

## 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, 20 November 2019

#### Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair	Isabelle David (ID) - Editor	Wade Pollard (WP)-West Byfleet Forum
Lynette Davies (LD) – Secretary	Keith Creswell (KC) - West Byfleet VR	Geoff Geaves (GG) – Pyrford Forum
Andy Grimshaw (AG) – Membership Secretary (acting)	Ernie Elliot (EE) - Pyrford DVR	Lynn Cozens – Byfleet Forum
Bob Tilley (BT) – Planning (acting)	Eleanor Grady (EMG) - Byfleet VR	Councillor Gary Elson (Cllr GE)
	Jean Pierre Frossard – Byfleet DVR	Councillor John Bond (Cllr JB)

The quorum is 8 members - the meeting was quorate.

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

#### 1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Dharma Sivarajasingham, *Emma Slaymaker + his lease*  
Agenda items taken out of order to allow KC to leave meeting early.

#### 2. Minutes of the Meeting on 23 October 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2019 had been subject to review before circulation. SD noted that a further revision to reflect comments emailed by Fiona Syrett clarifying Byfleet's position with regard to the DPD examination would be made. GG noted that Pyrford NF were supporting the DPD as far as it concerned Pyrford and Cllr GE noted councillors opposed all building on the Green Belt.

As there were no further comments, the minutes were agreed subject to this change. The minutes would then be signed by the Chair as a true record.

#### 3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- SD relayed the comments received from Fiona Syrett re SADPD examination meeting:  
*"Alan George (committee member) is our registered speaker and has submitted a representation on behalf of the Forum, focusing on GB4 and GB5  
John Bond has also submitted a representation and is registered to speak, but as a Councillor  
Lynn Cozens and myself have both submitted personal representations. "*
- SD and WP would be attending certain days of the SADPD examination meeting. They would be there to respond to Matters/Issues/Questions raised by the Inspector (but only if invited to do so by the Inspector) and not to present a case. To gain an insight into how the process worked they had viewed the recordings of the Tandridge inspection meeting. SD would attend to represent the RA.

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

#### 5. Youth Provision in the three villages

The level of anti social behaviour in West Byfleet had decreased thanks to the measures put in place including increased police presence and response to incidents.

However, there was concern that this might have been displaced to Byfleet. Reports had been made on social media and LC made sure that this was covered in Neighbourhood Alerts.

Cllr GE also noted that youths had been seen gathering around the shops in Pyrford but it was not clear if this was the same group who had been in West Byfleet.

KC suggested that the RA should take a proactive role in looking at youth provision in the villages. Emma Slaymaker's husband had a background in youth provision and was willing to become involved. The first step would

be to see what was available and to canvas young people to see what they wanted.

In the past there had been youth clubs in all three village, but these had all folded some time ago as cuts in council funding had taken hold. Previously the responsibility of SCC, WBC were now looking at youth provision in the area.

AG noted that he had spoken to someone at WBC and Cllr GE would find out who had responsibility for youth and pass on the name to KC. **ACTION Cllr GE**

It was suggested that WBNF might be able to use this to push for a community centre on the Rec but WP noted that this would have to wait until CIL/NCIL funding had been sorted out.

KC was not expecting the RA to run the activities but to encourage and promote them.

KC would contact Emma's husband and discuss actions to be taken and ask him to give a presentation on his findings to the RA.

**ACTION KC**

#### **7. Treasurer's Report**

Report circulated just before the meeting. Request for earlier circulation.

In the absence of DS, KC commented and responded to questions.

As the application to build a pub on the Rec had been dropped, it was agreed that the £10k set aside for a possible legal challenge was no longer needed. These funds would be released.

AG asked about the statement that WBNF had started fundraising. WP noted that this was not completely correct. Fundraising was on the agenda for the WBNF meeting in January 2020 and that he already had some ideas.

KC wondered whether WB street reps could ask members to pay more than the £5 subscription with the extra going to the NF. This was discussed but it was felt that it would not be easy to achieve and was not necessarily appropriate. It would be better for WBNF to carry out fundraising separately. The importance of having a clear message about what the funds were going to be used for was noted.

LC reported that Byfleet NF would be one of three recipients of the Tesco's token scheme January-March 2020. This was a guaranteed £500 (3<sup>rd</sup> place) but could be more. An application to Waitrose had received no response so far.

This might also be a possibility for WBNF. WP will investigate.

Byfleet NF had also carried out a successful crowd funding exercise.

#### **4. Planning Report**

RT had circulated a report. BT highlighted the following:

- 153 Old Woking Road – application for 7 flats. Neighbours had objected. Traffic issues of most concern
- **9 Old Woking Road** – new application for infill building. Design better but windows sited in the roof were out of character
- **The Brambles, Pyrford Road** – application for 38 houses. Many objections including from RA.

BT wondered if more should be done by the forums on planning. Discussion suggested that the RA focussed on the immediate/short term aspects of planning and the forums concentrated on the long term and strategic issues. It was agreed that clarification as to the specific roles of the RA and the Forums should be subject to future discussion.

RT and BT were thanked for stepping in as acting planning officers until a replacement for AG could be found.

#### **6. Councillors' Report**

Cllr JB reported as follows

- WBC had been subject to a peer review. This had raised issues around transparency, the number of companies associated with the council and councillors, the high level of part 2 items on agendas etc
- SADPD was taking up a lot of time
- Reports presented to WBC by New Vision Homes had contained incorrect figures which JB was challenging
- Issues with the Leisure Centre building were under investigation

**Cllr GE reported as follows:**

- WB Christmas lights switch on had been very well attended (ca. 500 people) and a huge success. Thanks went to Fran Nevett for organising it.
- WB village day 10:00-16:00 on Saturday, 7 December 2019. All welcome
- Cllr GE to become acting Chairman of WBBA until an appointment is made at AGM in March. Considering holding street fairs in spring, summer and autumn and possibly reviving the monthly Saturday markets.
- Saga of trees on Rosemount Parade continues. Cllr GE would be meeting with WBC.
- James Lowe had won Surrey Butcher of the Year award.
- Missed bin collections reported in Pyrford were being investigated. Residents had not been reminded that they needed to pay their subscriptions. Also green bins had not been emptied which Cllr GE had found out was due to the contents being frozen and the mechanism not being able to empty them.
- KC reported on the Community Festival committee. James Lowe <sup>would stand</sup> had stood down as Chair and the Vice had also had to resign due to personal commitments. A recent meeting had been poorly attended and KC was concerned that impetus was being lost. It was important that someone to drive this initiative forward was found urgently otherwise the summer event was in doubt.

20:50 JB left

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

More subscriptions had now been collected in 2019 compared to the same time in 2018.

It was noted that about 100 members would drop off the subscription list due to unpaid subscriptions. About half of these were WB.

The membership subgroup comprising AG, Lisa Graae and Chris Flux, AMOs for WB and Byfleet respectively, had met and discussed online access and provision of the newsletter on a secure area of the website.

Alan Fuller had quoted £425-800 + VAT for creating a secure area on the website for the newsletter. Access would be via username ie email address and password. Functionalities such as forgotten password would be automatic. The old email facility (mailchimp) would be replaced so some training would be needed. It was agreed that AG should instruct Alan Fuller to do this work.

**ACTION AG**

The quote for providing a private bulletin board ie an online platform in the secure area for comments and messaging would cost £300 + VAT. It was agreed not to go ahead with this now but it would be something for the future.

The year end timetable had been agreed – all subscriptions to be received by end November so that final banking could be done in early December. VRs have had the definitive dates.

Timetable for next year drawn up – Pyrford drop in date outstanding. AG to choose date – similar timing to 2019 – and book venue in Pyrford.

**ACTION AG**

Agreement that subscriptions should remain at min £5 – more welcome.

Village appropriate ie with online banking information envelopes had been agreed. AG would arrange for printing.

AG noted that he would be standing down as acting Membership Secretary after the 2020 AGM.

**10. Website**

Members only area of the website and online access to The Resident covered in item 8.

**14. Village Representative Reports**

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

- Confirmation that the PO would not be closing in November but sometime in 2020.
- Uncertainty about the future location of Boots, the chemist
- Barclays Bank building – future use unknow but there was evidence of internal renovations

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

- In addition, EG noted that boys on bikes in the streets were still a concern but that this activity had not visibly increased.
- Lloyds Bank building now sported a for sale sign but otherwise no information
- Christmas Fayre on 29 November – all welcome
- Cars speeding along Oyster Lane continued to be a concern
- SADPD included the Byfleet fields for release from green belt and safeguarded for 2027-40. SD noted that Bell Cornwell had addressed this – in their opinion this could not be done.
- Plans for increasing the size of the waste plant in Wintersells Lane were still under consultation. Efforts had been made to encourage WBC to make a more robust objection.
- EG would contact BT/RT about 17 Brewery Lane if she had any questions or concerns.

**21:20 KC left**

### **Pyrford**

AG had submitted a written report.

- There were Street Rep vacancies to fill and some streets where subscriptions were still to be collected
- Progress on Marshalls Parade development continued to be slow.
- Activity at Bennetts Farm still causing concern – Cllr GE to follow up.

### **11. Editorial**

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

Drop in on 29 February 2020.

Plenty of content but no new advertising – costs would not be covered.

ID would be standing down after issue 163 but no progress on finding a replacement. Possible locations for advertising the vacancy – Pyrford noticeboards, all libraries, Next Door Pyrford discussed. ID to circulate her advert.

**ACTION ID/ALL**

**12. Right of Way Report** – no report for this meeting

**13. Events Co-ordinator** – no report for this meeting.

### **15. Forum Reports**

**Byfleet** – LC reported that progress was being made with the Neighbourhood Plan. Document was ready to go but needed to be subjected to professional opinion. This would be possible once funding received ie March 2020. Fundraising reported in item 6 above.

**West Byfleet** – WP gave a verbal report.

- As reported above fundraising initiatives would be considered
- CIL available to NF would be referred to as NCIL to differentiate it from CIL spent by council. Council would be providing information in December 2020 on how they had spent CIL. WP and SD had met with councillors to work out how NCIL will work and agreement had been to test the system by asking for 3 benches to be installed on WB Rec. This would be done after the SADPD consultation had finished ie Cllr AB would submit the form on 16 December.
- Thanks given to RA for funding advice from Bell Cornwell
- SADPD - as noted previously the following had been registered as speakers at the DPD examination: Alan George for Byfleet NF, Cllr JB as a Councillor, WP for WBNF, SD for RA (and not for his personal objection)

**Pyrford** – GG gave a verbal report.

The forum had written in support of SADPD as far as Pyrford was concerned and would not be represented at the examination meeting. However, they had reserved the right to speak if there were any change to the plans.

Heritage Conservation Assessment – 3 activities completed including a landscape assessment, the first since 1999. Cost had been £13,000 with £10,500 already raised and the balance to come.

Forum AGM to be held on Monday 25th November.

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**9. AGM - Wednesday, 18 March 2020 at Byfleet Village Hall**

Notice would need to be included in the February issue of The Resident. LD will provide copy to ID.  
A speaker/speakers to be identified. Suggestions welcome.

**ACTION LD/ALL**

**16. DONATIONS**

- **Bench for Godfrey Chapples** – confirmation that donation of £250 was agreed
- **Donation request from Byfleet players** - pending

SD noted that he had contacted SCC councillors to find out how they had spent their allocation of money for spending in the community. This information was in the public domain but SD had wanted confirmation from the councillors themselves. He had eventually received responses providing some information. Cllr AB had sent a detailed list and noted that nothing had been spent in WB. She had, therefore, agreed to give the remainder of her fund - around £500 - to WBNF to assist in protecting WB Green Belt. WP to contact.

**ACTION WP**

**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, xx October 2020 – Pyrford venue to be booked by AG

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at Cornerstone

**Meeting closed at 22:00**

*Stewart G C Spink*  
*13<sup>th</sup> January 2020*

**RT Planning Notes made from list of applications as at 16 11 19**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ref</b>	<b>comment</b>
23 Oct	1	0491	Invermark [permitted after appeal] are they substantial?
29	5		only Trees or Extensions
1 Nov	5		only T &E
1		0689	20 O W Rd change of use?
		0863	Broadoaks illuminated signs
		1042	Marist School M/ U of leisure space
2 /5			T &Ex only
6	4		20 O W Rd permitted
7	5	0143	Broadoaks clearing conditions?
8/9	6		Costa illuminated sign.
11/12	4		153 O W Rd 7 flats may be out of character
13	4	090	Murrays La 6 stables part RETROSPECTIVE!! 7
		1013	9 O W Rd 2 retail and 5 flats needs a look?
15	3		T & Ex only
16	3		T & E only
		0053	Brambles O/L for 49 houses green belt too many anyway RA

Woodlands Sheerwater Rd Appeal held two neighbors attended and spoke!!

There should always be concern about retrospective applications

I make no comment re protection of Green Belt etc

There are a few Method Statements in particular Broadoaks that need checking/ monitoring as well as ensuring ALL planning conditions are signed off at appropriate the time. Some before commencement or at c or first occupation etc etc

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**20 November 2019**

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1/1/19 to the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

The year to date accounts shows a surplus of £3,470 (October £3,483). The decrease from October is mainly driven by RA donations made to Mum & Toddler group and West Byfleet Business Association in November. A further donation of £250 for a bench for late Godfrey and another £250 towards tent equipment approved in September are to be made before the end of November.

We have received Subscriptions of £11,786 YTD this year (previously reported £11,514 in October) and continuing to maintain cash reserves. The balances remaining in each Collections Accounts are the subscriptions received but yet to be allocated to the Members Database.

Advertising invoices for £1,210 relating to October 19, Jan 2020 and June 2020 issues of the resident magazine were issued in November. Isabelle is currently in the process chasing the advertisers. So far, we have received £150 from Kumon. Currently an invoice for £80 relating to Unity Car parts remains outstanding. We have reissued the invoice in November and Isabell is continuing to chasing the customer.

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 Charitable status and gift aid – progress is slow due to regulation 19 and other urgent matters. We will explore this in December January.
- 4 It is now understood that the Pub application was dropped and WBC has abandoned its plans to develop a pub in the recreation ground. As a result, the funds allocated towards Recreation Ground legal challenge are no longer needed.
- 5 We were informed that WBNF has started to raise funds towards future legal challenges. The decision was made in their last forum meeting.

Dharma Sivarajasingham 20/11/2019

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Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association to 20 November 2019

	Year to date	
INCOME	£	£
<b>Subscriptions and member donations:</b>		
Byfleet	2,470	
West Byfleet	4,777	
Pyrford	4,518	
Subscriptions not allocated	85	
2019 paid in 2018	(125)	
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated	61	
		<b>11,786</b>
<b>Advertising</b>		1,870
<b>Bank Interest</b>		103
<b>Donations</b>		10
<b>Other</b>		0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>13,768</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
The Resident		4,378
Committee Expenses		166
Street Rep Drop Ins		438
Room Hire not Comm.		156
AGM		78
Fetes		153
Display/Equipment		0
Donations:		650
Community Support		199
Insurance		310
Postage, Stationery & Printing		88
Sundries/Losses		0
Database/Web Expenses		564
Mileage/Parking		0
Forums - Pyrford	1,808	
- Byfleet	0	
- West Byfleet	1,312	
		<b>3,119</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>10,299</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>£3,470</b>
 Opening Cash		 23,021
Surplus/(Deficit)		3,470
Closing Cash		<b>£26,491</b>
Analysis of Cash		
	Current Account	1,226
	Un allocated	
	Collections Accounts	
	+ 2020 subs not allocated	146
	Deposit	10,005
	32Day deposit	15,114
		<b>£26,491</b>



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER

(As at 12 November 2019)

### KEY POINTS

**2019 collections are above that of all of 2018 (104%).**

All three villages data have changed since October.

There are memberships worth £120 to be entered into the database.

The membership as at 12 November 2019 stands at 2,464 an increase of 1 in the month and 380 since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, but 387 below this time last year.

So far during 2019 £11,630 of subscriptions have been collected (110% of the whole of 2018) and 1,846 memberships renewed (104% of the whole of 2018). West Byfleet has achieved 143% plus of the 2018 full year numbers on both memberships and subscription amounts. Pyrford is behind this time last year by 82 memberships but has £19 more of subscription income.

210 electronic payments have been received year to date, of which Pyrford is 108 (50%), and represents overall 11% by volume of all collections in 2019.

Membership Sub Group met to discuss online access to Resident & private bulletin board

### MEMBERSHIP DETAIL 2019 YEAR

The reports run on 12 November 2019 show that the membership stands at 2,464 an increase of 1 since the last report and 380 since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, but 387 below this time last year.

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	Month Change	Year Change
Byfleet	751	549	551	554	554	560	574	574	575	575	575	-	95
West Byfleet	896	592	626	720	732	755	758	761	788	790	790	-	218
Pyrford	1,192	1,046	1,057	1,064	1,073	1,073	1,079	1,082	1,086	1,086	1,087	1	63
Other	11	8	9	10	10	10	8	9	12	12	12	-	4
	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>380</b>
Movement		(655)	48	105	21	29	21	7	35	2	1		

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

The amounts recorded as collected by village are:-

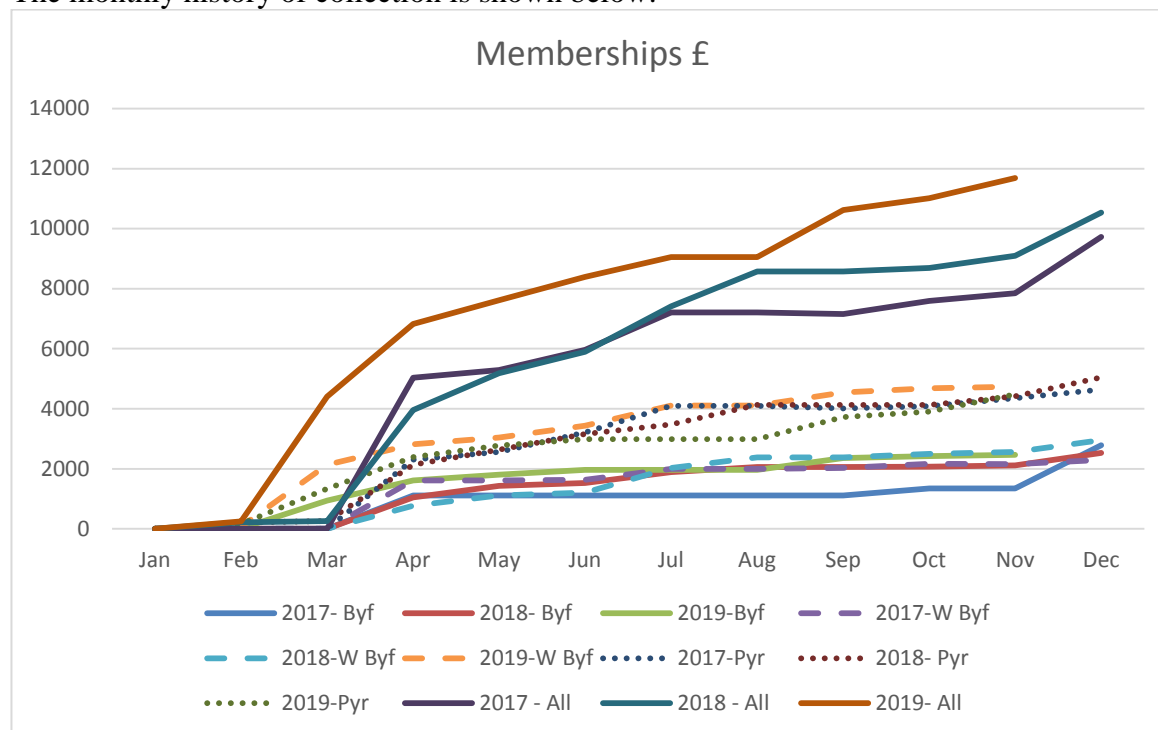
Village	Dec-18	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Month Change	Nov-18	Year Change
Byfleet	2,526	15	932	1,615	1,803	1,965	1,965	2,334	2,405	2,440	35	2,116	325
West Byfleet	2,961	73	2,134	2,822	3,053	3,448	4,113	4,560	4,690	4,752	62	2,559	2,193
Pyrford	5,045	165	1,329	2,389	2,739	2,984	2,984	3,688	3,873	4,438	565	4,420	19
	<b>10,532</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>4,395</b>	<b>6,826</b>	<b>7,595</b>	<b>8,397</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>10,582</b>	<b>10,968</b>	<b>11,630</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>2,536</b>

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The numbers over the last three years is:-

	2017 £	2018 £	2019 £	Subs R'cd 2017, 18 & 19 £
<b>Byfleet</b>	2,789	2,511	2,465	7,764
<b>West Byfleet</b>	2,457	2,813	4,742	10,012
<b>Pyrford</b>	4,640	5,245	4,483	14,368
	<b>9,886</b>	<b>10,568</b>	<b>11,690</b>	<b>32,143</b>

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!

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

Village	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	Full 2018	YTD % 2018
Byfleet	2,440	2,116	2,526	97%
West Byfleet	4,752	2,559	2,961	160%
Pyrford	4,438	4,420	5,045	88%
	<b>11,630</b>	<b>9,094</b>	<b>10,531</b>	<b>110%</b>

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

<b>Number of memberships collected</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>Full 2018</b>	<b>YTD % 2018</b>
Byfleet	396	357	435	91%
West Byfleet	690	436	482	143%
Pyrford	760	842	865	88%
	<b>1,846</b>	<b>1,635</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>104%</b>

West Byfleet Village has already collected 143% of memberships compared to the 2018 full year!

The average subscription received by village is:-

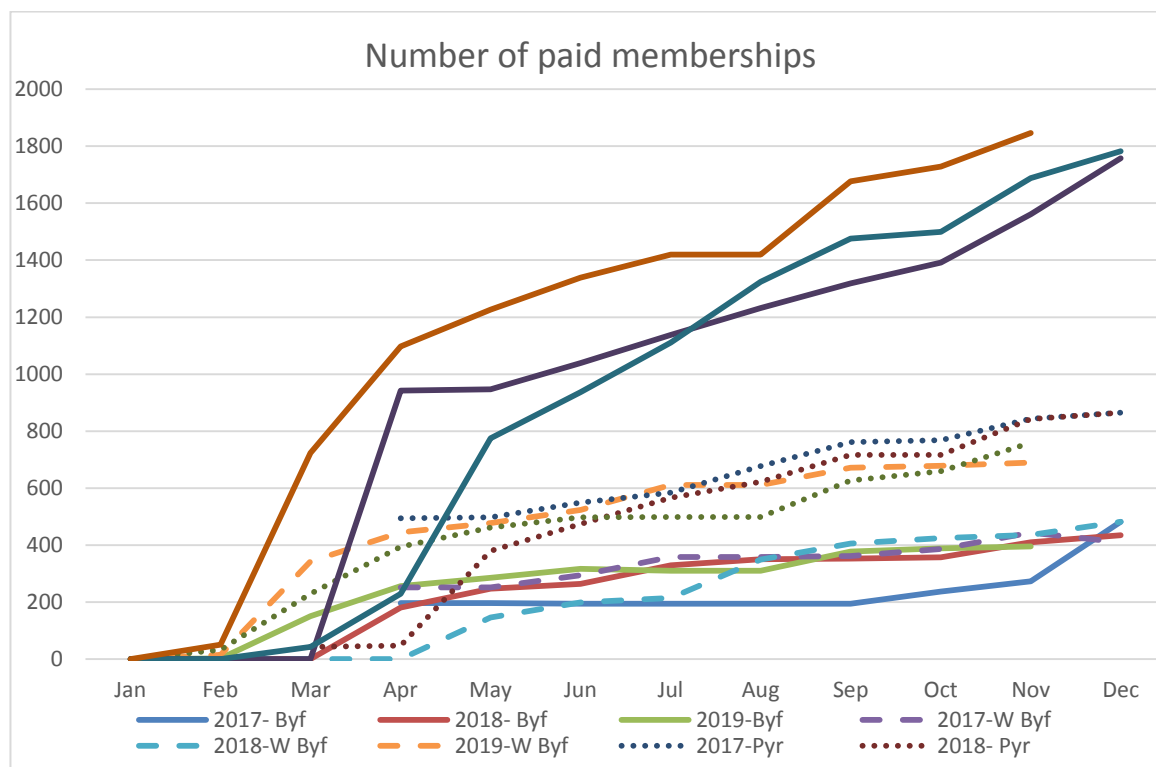
<b>Village</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>Full 2018</b>
Byfleet	6.16	5.93	5.81
West Byfleet	6.89	5.87	6.14
Pyrford	5.84	5.25	5.83
	<b>6.30</b>	<b>5.56</b>	<b>5.91</b>

There are memberships worth £555 still to be entered into the database as follows:-

<b>Village</b>	<b>£</b>
Byfleet	80
West Byfleet	25
Pyrford	15
	120

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	Month Change
Emails	993	934	959	997	1,030	1,059	1,077	1,096	1,133	1,135	1,139	4
Telephone	855	823	841	880	913	949	961	977	1,000	1,003	1,006	3
Post codes	1,211	1,152	1,175	1,236	1,268	1,283	1,284	1,297	1,326	1,328	1,333	5

The analysis of the 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	Month Change
Byfleet	-	-	25	34	38	39	39	42	44	44	44	-
West Byfleet	-	-	36	49	53	56	57	58	58	58	58	-
Pyrford Coll	-	-	48	71	72	76	78	85	88	90	90	-
Pyrford Main	-	5	9	13	22	22	22	18	18	18	18	0
	-	5	118	167	185	193	196	203	208	210	210	-

**Membership Sub-Group**

Met to discuss online access to Resident & private bulletin board. Minutes to follow

**MEMBERSHIP DATABASE EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS**

No emails sent out since last report.

In 2018 24 emails were sent out.

In 2019 10 emails have been sent out; for the first time in May one email was just to one village - West Byfleet.

The statistics so far are:-

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>Totals</b>
No emails sent	24	10	34
Average per month	2.0	0.9	1.9
No recipients sent	21,911	10,157	32,068
Bounced	1,028	344	1,372
	4.7%	3.4%	4.3%
Delivered	20,883	9,813	30,696
	95.3%	96.6%	95.7%
Opened	13,295	7,077	20,372
	63.7%	72.1%	66.4%
Clicked	1,911	704	2,615
	9.2%	7.2%	8.5%
Unsubscribed	33	11	44
	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%

**PYRFORD VR REPORT  
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**PYRFORD STREET REPS**

There are still six Street Rep vacancies to fill, covering around 125 members.

There are no rounds for which no monies have been recorded. Most of the 2019 monies outstanding are on rounds covered by the VR.

**MARSHALLS PARADE**

The saga continues. 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. The works it is hoped should be finished 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.

**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.

**153 Old Woking Road**

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

**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.

**Andy Grimshaw**

**VR Pyrford**

**Byfleet West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association**  
**November 2019**  
**Village Representative Report West Byfleet For Committee and Street Reps**

**Admin**

Another quiet month on subscriptions received with only £62 banked during the month. This does, however, reflect the major push by all street reps on getting the subs earlier in the year, for which many thanks. A reminder has been sent out to all street reps advising that no further subs for 2019 can be accepted after 7th December and that members who, as at 31/12/19, have not paid in the last two years will be removed from distribution lists. We 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.

**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 RA have commissioned a professional review of the Woking BC planning proposals (SADPD), this proposal would result in a massive reduction of our Green Belt. This review is to cover both Byfleet and West Byfleet, the WBC proposals do not affect Pyrford. The RA and the Neighbourhood Forums will be making representations to the Government Inspector who has been appointed to review the Plans for soundness and compliance with national policies. This takes place in early December. We have grounds for believing we have a good case for asking for the proposals to be amended to stop the 1 site in West Byfleet and 2 sites in Byfleet being released from Green Belt. We would like to thank Stewart Dick for the massive amount of work he is putting into this as well as Wade Pollard and the WBNF. 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 The WBNF Committee had asked me to write to the Joint Committee (SCC and WBC) to express support for the proposed A245 pedestrian and cycle improvements between Byfleet and West Byfleet. The Joint Committee Secretary has further replied and advised that it is part of the A245 cycling and walking improvements (albeit continuing down Old Woking Road through Pyrford and not up Sheerwater Road) and as such the whole project is very expensive and will be unaffordable unless a sponsor can be found. I responded, in summary, saying it would be affordable if implementation was in small coherent elements and as Octagon are providing a new shared path outside its site then the small, element left up to the motorway bridge should be affordable. Our councillors supported this approach and we await a response from the Joint Committee.
- 3 The West Byfleet Community Festival committee meeting was eventually held on 13<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, attendance was poor and not much was achieved. The committee needs a new Treasurer as the earlier volunteer had to withdraw for personal reasons as had the Vice-Chair. 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 Chair of the Festival Committee, James Lowe, the WB butcher, directly.

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**Committee Meeting, 19 November 2019**

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- 4 West Byfleet Events laid on a splendid event with music and food last Friday evening. This was to light up the Xmas tree on the corner of Madeira Road and Station Approach and other decorative lights around



- 5 the village centre. Fran Nevett and the “anonymous” donor deserve our massive thanks for her hard work and his generous contribution. The RA were happy to also contribute to this activity.
- 6 Thanks have been received from West Byfleet Junior School PTA for the contribution from the RA
- 7 towards replacing some of the assets stolen from their secure lock-up earlier in the year.
- 8 There has been a reduction in the disruption by children on bicycles in the centre. 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 providing improved facilities for those who are local children and to avoid a repetition of anti-social behaviour.
- 9 There has been a lot of correspondence on the replacement trees for Rosemount Parade. Some alternate suggestions had been made that may have delayed implementation. This has been clarified and our councillors are pressing the responsible officers in WBC to ensure the replacement trees are planted this season as originally promised.

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

- 10 M25 noise petition
- 11 Sheer House redevelopment proposals (see letter from Altitude on WBNF website and earlier circulated to street reps)
- 12 Woodlands Ave Car Park and community safety. Please ring 101 with concerns of apparent illegal activities.
- 13 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.
- 14 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives.
- 15 The Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan for Woking (SCC responsibility – Councillor Mike Goodman) was due to be published late this year but has gone quiet. It may revert to being for Woking Town Centre only.
- 16 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding. (John Bond)
- 17 Camphill Tip uses (Councillors and BUC)

**Businesses:**

Costa are taking over the old Speedflex outlet in Station Approach and reported to be moving in late December. Roman Pools are reported to be taking over the old Eltons shop. No report of the intended tenant for the old Barclays building has been received. Reports of the Post Office and convenience store closing in November were unfounded, it is expected to close during 2020. The RA is pressing for an alternate site as we are very concerned of the number of large villages being left without a sub-post offices.

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

Keith Creswell 16/12/2019



**BWBPRA Committee Meeting 20.11.2019**  
**Byfleet Report 17.11.2019 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 number due to retire end 2019: 1

Of which new since the last report: 0

**Street Reps:**

Oyster Lane and Dawson Road : New Street Rep started.

Clock House Close (and nearby roads) : SR stepped down in October after many years of service for which we are very grateful. Part of this round has generously been picked up by our new Weyside Close SR.

Mowbray Avenue : SR has finished after many years of service for which we are grateful. Replacement to be found before Issue 163.

**Subscriptions**

Small sums have been banked since the last report. A reminder will be sent w/c 18.11.2019 of the last banking day (07.12.2019) for outstanding collections.

**Other:**

During 2020 we will continue to try to recruit SRs for roads without SRs and also to increase members in roads for which we have an SR.

**Events :**

**10.11.2019 Remembrance Sunday** at the War Memorial. Organisers were pleased that number of residents attending was very creditable (approximately 400 residents) The parade from the Village Hall was length and respectful. The RA Deputy VR laid a wreath on behalf of the RA and all residents.

**The Byfleet Amenities Group events :**

**14<sup>th</sup> November** : Carols at Village Hall (6p.m) and Lights Switch on at Plough Green : The RA attended and distributed copies of issue 162 and join up details. The VR and Dep VR would like to thank the Church Road SR who joined us at the stall and distributed RA details.

**29<sup>th</sup> November** : Byfleet Village Christmas Market 5.30-8 p.m- . The RA will attend to encourage new members.

**Other organisations' Events :**

**16th November** : Byfleet Christmas Fayre – Village Hall 10h00

**23<sup>rd</sup> November** : Illuminated Boat Procession - Byfleet Boat Club 5.15 p.m.

Additional seasonal events and initiatives at the Community Library, St Mary's Day Centre, St Mary's Church and The Methodist Church.

### **Village Matters**

**Excessive speed on roads:** There continues to be evidence of an increase in fast and noisy driving of high-performance cars along Oyster Lane (emerging from Abbot Close and the associated Industrial estate behind) and along Sopwith Drive into Parvis Road. Speed measurement has been installed on Oyster Lane (between Byfleet and New Haw Station and Brooklands). Cars speeding along Byfleet Road during the evening can frequently be heard some distance away in Byfleet village centre.

**The Plough Pub signage** – The Plough exterior had been newly painted but residents were concerned to see that the new signage was ‘The Plough, West Byfleet’, Owners have corrected this w/c 10.11.2019. The RA VR thanked the owner for this correction.

**Mill Lane treescape** – An RA SR reported that saplings are being planted between established trees where other trees were previously felled. The Mill Lane project management team advised the SR that the trees which were felled were diseased. The SR pointed out that this was not correct as he had visually inspected the felled trees and found them to be healthy.

### **RA Donations**

Grateful thanks have been received from:

The Byfleet Parish Day Committee regarding the RA’s intended contribution (GBP 250) to the Godfrey Chapples’ memorial bench.

### **SADPD hearings early December 2019**

The two Byfleet fields GB4 and 5 remain as part of the Reg 19 proposal being examined by the inspector much to the concern of Byfleet residents, the majority of whom ( those who have actively expressed an opinion) feel strongly that there are no exceptional circumstances which would justify these greenbelt spaces being taken out of greenbelt for housing.

### **Planning**

2018/0311: 17, Brewery Lane – planning status refused- strong objections from neighbours : ‘Sold’ board outside.

2019/0654 East of 2 Eden Grove/ West of 17 Brewery Lane – planning status ? Concern expressed by neighbours under 2018/0311. Interior apparently remodelled for domestic accommodation in 21019. : ‘For Sale’ board outside.

The VR would appreciate guidance to understand the status of these planning applications.

### **A.O.B.**

None

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