the relocated Costa Coffee is proceeding apace, this is mainly for apartments but there will be some retail space on the ground floor. No completion date or agent details have been published yet. Unfortunately therefore, it will not be in time to meet the immediate lack of Post Office provision.

Thanks to WBBA for their contribution.

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

Keith Creswell
14/02/2020

PNF Report February 2020

RE-DESIGNATION OF FORUM

Under the Localism Act 2011, the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum (PNF) existence is unfortunately time limited. The approved Neighbourhood Plan is still valid until 2027, but a representative group for the Pyrford Area needs to be re-designated every 5 years.

The PNF Committee has decided to seek re-designation of the Pyrford Forum for the existing Pyrford Neighbourhood Area.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Work continues apace on the assessment. 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£11,500 so there is a shortfall of £1,500.

SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD

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

The initial planning Inspectors report – “without prejudice for the final report” – was issued on Friday 14th February.

The good news for Pyrford is that there is no mention in the initial report of either of the two fields in Pyrford. Clearly though one must wait for the final report to be absolutely sure they are still excluded.

Andy Grimshaw
PNF Chair