

## **BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

The committee meeting due to be held at S. Mary's Community Centre, Byfleet on Wednesday, 15 April 2020 was cancelled to comply with Covid 19 lockdown restrictions.

The following reports were circulated to committee members.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

For the many people who have repeatedly posted on social media that West Byfleet was like a ghost Village when it actually had over 103 active businesses they now know what a ghost village really looks and feels like. When this is over, let us hope that the vast majority of those businesses will return. They will need our generous support. The same is true for businesses in both Byfleet and Pyrford.

#### **Meetings**

As you know the "Big Picture" meeting with NHS North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group was cancelled. The issue has however not gone away and the meeting will be re-arranged.

Our Annual General Meeting also had to be cancelled. Clearly this also will have to be re-arranged and I will be doing a separate note regarding the issues.

Our monthly meetings are suspended for the foreseeable future. We will however continue to keep in touch by email etc. and submit the usual monthly reports. I would in any event expect a significant reduction in planning applications and one must assume that most of the usual summer events will now not be happening. I would also anticipate a difficult year for subscription collection.

#### **Officers**

Without our AGM we were unable to elect Officers. However we have co-opted Robert Munford and he is our new editor of the Resident Magazine. We have also co-opted Andrew Barrow as our Planning Coordinator. Many of you have now met Robert. The timing of Andrew joining us made meeting difficult but a very warm welcome.

Isabelle has kindly agreed to take over the role of membership secretary and I am most grateful.

#### **Resident Magazine**

It is our firm intention to publish issue number 164 on our website so that it will be available to the whole community. Robert has already circulated a timetable.

#### **SADPD/Examination in Public**

The Inspector published his initial findings (ID/10) and also required that the Annual Monitoring Report by WBC be published. There are several main modifications that have to be addressed and the

Inspector is working with Council Officials to redraft certain policies. I imagine that in the current circumstances progress has slowed. There will in due course be a public consultation lasting at least six weeks. Several of the proposals remain of deep concern to Byfleet and West Byfleet. Nor should it be forgotten that if implemented some will also have a profoundly negative impact on Pyrford.

### **West Byfleet**

The Post Office has now closed. This is very disappointing but was expected.

Boots will remain where they are until the end of their lease in August. I was surprised to read many comments on social media that Boots was closing in the next two weeks and that the community should lobby our Member of Parliament. I really do not know the source of these rumours in that as far as I was aware the clear intention was that Boots were always staying till the end of their current lease. Those posting rumours should, before doing so, consider the potential worry and distress that their actions may cause within the community.

The real challenge is attempting to ensure that Boots remain with us after August. This is not certain but much work is underway to try to achieve a positive outcome.

### **Response to COVID 19**

The Residents' Association has a dedicated page of information.

The intention was to establish through, wherever possible, our Street Representatives a network of good neighbour street support groups. In the event many streets of their own initiative established such groups. Pyrford in particular have been outstanding with quite remarkable community spirit. West Byfleet have also been successful in this regard.

Byfleet have relied more on Byfleet Care (a long-standing volunteer group) and Covid -19 Byfleet Volunteer Group. The latter is supported by St Mary's Church. The Byfleet Coronavirus Volunteer Group have an impressive number of active volunteers and are doing a wonderful job.

For all of us this crisis is unprecedented and we now find ourselves living through a time of great uncertainty and concern with for many deeply personal consequences. With our response we all have a part to play in its solution. My best wishes to you all for your health and that of all whom you care for.

Stewart Dick

9th April 2020

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020**

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2020.

**Covid-19 Impact**

We have taken some measures to ensure our members are safe. Until Covid-19 conditions ease, our street reps will not approach residents to collect subscriptions in person. Our street and village reps will take precautions when handling cash and will not immediately open any cash envelopes. They will allow reasonable time until they deem it is safe to process cash. Most village reps are encouraged to electronically transfer the subscriptions collected and avoid visiting the bank. We encourage everyone to stay safe and follow government guidelines.

In 2020, subscriptions income is expected to be 25% to 30% lower than 2019. This is due to the lockdown and paused collection activity for the next 3 months. This reduction is expected to be around £3,500 based on our 2019 results. We also expect to have fewer advertisements in our resident magazine. However, at this point this is hard to accurately quantify. I expect small businesses are likely to conserve cash and reduce non-essential spending to stay afloat.

**April update on financials**

From the beginning of March, collections have started to pick up. Until 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020, we have collected £4,966 pounds (March £696). Our total cash reserves continuing to remain healthy at £25,546 (March £23,423). For the current year up to April 2020, we have a deficit of £2,043 (March £4,167). As previously informed, this is due to the settlement of the 2019 Bell Cornwell invoice in 2020. We expect cashflows to improve later in the year.

During April 2020, we have invoiced £920 for adverting. This will increase our cash position in April and May. We have paid £1,791 towards printing the latest issue of the Resident magazine and the Walk in Centre leaflets. We are aware that many businesses are having a tough time at the moment and if any advertiser encounters financial difficulty then we are likely to allow additional time for them to settle their invoices or waive the payment if unable to collect and support our advertisers during this difficult time.

Issues and notes.

- 1 RA had received an invoice for £4,491 from Bell Cornwell. This is below the anticipated £5,000 funds set aside by the RA in 2019. This invoice was settled in January 2020.
- 2 Charitable status and gift aid – progress is slow due to regulation 19, Covid-19 and other urgent matters. We are differing this until 2021.
- 3 I have already informed 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 14/04/2020

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to 14 April 2020

		<b>Year to date</b>	
		£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
	<b>Subscriptions and member donations:</b>		
	Byfleet	248	
	West Byfleet	1,307	
	Pyrford	306	
	Subscriptions not allocated	3,105	
	2019 paid in 2018	-	
	2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated	-	
			<u>4,966</u>
	<b>Advertising</b>		230
	<b>Bank Interest</b>		25
	<b>Donations</b>		-
	<b>Other</b>		-
	<b>Total Income</b>		<u><u>5,221</u></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	The Resident		1,490
	Committee Expenses		-
	Street Rep Drop Ins		39
	Room Hire not Comm.		131
	AGM		105
	Fetes		72
	Display/Equipment		-
	Donations:		500
	Community Support		4,792
	Insurance		-
	Postage, Stationery & Printing		-
	Sundries/Losses		-
	Database/Web Expenses		135
	Mileage/Parking		-
	Forums - Pyrford	0	
	- Byfleet	0	
	- West Byfleet	0	
			<u>0</u>
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u><u>7,264</u></u>
	Surplus/(Deficit)		<u><u>(£2,043)</u></u>
Opening Cash			£27,589
	Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(£2,043)</u>
Closing Cash			<u><u>£25,546</u></u>
	Analysis of Cash		
	Current Account		283
	Un allocated Collections Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated		3,105
	Overnight Deposit		7,007
	32Day deposit		15,152
			<u><u>£25,546</u></u>
	<b>* Donations</b>		£
	FRIENDS OF BYFLEET -		
	GODFREY BENCH		250
	BYFLEET AMENITIES		250
			<u>£500</u>

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* <b>Community Support</b>	
BELL CORNWELL RE-	
SADPD	4,491
Printing Leaflets - walk	
in Centre	<u>301</u>
	<u>4,792</u>

# Planning Summary

March 2020  
Andrew Barrow

## Validated (submitted and acknowledged)

Summary of applications by village for the month of March 2020:

	Validated for month				
	New / redevelopment	Commercial	Extensions / updates	Tree related	Total
<b>Byfleet</b>	0	0	5	2	<b>7</b>
<b>Pyrford</b>	1	0	9	2	<b>12</b>
<b>West Byfleet</b>	1	1	3	2	<b>7</b>

## Comments re applications of interest (New build, redevelopment of existing site & commercial):

Application	Location	Description	Category	Decision	Recommendation
COND/2020/0028	Broadoaks Parvis Road	<b>Ask for variation on condition 6 relating to contamination of soil and removal for PLAN/2019/0266 for Broadoaks</b> (115 new market dwellings (C3 use class) and associated garages); the erection of <b>54</b> affordable dwellings (C3 use class), conversion of Broadoaks House to create <b>2</b> new market dwellings & garages; reuse of the <b>2</b> Lodge Houses as new independent market dwellings with garages; restoration and reuse of the Motor House to create <b>6</b> new market dwellings; restoration of the Model Dairy; restoration of the <b>2</b> existing summer houses 1 of which is to be repositioned; the erection of <b>75</b> unit assisted living accommodation (C2 use class) across 2 new buildings; the erection of a new <b>80</b> -bed care home building (C2 use class); erection of a new <b>900 sqm office building</b> (B1 use class); new altered access points to Parvis Road)	New build	Submitted	Checked with the council and the application is confusing. In Mar 2019 ask was to lift the age limit (60) for the Care home as per condition 41. New ask relates to Condition 6 and how to handle contaminated land. No action needed
PLAN/2020/0107	63 Old Woking Road	Submission for new HMO licence for existing conversion in 1994	Commercial	Submitted	No action needed

## Decided (new applications and removal / changes of existing conditions)

Summary of applications by village for the month of March 2020:

	Decided for month					
	New / redevelopment	Commercial	Extensions / updates	Tree related	Total	Approved
<b>Byfleet</b>	1	1	1	2	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Pyrford</b>	2	0	12	7	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>West Byfleet</b>	0	0	5	6	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>

## Comments re decisions of interest (New build, redevelopment of existing site & commercial):

### Byfleet:

Application	Location	Description	Category	Decision	Recommendation
PLAN/2019/1174	Unit 11 Trackside Business Centre Abbot Close	3.7m high advertising sign	Commercial	Permitted	No action needed
COND/2019/0206	76-82 Chertsey Road	Release of condition 14 re drainage for 6 new houses at 76 Chertsey Road	New build	Permitted	No action needed

### Pyrford:

Application	Location	Description	Category	Decision	Recommendation
COND/2020/0019	Flag Stones Oakcroft Road	Discharge of Condition 12 of PLAN/2018/0810 relating to reducing environmental impact by new build	New build	Permitted	No action needed
COND/2018/0131	18 Norfolk Farm Road	Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of PLAN/2018/0379 (two storey detached dwelling) relating to materials used, handling of surface water, improvement of environmental efficiency and landscaping	New build	Permitted	No action needed

1 rejected:

TREE/2020/8041 the trees have high public amenity value. 41 Windsor Way

### West Byfleet:

None of interest.

2 rejected:

PLAN/2019/0822 rejected on plan not fit for purpose. 19 Sanway Road

PLAN/2019/1203 not in character. 2 Birchdale Close.

### Outside Borough:

No applications validated or decided showing on the Planning Portal

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2020**

**(As at 14 APRIL 2020)**

*This is my first report as the Membership Secretary. I am still learning about the database and how to use it under Andy Grimshaw's instruction and guidance. Consequently, my initial reports will be shorter than you are used to seeing whilst I become more familiar with the detail.*

### **KEY POINTS 2020 YEAR**

Membership subscriptions of **£1906** have been entered into the membership database and subscriptions of **£3,165** have been banked but have yet to be entered and attributed to individual household members. In total £5,073 of membership subscriptions have been received this year, compared to £6,831 at this time in 2019.

	Banked not entered	In Membership Database	Totals	Totals 2019
	£	£	£	£
Byfleet	211	263	474	1,615
West Byfleet	290	1,337	1,627	2,822
Pyrford	2,664	306	2,970	2,394
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>6,831</b>

The number of email addresses is just below **50% (48.8%)** of total membership, having grown from 35% at December 2018.

The required development to the website to allow the newsletters (both new and older versions) to be uploaded has been completed and the issues will be added to the website over the coming days by Robert Munford and Isabelle David.

The required development of the database to allow members to choose whether to receive a copy of their newsletter electronically or in hard copy form has been completed. Whilst not relevant for the June issue, which it has already been agreed will be distributed electronically and uploaded to the website to allow all residents access free of charge, the system will be in place for the next issue (165), subject to any restrictions in place at the time.

### **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 14 April 2020 the membership was 2,359.

The numbers by village are shown below:-

<b>Village</b>	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>Dec-19</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Mar-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>Month Change</b>	<b>Year Change</b>
Byfleet	751	576	543	547	548	548	0	(6)
West Byfleet	896	793	759	763	764	768	+4	36
Pyrford	1,192	1,089	1,011	1,016	1,018	1,029	+11	(44)
Other	11	11	7	10	12	14	+2	5
	<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>2,336</b>	<b>2,342</b>	<b>2359</b>		<b>(10)</b>
Movement	(19)	(381)	(149)	16	6	17		

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The amounts collected by village are:-

<b>Village</b>	<b>Dec-18</b>	<b>Dec-19</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Mar-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>Month Change</b>	<b>Apr-19</b>	<b>Year Change</b>
Byfleet	2,526	2,740	-	40	100	263	+163	1,625	-1,352
West Byfleet	2,961	4,822	-	10	30	1,337	+1,307	2,822	-1,485
Pyrford	5,045	4,598	-	301	306	306	0	2,394	-2,088
	<b>10,532</b>	<b>12,160</b>	-	<b>351</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>+1,407</b>	<b>6,831</b>	<b>-4,925</b>



**Editor –Resident Association Report as at 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

- Completed timetable for Issue 164 and sent out to all Committee members
  - Key Date is Article and Advert deadline date is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Issue 164 will be uploaded to RA website and emailed to RA members (we have about 49% of email addresses within membership database)
- All village events that were planned for Spring/Summer have been postponed or cancelled (I will update diary page accordingly)
- If anyone has any articles they would like to include, please email me as some articles I had planned have not materialised as no progress due to Coronavirus
- It is also a very difficult time so hard to know what articles to publish and we do need to include some positive news during this time
- I have an article covering guidance on Covid-19 from West Byfleet Medical Centre and I am waiting for a response from Jonathan Lord (I will chase him today)
- It would be good to have one page showing all Village Covid-19 volunteer support groups and contact details, I have some for Byfleet.
- Alan Fuller has now provided me Administration access to the RA website and set up area on website for archive copies of The Resident magazine. When I get time I will start to upload some.
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**The Resident Magazine Issue 164 Timetable - June Deadline**

<b>2020</b>	<b>Activity/Task</b>	<b>Owners</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Deadline for Adverts	Isabelle
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Deadline for All Articles	Robert/RA Committee Members
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Finalise layout and publish Draft (1) Dropbox	Robert
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Final Draft (2) Ready Published in Drop Box	Gareth (Layout)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Review Draft (2) make any changes and send to Gareth (layout) Published in Drop Box Draft (2)	Robert
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Send out PDF (Draft 2) version for proof reading	Robert
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Deadline for responses from proof-readers	Proof-readers
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Complete changes/updates from the proof-readers Create and Finalise Draft (3)	Gareth (Layout) Robert
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Send Draft (3) out to RA Committee	Robert
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Final Deadline for last minute minor changes and updates	RA Committee
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Complete edits and final changes following comments from RA Committee Draft (4)	Robert Gareth (Layout)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Load PDF Final version Issue 164 of The Resident to RA website	Robert Anita Flavell
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Send out emails to RA members	Andy Grimshaw

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

### **RA Subscriptions/ Street Reps/Drop-in**

#### **Coverage of village : ( Stats untouched since last report)**

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:**

Assistant Membership Officer Byfleet likely to be needed later in 2020. New Street Reps needed for 19 roads.

#### **Subscriptions**

A number of subscriptions have been given to VRB, these will be held until the COVID-19 Lockdown rules allow processing. SRs have been guided not to chase for subscriptions.

#### **Village Matters**

##### **COVID-19-related :**

All shops and restaurants remain closed in Byfleet Village centre with the exception of both Coops, both bakeries, Boots the Chemist and Wine 2 Dine corner shop. The Red Rose, The Comodor, Blue Anchor ( Sunday lunches) are offering deliveries. Car repair and electrical supply premises are sporadically accessible to the public.

The streets are quiet with evidence that most residents are adhering strictly to the government self-isolation guidelines. The few incidents of anti-social behaviour have mainly related to a few individuals driving recklessly and noisily on the empty roads in the evenings. The police have been more in evidence which is comforting to residents. Police helicopters have been deployed over Byfleet at night at least twice in the last fortnight

#### **Organisations/ Volunteering and positive Community Initiatives:**

**Byfleet Care** (in existence for 27 years) have confirmed that they have 15 new volunteers to cover shopping and prescription collection. The Manager has 'met' and checked references for new volunteers. To date, requests have not exceeded their ability to supply a volunteer. They have capacity to do more at this point. Byfleet Care are not offering transport at the moment for obvious reasons. Any volunteers over 70 have been released from their volunteering roles at the moment.

**COVID-19 Byfleet Volunteers** are also doing well with their 0800 number and a handful of volunteers on a rota to take calls. They are doing a wider range of tasks including shopping, prescription collection and friendly phone calls, dog-walking and have confirmed that recent days have been quiet and they have capacity available. Scarlett Hiles, the organiser is known to Rev McCabe of St Mary's, Byfleet. VRB has been in touch with Scarlett to thank her for all her team are doing for Byfleet.

**Neighbours :** We are aware of many neighbours shopping for others in their road/ in the village who are more vulnerable.

**The churches** are actively supporting their older/vulnerable faith-community members and anyone else in the community who approach them. With churches closed to worshippers and the public, the Easter Weekend was celebrated online. St Mary's have daily morning prayer steamed at 8.30. Many residents were pleased to see a wooden cross erected by Rev McCabe in his front garden, and a decorated cross in the Methodist Church Foyer visible from the pavement.

**Clapping for the NHS on Thursdays at 8 p.m.:** This initiative has been well-supported in Byfleet.

**Byfleet Sings: Fridays at 7.30 p.m.**

**Sunday Tea at 3 p.m.** over the garden fence (2 m distancing): Residents in part of Rectory Lane initiated a 3 p.m. wave/chat over front garden fences or across the road. Residents bring their own mug of tea and chair out into their front garden- keeping at least 2m apart.

**Children's Initiatives :** There are myriad rainbows, bear hunts, and decorated driveways throughout the village to be spotted by enthusiastic walkers doing their daily exercise, which helps keep up the interest and spirits as well.

In time, we suspect there may be a community need/ need for volunteers

1. to tend the gardens of elderly residents- where children would have traditionally travelled to visit from afar for a day helping with the heavier jobs in the garden.
2. Transport when physical appointments are needed/pick up again. - NHS transport will perhaps cover much of this in the interim.
3. Bereavement counselling where residents have lost family members (whether or not from COVID) and have not been able to grieve with others - again I think this will have to be professionally trained NHS staff or NHS-inducted volunteers.

**Other Village items :**

**Litter is** at a minimum and refuse collections continue to be regular and effective, helping people's sense of well-being. Full house points to SERCO.

**Potholes** – hotspots on roads with are 'the usual suspects' were in a very poor condition in early March. The situation has now improved.

**Godfrey Chapples' Memorial Bench** – Was due to be unveiled with a small event to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 12h00. This has been postponed with a provisional date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

**Street Tree Planting/Nature** - On the positive front, the new trees planted on verges in Church Road, Hart Road and Mowbray Avenue are in blossom and looking beautiful. St Mary's Copse is in its full Spring raiment – the white honesty is in full bloom. We are grateful to 'The Wild Bunch' who garden the Copse so sensitively.

**Events and expenditure:**

**The Byfleet Parish Day which was to take place on Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 has been cancelled.**

**A.O.B.** None

Many thanks and regards

Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Froissard - EMG/JPF 14.04.2020

**PYRFORD VR REPORT (as at 12 April 2020)**

**A) PYRFORD STREET REPS**

Total monies received and banked this year is £2,855 of which only £306 has been recorded in the membership database. Files are being prepared for the Treasurer to enter.

**B) MARSHAL PARADE DEVELOPMENT SAGA**

Hooray more progress! Building walls has restarted after the RSJ's were finally installed. Last month a crane turned up to install the RSJ's, then they were removed and, after resizing, were subsequently reinstalled. (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). Under the current circumstances, it is not clear when the units will be completed

**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. A revised plan for 5 flats has been received but is not yet agreed by Planning Officer. I have been informed that once the revised plans are agreed all objectors will be notified.

**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 was approved on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**D) TWISTED STONE GOLF CLUB**

Recently, there has been a certain amount of social media activity about various activities on the Twisted Stone Golf Club. Access to the path around the Pyrford Road end edge from Dodd's Lane footpath across a stream alongside has been prevented by erecting earth works. Also, from the canal end, new fencing has been erected parallel to the Public Right of Way footpath (FP88) restricting the width to about 2m

**E) CORONA VIRUS**

The Village Rep has identified a number of roads in Pyrford that have set up self-help groups for neighbours and handled two support queries raised to Jonathan Lord MP. The list of roads will be updated.

**E) FUTURE PYRFORD VILLAGE EVENTS**

<b>CANCELLED</b>	VE Day 75 <sup>th</sup> Celebration 4pm Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Pyrford Cricket Field
<b>POSTPONED</b>	Dulux London Cycle Ride to 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Coldharbour Road
<b>CANCELLED</b>	Pyrford Flower Show 12:30 Saturday 11 July 2020	Pyrford Cricket Field
<b>PLANNED</b>	Prudential London Ride Sunday 16th August 2020	Coldharbour

**Andy Grimshaw Pyrford Village Rep**

April 2020

Village Representative Report West Byfleet  
For Committee and Street Reps

**Admin**

The street reps made a great effort to get magazines delivered and subs collected before the lockdown. Many members and street reps made use of the direct bank payment facility so we managed to record £1272 this month. We have a number of cheques received which, given the self-isolation of the VR and AMO for age and health reasons, are being held back and not banked.

We still need to identify street reps for Stoop Court, western end of Dartnell Ave, the top of Coldharbour Road, Claremont Road, Rivey Close and Madeira Road and related side roads.

We also need better street rep coverage for blocks of apartments such as Globe, Magna, Wentworth, Tattenhall and Rosemount. With the massive increase in apartment accommodation in West Byfleet now and in the future, it is important we increase and improve our representation of members from this type of property.

**Local issues**

Coronavirus has clearly been the major issue over the last few weeks.

It is notable and very pleasing to see how many local street based good neighbour schemes have been set up often including street reps as willing volunteers or organisers. We continue to ask Street Reps to be aware of the local help groups operating in their areas.

We should also note the excellent effort by a new resident, Emma Osborne, in setting up the WB Coronavirus Support group. They are sharing a free phone number with the Byfleet Group and have over 250 volunteers. They help the chemists with prescription deliveries and make daily grocery deliveries. Her group includes several of our street volunteers. She has brought a whole new generation of volunteers to help the community and deserves our thanks and appreciation.

In other areas, the magnificent WB Community Garden Group have planted a fresh native hedgerow on the north side of Birch Green, with the agreement of WBC. This will help improve the street scene, aid the air quality and provide an example of community work in practice, many thanks to the participants particularly Katrina and Louisa.

Work with WBNF continues to be excellent and although most issues are necessarily parked at the moment they are recorded here for continuity.

- 1 Woking BC planning proposals (SADPD)
- 2 WBNF Community Infrastructure Levy
- 3 The West Byfleet Community Festival (West Byfleet Live) committee has decided to cancel this year's event due to the pandemic. They will continue to meet to run a successful event in 2021.
- 4 Nothing further to report on the Youth project at this time. Further information will be released later in the year.
- 5 The developments at Broadoaks.
- 6 A245 shared use cycle path between Byfleet and West Byfleet implementation. The Government has released a Carbonisation reduction consultation paper which advocates increased and improved public and active (cycling and walking) transport. We are hopeful this will continue the pressure to develop a coherent shared path from Byfleet to West Byfleet.
- 7 M25 noise petition
- 8 Sheer House redevelopment proposals
- 9 Woodlands Ave Car Park and community safety. Please ring 101 with concerns of any apparent illegal activities.
- 10 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.

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- 11 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives.
- 12 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding.
- 13 Camphill Tip uses (Councillors and BUC). The government consultation document (ref 6 above) has given the opportunity to raise Project Sunbeam again.

**Businesses:**

1. Boots agreed revised lease terms ie until August / September with Prime Finance a little while back, this has been confirmed by a senior executive to Jonathan Lord and Altitude. Gary spoke with Altitude a week or so back to ask if they are likely to offer a further extension until say the end of the year or beyond or until closer to the time when demolition and construction commences, they have confirmed that they are in regular dialogue and negotiation with Boots. Gary has written to a couple of businesses in West Byfleet whose current premises may well be considered suitable as a temporary or permanent relocation for Boots and await a response.
2. WBBA members are receiving regular updates regarding what benefits and compensations are available during the current business closures and staffing layoffs. Advice is also offered on a range of matters by Braywood.
3. Many businesses are closed for the lockdown, although a few restaurants and the butcher are offering home delivery services.
4. All are familiar with Waitrose's efforts, which are generally much appreciated in the neighbourhood.

Thanks to Gary Elson Chair WBBA for their contribution.

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

Keith Creswell  
07/04/2020

## PNF Report April 2020

Due to Corona virus much of the activity is in abeyance.

### 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.

**Work behind the scenes continues to re-designate.**

### HERITAGE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Work continues 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.

**An intended visit to Surrey History Centre has had to be postponed.**

### 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.

**The Chairman is not aware of any changes since the March report**

Andy Grimshaw  
PNF Chair

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1. The Woking Joint Committee have approved the installation of three new benches in the Recreation Ground. No timetable yet for this because of C-19.
2. SCC are launching a £100m fund to match fund community leisure projects. We have indicated through Amanda Boote, our SCC Councillor, an appetite for up to £2m to build a new pavilion in the Recreation Ground utilising our NCIL.
3. Boots have confirmed their shop will remain open until August and they are searching for alternative premises in West Byfleet. The Post Office has now closed.
4. Waitrose have applied for planning to change six staff car parking spaces to spaces for vans for home deliveries (PLAN/2020/0229).
5. West Byfleet Live has been cancelled.
6. Spectrum Brands who were a large employer located in Enterprise House adjacent to the Station tunnel have vacated and the premises are being refurbished for reletting.
7. The West Byfleet Community Gardening Group have planted saplings on Birch Green and will resume activities when the C-19 crisis is over.

Wade Pollard, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020



**Report for RA Committee April 2020**

**Cllr Gary Elson, Borough Councillor, Pyrford Ward**

Not much to report for Pyrford and West Byfleet..

- Boots Chemist West Byfleet – The Pharmacy agreed to an extended lease some weeks ago ( August / September ) it was never going to close in 2 weeks' time. I spoke with Stephen Tillman of Altitude the developer to see if they were prepared to offer a further extension until the end of the year or beyond given that demolition of Sheer House was likely to start before next Spring. He told me that they are in dialogue and negotiation with Boots. In the meantime no suitable alternative premises have been identified. On behalf of the WBBA I have written to the current owners of a couple of premises that may be suitable either on a temporary or permanent basis to house the Pharmacy, I have not received a reply to date but will continue to make enquiries.
- The West Byfleet Post Office Counter has closed, as I understand it no new Postmaster has been forthcoming so it is unlikely that the Counter in Londis will reopen in the short term. I am due to meet with the owner of another West Byfleet shop who is showing an interest in having a Post Office Counter in his store, they will still need a Postmaster or have somebody trained up even if it were to come to fruition.
- The trees along Rosemount Parade have now been replaced, I have asked for an extra planter to be 'costed up' to further enhance this stretch of the Parade. I am still pursuing the idea of getting the paving power washed as this will greatly improve the look and feel of the area. The main concern is that it may well cause some of the grouting to lift and loosen other smaller slabs.
- There are a growing number of reports in West Byfleet and Pyrford of cars which are driving at excessive speeds, there is little we can do at present about this. I have advised concerned residents to make a note of the registration numbers of any vehicles that are driving recklessly or well in advance of the speed limits and pass them on to the Police.
- Twisted Stone Golf Club: there are reports from residents concerning 'ground works' related activity and problems with access to one of the footpaths that runs through the remaining part of the Golf Course still owned by Twisted Stone. The owners of the 100 or so acres recently purchased by the owners of the Old House in Pyrford Road are aware of this but are not responsible for any closing off of the footpath.
- There is a planning application in for the Twisted Stone Club House, Bob T , Andy or Graham may well have updates.
- Some West Byfleet Businesses have received the grants that they applied for from WBC.
- Formal Council Committee Meetings are likely to recommence in May but these will be held via video style conferencing.
- Announcements will be made shortly advising residents and Councillors of how the Council will operate in the absence of this year's local elections and the likely effects if any this will have on the membership and make-up of the Administration and the various Committees.
- The various Coronavirus volunteer groups and networks set up locally, by the RA, SCC and WBC are being well received.

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15 April 2020