

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held via Zoom at 19:00 on Wednesday, 24 June 2020

Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair
Lynette Davies (LDD) – Secretary
Andy Grimshaw (AG) – Pyrford Village Representative
& Chair Pyrford NF
Dharma Sivarajasingham (DS) – Treasurer
Isabelle David (ID) – Membership Secretary
Robert Munford (RM) - Editor
Keith Creswell (KC) – WB VR
Eleanor Grady (EG) – B VR

Penny Hoskyn (WP) - WB Forum
Wade Pollard (WP) – WB Forum
Lynn Cozens – Byfleet N Forum
Bob Tilley (BT)

Councillor Gary Elson (Cllr GE)
Councillor Mary Bridgeman (Cllr MB)
Councillor Graham Chrystie (Cllr GC)

The quorum is 8 members - the meeting was quorate.

AG & RM left the meeting at 20:00

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

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

SD welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first time the RA had met virtually.

No apologies had been received.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 11 March 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 were reviewed and agreed as a true record to be signed by the Chair at some point in the future.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 had not been approved at the March meeting due to it not being quorate. As the comments and amendments had been recorded in the March minutes, the minutes of the 19 February 2020 were agreed to be a true record to be signed by the Chair at some point in the future.

All actions were covered by the agenda for this meeting.

4. Planning Report

SD had prepared a report and commented as follows:

- RA had raised an objection on the proposed development at 141 Old Woking Road and the proposed boat house at Pyrford Place
- RA had not objected to the proposals for Twisted Stone
- In response to the comment on Neighbourhood Notification not working with letters not being received, Cllr GC informed the meeting that a new system for planning was now in place with changes to the way in which notifications were sent out.

EG noted that the street rep in Byfleet would be keeping an eye on development in Catherine Close, Byfleet.

SD had circulated an email summarising the current situation with regard to the SADPD and had no further comments to add.

5. Councillors' Reports

Cllr GE

Cllr GE was asked to comment on the meeting which had taken place the same day with WBC re Sheer House.

Cllr GE reported that there had been a meeting for all the area councillors with Douglas Spinks in which he had informed them that the Sheer House site had been acquired from Prime Finance (West Byfleet) SarL by Retirement

Villages Group (wholly owned by AXA). The total investment will be £90 million. This group were proposing to make only minor adjustments to the existing outline planning consent although details were still to be released. Intention was for site clearance work to start in October 2020 with the project likely to take ca. 30 months with access after 24, the remaining time being for fitting out. The indication was that the central square would be retained along with provision for a community space/library and the retail units would be for small independent traders. The underground carparking was unlikely to go ahead and the apartments would be for retirees and not for general release. Councillors had made clear their concerns about the pharmacy and post office.

The committee were pleased to hear that there was finally good news on Sheer House and were broadly supportive. This was good news for the village and the wider community. With a projected older demographic there would be no pressure on school places but medical facilities which were already under pressure would be an issue. The completion of the Broadoaks development would already put a strain on the medical centre. Councillors confirmed their commitment to pursuing this issue with the developer and would also be pushing for another GP practice in Byfleet which would relieve demand on West Byfleet health centre. Early engagement with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would be the key for medical services. Cllr GC noted that he was in contact with Deborah Hughes for other areas and would now include West Byfleet/Byfleet in discussions.

The wider issue of Woking Walk-in Centre was still to be resolved and Cllr GE committed to finding out more from Jonathan Lord.

The RA had previously objected to the outline planning asking for some minor amendments but it was agreed that in the current scenario a pragmatic approach should be taken. Having derelict buildings in the centre of the village with a resulting loss of retail for a considerable amount of time had been detrimental to the area. RA would seek to engage with the developers to get the best outcomes for the community and would work with the WBNF and councillors to this end. The need to win the support of the community was noted.

NB During the meeting Cllr Amanda Boote had posted an announcement on social media which had resulted in a number of positive responses from the community.

RA committed to get a statement out as soon as possible, preferably after a statement from the WBC.

Cllr GE had nothing further, noting the comprehensive report on WB which had been provided by KC. The big concern was supporting the many businesses which remained in WB.

It was noted that retirement homes would not give rise to any NCIL for West Byfleet.

Cllr MB

Cllr MB noted that she had attended the Council climate meeting and raised the possibility of solar panels on the ground at Camphill Tip. KC explained that landownership was with both WBC and BUC. AG confirmed that BUC had met with Ray Morgan who was in support. KC noted that there was another proposal for the use of this land from Network Rail which was also attractive.

Climate change group in WB were organising wildflower planting ie on roundabouts and KC suggested that contact was made with Louisa Bergman who ran the WB gardening group.

PH noted the need for bins to be regularly emptied on the recreation ground and for more to be provided. Cllr MB would follow this up.

Cllr GChr

Cllr GChr noted that the fact that council officials were not permitted to make visits was slowing down the planning process. Twisted Stone Golf Club would be a priority once this was possible.

The Woking Joint Committee had cancelled their June meeting and the NCIL review paper would now go before the September committee meeting.

It was proposed that there would be a change to the Planning approval process. Going forward it is the intention that many more planning applications will be dealt with under delegated powers. The exceptions will be:

- > a major development (definition to be confirmed)
- > five or more houses
- > where there are ten or more objections

The Ward Councillor call-in process would remain unchanged.

A paper will be submitted to WBC at the end of July.

Whilst the delays were unacceptable, Cllr GCh asked for some understanding for the difficulties faced by the planning department.

The suggestion that an article on how the planning process worked should be included in Newsletter Issue 165 was agreed and Cllr GChr volunteered to do this. **ACTION Cllr GChr**

Cllr GC requested that Cllr GE, who had this in his remit, revisit the CCTV provision in WB and find out if all the cameras were working and whether the images were being used. Cllr GE intended to bring this up with the newly appointed Borough Commander Dave Bentley. WP noted that he had seen work being carried out on the cameras on the WB recreation ground.

EG noted that similar problems with anti-social behaviour had been experienced in the park in Byfleet, although this was not currently of particular concern. Cllr GE was willing to facilitate a meeting for interested residents with Commander Bentley. (See also below item 8)

6. Treasurer's Report

The Statement of Affairs report covering the period 1 January to 21 June 2020 had been circulated before the meeting.

Expenditure for the online newsletter was included and showed a saving of £947 in comparison to the previous issue. Some invoices were still outstanding and would be chased for payment.

Subscription collections had been slow but were picking up with monies still to be banked for WB and Pyrford.

The cash reserves stand at £26,663.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

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

This was ID's first report. She had been getting acquainted with the database and looking at ways to increase the RA's online presence. She listed in her report all the sites the RA's newsletter had been mentioned and noted that Fiona Syrett had been an excellent contact for Byfleet.

There had been 8 enquiries about membership via the website – presumably as a result of the online publication of the newsletter.

ID noted the need to increase member emails if this was to be the means of contact in the future. Street reps had been successful in getting more email addresses but even more were needed. EG committed to encouraging Byfleet street reps to get more emails once it was possible to resume deliveries and subscription collections.

It was noted that there is a proportion of the membership who do not use email.

The need to keep the RA profile high and to encourage new members to join was noted. The RA did not have a Facebook page (there was some resistance to this) but could make use of other social media sites. Regular postings on the website and reminders every 6 months (at least) were suggested.

ID would co-ordinate with RM on a follow up email re the online publication of Newsletter 164.

8. Anti-social behaviour

ID had highlighted the problems Woodlands Avenue residents were having with antisocial behaviour, including possible drug taking in the woods along the canal behind the houses and in the car park.

Cllr GE had arranged for David Bentley, Borough Commander, to meet with householders (9 had accepted the invitation) and see the situation for himself. The feeling was that, currently, very little police presence was evident in this area. There are CCTV cameras on the car park which are, apparently, working but providing no useful evidence (according to the police).

9. AGM 2020

SD had circulated a lengthy email outlining the options for holding the AGM which had been postponed in March due to Covid-19.

General opinion was that the AGM should now be held as a virtual meeting. A quorum of 35 would be needed so there would be some work to be done around making sure enough people attended.

SD/LDD will work on finding a date and making the arrangements.

ACTION SD/LDD

SD noted that he was working on a complete re-write of the constitution!

10. Website

Work had been done to get the information on the website up to date. Thanks to ID, SD and Anita for making all the

changes so quickly.

It was important that the momentum was kept up and that new content was posted on a regular basis. With the news on Sheer House it was likely that this would be the case.

The newsletter had been successfully provided free of charge to all.

Progress had been made towards a members only login for the future and testing had been carried out.

A decision needed to be made as to when this should be implemented and access to the newsletter limited to members only. It had already been agreed that the previous 3 newsletters would always be freely available. Having email addresses for all members was the key to the members area working properly. It was hoped this would also boost membership and therefore increase subscription income.

However, there was a need to find out the appetite for online only newsletters and street reps could be tasked with getting this information. RM would also be asked about costings and the savings to be made digital vs hardcopy vs a combination.

ACTION SD/ID/RM

SD requested a report on the work done with Alan Fuller on the website. ID agreed to co-ordinate with AG and AF to get this information.

ACTION ID/AG

Website analytics report had been circulated by Anita. This showed an 85% increase in new visitors with the peak at the point at which the newsletter became available. There were more than 2,000 new users on the site.

ID would like to post photos of all committee members who are asked to email their consent.

ACTION ALL

11. Editorial

Edition 164 had been made available on the website free of charge to all. RM was congratulated on an outstanding issue. It had taken a good deal of work to achieve this and all participants were thanked for their hard work. RM noted that he had enjoyed putting it together. This had been a larger than usual edition with 24 pages (17 in the last one). Some hardcopies had been printed for archiving.

He was now working on Edition 165 and had drawn up some ideas for articles. He asked for suggestions or contributions to be emailed to him. One idea he had was to include a church feature with each one providing an article in rotation.

He also suggested continuing with profiles of the committee and had nominated KC and EG for the next issue. He would email the questions.

ACTION RM/KC/EG

WP agreed to provide the spending wish list for the NCIL funding.

ACTION WP

See also discussions under agenda items 7 & 20 – would Edition 165 be digital only? Decision might depend on whether or not street reps were able, and happy, to deliver in current circumstances to do so. Deadline for a decision ie to allow time for printing if hardcopy was the chosen option would be early September. ID would check timeline with RM. VRs also to check with street reps how they felt about delivering.

ACTION ID/RM & VRs

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

KC reported that Muddy Lane was not completely resolved and that the judgement against the appeal was still awaited.

13. Village Representative Reports

West Byfleet – a detailed report from KC had been circulated prior to the meeting. He made the following additional comments:

- WBC had issued their cycling strategy at the end of March which he considered to be completely underwhelming! The focus was clearly on the town centre with very little on the outlying areas. A link between Sheerwater with the town centre and West Byfleet did feature.
- KC's request for a petition for the cycling/walking path along the Parvis Road between Byfleet and Broadoaks had been accepted by WBC and would be considered at the Joint Committee on 11 November 2020. KC thanked WBNF, Byfleet Forum and Cllr Amanda Boote for their support in raising the petition which now needed to be publicised. It was agreed that it should go on the website.
- It was pleasing to note that the WBBA now comprised 56 members which was down to the hard work of Cllr GE.
- Other matters were noted.

Byfleet – Eleanor apologised for not having sent a report. She noted that refurbishment on some of the shops in the village was going ahead. She thanked KC for his work on the cycle path link from Byfleet to Broadoaks. Planning for Emerald House had been approved. She was holding some cash collected by one of the street reps which would need to be banked. The Assistant Membership Secretary for Byfleet, Chris Flux, would be moving house this year and a replacement would need to be found.

Pyrford - AG commented as follows:

- Some planning applications to monitor
- Work continued with the Heritage Conservation project
- Wish list from Pyrford for NCIL spending to go to councillors – summary

On the subject of NCIL, SD stated that he had watched the podcast of the WBC Overview and Scrutiny Committee and had been concerned at the apparent lack of knowledge displayed by Committee Members regarding NCIL. He had written to express this view (in a personal capacity).

14. Forum Reports

Pyrford – AG had reported that re-designation was ongoing

West Byfleet – WP noted the announcement re Sheer House and wondered about the implications on Broadoaks which would also be providing retirement properties. He would talk to Pegasus. He also had contacts with the Sheer House developers. He noted that retirement properties generated no CIL funding.

One of the three benches provided by NCIL funds had been installed on WB Rec and the other two should follow. WP was planning a walk around with the councillors at some point soon.

No further matters to report.

Byfleet – LC reported that work continues on the NF Plan but no meetings had taken place since March.

Work on re-designation was also ongoing.

Good news was that £1,000 had been received from Tesco from the token scheme at that the Crowd Funding initiative had reached its target of £600.

15. AOB

There was a brief discussion about the planning for 63 Old Woking road and the work in Eden Grove Road.

Drop-in dates:

14:00 on Saturday, 10 October 2020 – Pyrford Village Hall booked by AG – likely to go ahead?

Meeting closed at 20:52

Date of the next meeting – **19:00 Wednesday, 22 July 2020 via zoom**

TREASURER'S REPORT
21st of June 2020

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1st of January 2020 to 21st of June 2020.

June update on financials

Our year to date subscription collection £7,071 pounds (April £4,966). Our total cash reserves continue to remain healthy at £26,663 (April £25,546). For the current year up to June 2020, we have a deficit of £926 (March £2,043). We expect to return to cash positive later in the year. We have invoiced £920 in March for advertising and collected £550 so far. Alan Greenwood and sons (£150) and Private GP Clinic (£220) have not paid.

In June 2020, we have released our first electronic only version of The Resident magazine. We will be invoicing our advertisers for their adverts later this week. This would slightly improve our cash position in July if we can collect. We anticipate most of our advertisers would be able to pay however expect slower collection. We will continue to support our longstanding advertisers impacted by Covid-19 by continuing to advertise even if they are unable to pay as part of community support.

We have paid £1,490 towards printing the previous issue of the Resident magazine and £301 pounds for the Walk in Centre leaflets (as in April report). We have spent a further £600 to print envelopes and stationery in the previous quarter. Our electronic copy of The Resident cost us £420 for setup (the printer does the art work and formatting). We have also spent £124 and printed 50 hard copies for archiving. The invoice will be paid next week. The electronic issue resulted in a saving of £947 in comparison to the previous issue.

We will be paying the annual grants to the Neighbourhood Forums later this week. We are waiting for Pyrford to reply on a couple review comments. We will deduct £500 from West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum for their share of the contribution towards the SADPD Bell Cornwell costs.

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 deferring this until 2021.
- 3 COVID-19: In 2020, subscriptions income is expected to be up to 25% lower than 2019. This is due to the lockdown and paused collection activity for almost 4 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 and expect collection to be slower.

Dharma Sivarajasingham
Hon. Treasurer
21/06/2020

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JUNE 2020

Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association

to 21 June 2020

INCOME	Year to date	£
Subscriptions and member donations:		
Byfleet	499	
West Byfleet	2,259	
Pyrford	3,186	
Subscriptions not allocated	1,127	
2019 paid in 2018	-	
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated	-	
		7,071
Advertising		780
Bank Interest		28
Donations		-
Other		-
Total Income		7,879
 EXPENDITURE		
The Resident		1,490
Committee Expenses		-
Street Rep Drop Ins		39
Room Hire not Comm.		131
AGM		105
Fetes		-
Display/Equipment		-
Donations:		500
Community Support		4,792
Insurance		-
Postage, Stationery & Printing		618
Sundries/Losses		-
Database/Web Expenses		1,130
Mileage/Parking		-
Forums - Pyrford	0	
- Byfleet	0	
- West Byfleet	0	
		0
Total Expenditure		8,805
Surplus/(Deficit)		(£926)
Opening Cash		£27,589
Surplus/(Deficit)		(£926)
Closing Cash		£26,663
Analysis of Cash	Current Account	3,375
	Un allocated Collections Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated	1,127
	Overnight Deposit	7,007
	32Day deposit	15,154
		£26,663

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* Donations	£
FRIENDS OF BYFLEET - GODFREY BENCH (2019 commitment)	250
BYFLEET AMENITIES (2019 Commitment)	250
	<u>£500</u>
* Community Support	
BELL CORNWELL RE- SADPD	4,491
Printing Leaflets - walk in Centre	<u>301</u>
	<u>4,792</u>
* Sundries	
	<u>£0</u>

PLANNING REPORT

Of necessity I am for the time being standing in as Planning Coordinator.

I have attempted to extract those applications and/or decisions that I think are either of importance or interest. The vast majority of applications appear to be for fairly standard extensions or tree branch removals.

Wherever possible I have visited the sites and discussed any concerns (if any) relevant Forum.

This report covers information received up to Wednesday 17th June.

1. PLAN/2020/0082

Erection of a three storey, part single storey extension to Globe House to extend 3No existing flats with associated landscaping works (part retrospective).

Address: Globe House, Lavender Park Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6ND.

Approved

2. PLAN/2020/0228 Twisted Stone Golf Club - Pyrford

Internal alterations, infill courtyard, ground and first floor extensions, remove existing stairs and enlarge viewing gallery with new stairs, entrance porch, alterations to parking and driveway.

Permitted

There was considerable pressure from some residents to object. We declined to do so. This was an identical application to one that was allowed on appeal in 2017. A number of grounds of objection listed by residents had been addressed by the Inspector in 2017 and dismissed. The application was in accord with WBC Policy CS6. One of the main grounds that residents used for objection was that the application was for a change of use. Unfortunately there was nothing in the application that requested a change of use.

What was concerning was that the Neighbourhood Notification did not work with many letters not received.

3. PLAN/2020/0107

First To Third Floor Flat, 63 Old Woking Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6LF.
Change of use to HMO (House of Multiple Occupancy) for 10 persons .

Permitted

WBNF Plan is silent on HMO's. While some of the rooms are not large they all meet the legal standard and really no grounds to object.

4. PLAN/2020/0366

Boxgrove Cottage, Highfield Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6QT

Subdivision of plot and erection of a two storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space. Single storey side and rear extension to existing dwelling following removal of rear addition and the erection of a detached garage to the rear with accommodation in the roof space.

We will come to a decision in conjunction with WBNF. Unlikely to object.

5. PLAN/2020/0309

Prior notification for a proposed change of use from offices (Use Class B1a) to 30x residential units (Use Class C3) on ground, first and second floors | 30 - 38 High Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7QN

Approved

There appeared to be broad support that this eye sore site was at last to be developed.

However there now appears to be concerns regarding "sub-standard" accommodation.

6. PLAN/2018/0978 and PLAN/2018/0979

15 Old Woking Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6LW, Full Planning Application Permitted 28 May 2020
Tanveer Rahman Change of use from a restaurant (A3 use class) to an optician's dispensary (A1 use class) and erection of a new shopfront. (Retrospective)

Advertisement consent application for the erection of a fascia sign. (Retrospective)

Collison's - At Last!

7. PLAN/2020/0382

Outline application for the erection of a detached single storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space within the curtilage of Flat 2, 141 Old Woking Road (Matters of appearance and landscaping reserved).

Flat 2 , 141 Old Woking Road, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8PD

The RA have objected.

Main reasons are:

- > Not in accord with PNF Plan
- > Loss of privacy (139 OWR)
- > Not in keeping with other immediate houses and street scene
- > Over development of plot
- > Possible problems with cars having to reverse out onto OWR.

8. PLAN/2020/0202

Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road, Woking. Surrey

Erection of two storey boathouse following demolition of existing boathouse refurbishment of existing footbridge and erection of single storey storage building and associated works.

The RA have objected.

Main reasons are:

- > Not in accord with PNF Plan
- > Building is on Green belt land and conflicts with NPPF in particular paragraphs 145(c) and (d).
- > Description of proposed design is confusing.

- > Proposed structure is hide compared with current - why?
- > Privacy issues.

9. PLAN/2020/0420

Application Type: Full Planning Application

Subdivision of existing dwelling into two detached dwellings following demolition of parts of existing dwelling and external alterations.

Chestnut Lodge, Forest Road, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8LU

Will discuss with PNF. Unlikely to object. However both houses are very close together with side windows.

Ref: SJCD/RA/Planning Report/June 2020

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 2020 (19 JUNE 2020)

KEY POINTS 2020 YEAR

Membership subscriptions of **£5944** have been entered into the membership database and subscriptions of **£700** have been banked but have yet to be entered and attributed to individual household members. In total £7086 of membership subscriptions have been received this year, compared to **£xxxx** at this time in 2019.

	Cash held by VRs	Banked not entered	In Membership Database	Totals	Totals 2019
		£	£	£	£
Byfleet	362	10	504	876	
West Byfleet	40	605	2,254	2899	
Pyrford	40	85	3,186	3311	
TOTAL	442	700	5944	7086	

Email addresses:

The number of email addresses is **50.4% of total membership**, having grown from 35% at December 2018. The recent need to distribute Issue 164 of The Resident by email highlights the need for the RA to hold a higher percentage of emails. (It also highlighted that a small number of email addresses held were not correct.)

ACTION POINT FOR COMMITTEE: How can we improve this percentage?

Membership drive

The existence of the “free issue” Newsletter was advertised to the following community groups (either by email or posted to the facebook page):

Byfleet – Byfleet Represents!; Byfleet Represents Too; Byfleet Neighbourhood Watch; Byfleet Heritage Society; Byfleet Residents Neighbourhood Forum; Byfleet Community News; Byfleet Anything Goes

West Byfleet – West Byfleet & Pyrford Neighbourhood Watch; West Byfleet Families; West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum; West Byfleet Community Gardening; Keep West Byfleet Going; St Johns West Byfleet

Pyrford – Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum; Pyrford – Past & Present;

Plus – Byfleet Local Independent Councillors; Nextdoor

I have received 8 enquiries from individuals wanting to join the RA (including from 2 who were already members!)

Members' only access

This area of the website is now in place, and a set of instructions explaining to RA members how to get set up on the site has been successfully “trialled”.

ACTION POINT FOR COMMITTEE: At which point do we move to an online only alternative for members?

Website Updates

This is an ongoing task. I am currently working on the “Street Rep” section.

At a time when we are encouraging potential new members to look at our website, it is important that we keep posting new items and making relevant updates. Big thank you to Anita!

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Committee Photos – are all members of the Committee happy in principle for a photo to be posted to the website? (I am holding photos for a number of newer members from my time as Editor)

MEMBERSHIP DETAIL 2020 YEAR

As at 16 June 2020 the membership was 2,372.

The numbers by village are shown below: -

Village	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Month Change	Year Change
Byfleet	576	543	547	548	548	INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED	547	-1	
West Byfleet	793	759	763	764	768		778	+10	
Pyrford	1,089	1,011	1,016	1,018	1,029		1032	+3	
Other	11	7	10	12	14		15	+1	
	2,469	2,320	2,336	2,342	2359		2372	+13	
Movement	(381)	(149)	16	6	17		13		

The amounts collected and entered on the database by village are:-

Village	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	June-20	Month Change	Year Change
Byfleet	2,740	-	40	100	263	INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED	504	+241	
West Byfleet	4,822	-	10	30	1,337		2,254	+917	
Pyrford	4,598	-	301	306	306		3,186	+2880	
	12,160	-	351	426	1,906		5944		

Editor –Resident Association Report as at 23rd June 2020

- Issue 164 of The Resident Magazine completed and uploaded to website
- I have received some good feedback from people on Issue 164
- Working on plan and schedule for Issue 165
- Preparing contents list and gathering any relevant articles for Issue 165
- I am carrying out a “lessons learned” exercise on my editorship of Issue 164 to identify any improvements for Issue 165
 - Any feedback from the committee would be appreciated
 - I have also asked the Gareth Vaughan and Sushil (team from Stag Printing) for their input into “Lessons Learnt”
- If anyone has any articles they would like to include, please email me
- 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.

Village Representative Report West Byfleet
For Committee and Street Reps

Admin

Membership subs continue to come in via direct bank transfers which is providing very useful and some street reps have transferred all their subs collected (and kept the cash – useful for tipping delivery drivers!), the vast majority have provided subscriber details so we able to keep the membership database update. We have had a number of new members arising from the online Resident magazine, the Membership Secretary will no doubt provide details. A number are from Woodham which notionally falls within the WB VR orbit and some make a great contribution to the village (see below)

We still need to identify street reps for the top of Coldharbour Road, Claremont Road, Rivey Close and Madeira Road and related side roads. We are glad to report that we have got street rep for Stoop Court and Lindley House.

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

As reported back in April, Coronavirus has clearly been the major issue. The various support groups, especially the WB Coronavirus Support group are working well. Once the crisis is over, we hope many of the volunteers will continue to help the community and even get more involved in the RA.

Despite the difficulties, the WB Community Garden Group have planted a fresh border outside the Library with the agreement of SCC staff. This will help improve the street scene, aid air quality and provide an example of community work in practice, many thanks to the participants particularly Katrina, Louisa and Rebecca (the first two from the Woodham side of the canal)

There was one appalling act of criminality last month when a group of teenagers attacked a policeman who was attempting to disperse them under the pandemic regulations. The main culprit was apparently later apprehended. Fortunately, this was an extremely rare event as evidenced by the horror of the community and the many words of support for the police who are well integrated into our community – even with their depleted resources.

Work with WB Neighbourhood Forum (WBNF) continues to be excellent and although many issues are necessarily parked at the moment. Much of the following also heavily involves WBNF.

Broadoaks development has resumed and work on road widening and the shared cycle/pedestrian path is being implemented at pace. The remainder of the path stretching between Byfleet and West Byfleet is still not approved despite the commitment dating from 2006 (see [https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/Data/Woking Local Committee/20061102/Agenda/Item 10 -Broadoaks development.pdf](https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/Data/Woking%20Local%20Committee/20061102/Agenda/Item%2010%20-Broadoaks%20development.pdf)). It is very disappointing that despite the enthusiastic support of councillors, especially Amanda Boote and previously Richard Wilson, that WBC and SCC continue to fail to provide for the local community and the safety of, particularly, Fullbrook and BDB Byfleet pupils. It is worth remembering the massive amounts of Community Infrastructure Levy that West Byfleet is contributing to Woking Borough Council. We have raised an online petition (12th June) and are waiting for it to be accepted. This is being supported by WBNF, Byfleet Forum and Amanda, which will cause the matter to be reviewed again by the Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council Joint Committee.

On a related matter, the Pelican crossing across the Parvis Road between Highfield Road and the Broadoaks entrance will be installed later this month. We had expressed concerns that the original plans showed the crossing to be some considerable distance from Highfield Road on the southside and the Recreation Ground entrance on the northside. The positioning of the crossing would deter users from Highfield Road from using the crossing and, without the path from Byfleet (see above), would only be used by residents of Broadoaks, not that that is a bad thing just not a benefit to the existing local community. Also, by not being adjacent to the Rec

entrance it would cause too much conflicting traffic between pedestrians and cyclists from opposite directions such that a new Rec entrance would be needed and also an extension to the shared path across the Rec that Richard Wilson had had installed. At the time of writing, it seems our concerns had been ignored and the crossing is being installed in its originally planned position – I hope I am wrong.

M25 noise petition, thanks to Amanda and Jonathan Lord, Highways England (HE) will be accelerating its maintenance of the banding between the concrete panels which should at least reduce the drumming noise but HE will not commit to resurfacing. This means the residents will still have to face the background noise which is obviously pretty noticeable in the summer when we spend time outdoors and have our bedroom windows open at night!

The Government has voted extra funds to support active travel schemes (walking, cycling etc) during the pandemic, SCC have asked County Councillors to respond. I have suggested some possible schemes, no doubt Amanda will report further.

Camphill Tip uses (Council and BUC elements). Following further discussion at the WBNF virtual meeting, Mary Bridgeman raised this at the Climate Change committee of WBC, It gained some support and Deputy Chief Exec Spinks will investigate further and report back, so possible positive moves at last.

Lastly a quick word of thanks to Amanda Boote and Herta in Jonathan Lord's office for chasing up the issues with flooding around the cycle park in Station Approach. The Railway companies are scheduled to investigate and hopefully remedy next week.

The following open issues are recorded here for continuity but have had no apparent movement since last report.

- 1 Woking BC outline planning proposals for districts (SADPD)
- 2 WBC Cycling and Walking Strategy (overdue)
- 3 WBNF Community Infrastructure Levy (see WBNF report)
- 4 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.
- 5 Youth project, nothing further to report on at this time. Further information will be released later in the year.
- 6 Sheer House redevelopment proposals (see below)
- 7 Woodlands Ave Car Park and community safety. Please ring 101 with concerns of any apparent illegal activities. (Gary Elson will be raising the issue again with the Joint Committee and trying to get the security cameras properly maintained, our thanks to Gary for pursuing this.)
- 8 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.
- 9 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives.
- 10 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding.

Businesses:

1. I observed at the WBBA virtual AGM. I took the opportunity to reinforce the RA 's support of the WBBA in any matters that will contribute to the wellbeing of the community and to thank them for their efforts.
2. As reported last time, Boots had agreed revised lease terms until early August and then close. At the moment, it looks like the village will be down to one pharmacy on August4th and none on Saturdays and Sundays. The RA has published, on our website, a list of alternate pharmacies including those offering delivery services for the lesser mobile.
3. WBBA members are receiving regular updates regarding what benefits and compensations are available during the current business closures and staffing layoffs. Thanks especially to Braywood who are being very supportive and to Gary Elson for signposting
4. WBBA now have 56 members over half the West Byfleet Businesses population.

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5. Property Agents are reporting high levels of interest with many new properties coming on market and viewings taking place with PPE and distancing measures in place.
6. Uncertainty surrounds the future of Little Street West Byfleet (RVL Ventures) which announced that it gone in to liquidation and had closed but then Little Street Ltd since posted on Facebook saying that it had managed to secure a further loan and will reopen as soon as the situation allows.
7. The School Uniform Shop looks like it has had a complete refit, there were a number of people queuing to go in last Monday.
8. Gary has asked Altitude for an update regarding progress or estimated timescales on when the redevelopment can be expected to start.
9. Some of our retail shops are open again or announced that they are planning to shortly.
10. On Wednesday 1 July, Council-owned car parks across Borough will resume charges. (Woodlands Avenue and Sheer House). Further details in Councillors' reports.

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
16/06/2020