

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held via Zoom 21 April 2021

Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair	Eleanor Grady (EG) – B VR (until 20:00)
Lynette Davies (LD) – Secretary	Keith Creswell (KC) – WB VR
Andy Grimshaw (AG) – Pyrford Village Representative & Chair Pyrford NF (until 20:00)	Wade Pollard (WP) – WB Forum
Isabelle David (ID) – Membership Secretary	Cllr Gary Elson (Cllr GE) – Councillor
Robert Munford (RM) – Editor	

Quorum: 9 members - the meeting was quorate.

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

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

SD welcomed everyone to this tenth virtual meeting.

Apologies had been received from Dharma Sivarajasingham and Penny Hoskyn.

Absence of the Independent councillors and Cllr Chrystie was noted and regretted.

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 17 March 2021

The minutes were reviewed and amended as follows:

Item 5 – Action item added: *'Schools to be informed of RA decision as appropriate'*

Item 6 – Treasurer's Report: Pyrford unused grant funds information added as per agenda item 13

Item 12 – Byfleet VR Report: Planning reference added: *'Plan RU.21/0207'* and action item extended to include posting of Dr Carter's email on website. It was noted that work was already underway on this.

Item 12 – Pyrford VR Report – Neighbourhood Police Officer corrected to *'WBC Neighbourhood Officer'*

With these amendments the minutes were 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

Plan RU.21/0207 - SD confirmed that he had written on behalf of the RA to object on the basis of the serious traffic impact and the fact that the land in question was open green space. KC had also objected in a private capacity. SD reminded everyone that objections needed to include address and postcode.

There had been a request to councillors to ascertain what action if any WBC proposed to take with regards to the proposed development. Cllr GE agreed to follow this up with WBC.

Action: Cllr GE to find out action to be taken by WBC

4. Planning Report

(a) SD had prepared a report and additional comments were made as follows:

- Development at **Woodlands Road/Sheerwater Road** – SD noted that he had been contacted by the Basingstoke Canal Authority about the proposals for the site but they had ultimately decided not to take any action against the development.

ID had emailed Cllr Amanda Boote about the conditions attached to the planning consent as there was concern about vehicle movements, deliveries etc given the plot location on the corner with a busy road.

Bonfires had been, and continued to be, an issue. Best advice for residents was to keep detailed records of occurrences - a diary log and if possible photographs

ID and residents would keep a watching brief.

- **Refusals** – some with enforcement were noted. Applications for the boathouses in Pyrford and building work at Byfleet Manor House had been refused.
- **High Road/Beech Close, Byfleet** – development on the corner of Plough Green EG noted that she had already made a personal objection as had a number of residents from the close.

It was noted that Byfleet NF did not monitor planning applications but Fiona would notify her members. The lack of a Neighbourhood Plan for Byfleet was regretted particularly now that WBC increasingly referenced local plans in planning decisions.

Action: SD would look at the application and respond on behalf of the RA.

(b) West Byfleet Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group and Application update

WP reported that a recent meeting had been less well attended than previous meetings which was disappointing.

Topics discussed:

- Developers had indicated that external physical demolition work would start this week and scaffolding would be erected
- Conversations were ongoing with SCC about temporary accommodation for the library
- RVG had reached an agreement with SWT for public use the station car park once the existing car park around the library building was closed. Charges and terms would be the same as the library car park and payment would be via a mobile app ie Ringgo. Three months' notice would be given of the closure of the car park. Residents would need to be informed about the arrangements at the appropriate time.
- Liaison group meetings would 3 weekly. However, WP would discuss with Spencer Neal (Keeble Brown) the week before a meeting whether it was needed and if not, it would be cancelled. It was likely meetings would become 6 weekly.

(d) Joint Study on Infrastructure Requirements of the East of Woking

Circa 80 questions prepared by the working group of SD, WP, AG, PH and Fiona Syrett had been submitted and acknowledged by Ernest Amoako who had indicated that there would be no response at this stage as the focus would be on producing the study draft. The RA hoped that the constructive questions would inform the study.

The fantastic work of all members of the group was noted and commended.

ID suggested that the RA membership should be informed of the work undertaken in this respect. She would draft something to be put on the website/emailed to members. KC noted that he had already included this in his VR report which would go to street reps as well and he was happy for this to be used/adapted.

Action: ID to prepare and issue information on website/for member email

5. Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately, DS was not able to be at the meeting and no report had been circulated.

Action on DS to complete the annual accounts to 31 December 2020 ready for the AGM was still outstanding. AGM date still to be decided.

Action: DS to prepare end of year financials

6. Membership Secretary's Report

A report had been circulated before the meeting.

ID noted that subscriptions continued to trickle in with many payments made online which was encouraging. Email addresses were increasing but more work was still needed in this area.

Following a question from EG it was agreed that it might now be appropriate to encourage street reps to collect subscriptions in person, but only if they were comfortable doing so. There would be an opportunity to do this in July with the publication of the next newsletter in hardcopy which would need to be delivered.

19:57 – AG left

There was a discussion about street reps getting email addresses from existing members. ID noted that the majority of new members now came following an email exchange.

EG noted that she would like to produce a recruitment flyer and it was agreed that a reasonable cost would be covered.

ID would like to raise the profile of the RA and noted that she was looking into getting banners printed which could be displayed in the three villages. She would get quotes for various sizes.

Action: ID to get quotes for publicity banners

7. Editorial

The Resident 167 – Summer 2021

It was noted how well issue 166 had been received and the many positive comments generated. RM was again congratulated on an excellent job.

RM noted that issue 167 would be hardcopy issued in July, before the start of the school holidays (last day of state school term nominally 22 July 2021).

RM currently had the following articles under consideration:

- Update on Sheer House from Keeble Brown
- Article on Broadoaks from Octagon
- Update on plans for pavilion on WB recreation ground if appropriate
- Comment on Covid etc from Medical Centre
- Election Results roundup
- Seed share update from EG and possibly one on Woking Rugby Club (EG)
- Update on Byfleet Fire Station
- AGM - ???
- SADPD Inspector's Report – if available
- Infrastructure Joint Study Report update if appropriate
- Travellers – Cllr GEC offered to write a 'balanced' report
- Update on businesses, during and after Covid – Cllr GE would look at getting some quotes
- WBC news – ie changes, Residents Panel, Corporate plan etc
- Police & Crime Commissioner?

SD agreed that an extended newsletter could be considered but costings would be needed before a decision could be made.

Action: RM/ID to get costings for hardcopy newsletter

As it was unlikely there would be a drop in session for street reps thought would need to be given as to how to get the newsletters to the street reps ie VRs act as hubs? Deliver newsletters directly to street reps?

Advertising

ID reported that DS had invoices ready to send to advertisers.

8. Website

Anita had supplied the month's analytics which had been circulated.

SD was disappointed by the low number of 'hits' given the amount of information which was now being posted to the website and wondered how this could be improved.

There was a discussion about social media and how best to reach members. There were a lot of social media platforms and the website might not be the best channel. The use of others ie twitter, Facebook should also be considered. This would, however, require careful management. ID and RM agreed to work on a strategy and vision for the website.

Action: ID/RM to work on a strategy for website/online comms

9. WBC Meeting 8 April 2021 - Motions

The list of motions had been circulated purely for information not discussion and were noted.

10. Councillors' Reports

Cllr GGE thanked both KC and AG for their comprehensive VR reports which covered most of the issues of concern and had no further comments.

11. Right of Way Report – Marion Malcher

There was no report.

A member had emailed about the walks on the website reporting that some of the detail was not accurate and update was needed. This was acknowledged – the walks had been put up some considerable time ago – and Marion would be looking to make amendments in the near future. The member had been thanked for their contribution.

12. Committee membership update

SD had identified and approached a number of people who he thought might be interested in joining the RA Committee which had a number of vacant posts. Catherine Buchanan had indicated that she would be willing to join but not until May or June. SD would share committee agenda and minutes with her for information.

The other candidates were still to respond and SD would chase.

Everyone was asked to consider if they knew of anyone who might want to become involved.

KC who would be standing down as WB VR at the next AGM, was still to identify a successor.

Action: SD to continue his recruitment campaign

13. Village Representative Reports

Pyrford (taken after item 4)

AG had submitted a report and further noted:

- Travellers had moved on since the report had been published
- Damage to verges was still a concern. Cllr GE noted his intention to request a condition be included in planning that damage be remedied by contractors/applicant.
- Heritage Conservation – AG noted that trees in a conservation area were covered by a TPO but that ancient woodland was not protected in the same way.
- Marshalls Parade – progress continued to be slow. The same contractor was building the units alongside the railway in West Byfleet and these seemed to be taking precedence. AG was keen to find out about the CIL money which had been so far unforthcoming. Cllr GE agreed to investigate.

Action: GE to investigate CIL contributions from Marshalls Parade development

- AG noted that Cllr Liz Bowes had agreed to look into parking issues at the parade but the situation had since become easier and might resolve itself.
- Extensive work carried out on the cricket club pavilion was nearing completion.

Byfleet

EG had provided a report and further commented:

- Sanway Road playground - new equipment would now be installed in mid May
- Wey navigation towpath - EG noted how many people and cyclists were using the towpath. KC confirmed that it was a bridleway and therefore accessible by cyclists. It was in need of repair and he was keen that it be upgraded in the same as the Saturn Trail along the Basingstoke Canal but noted that it was very narrow in places.
- Seed share - working well with seeds being collected and deposited at Byfleet Library. A delivery had also been made to Old Avenue, West Byfleet!!

ID wondered whether the items required by the foodbank could be listed on the RA website. KC noted that it was possible to donate money and the link for this could be included. ID would liaise with EG.

Action: ID/EG to look at adding foodbank info to RA website

West Byfleet – KC had provided a comprehensive report.

KC commented that if the station car park was to be made available to visitors to the village, it would be important that the allocated spaces were not at the far end.

KC reported that the Community Energy Group were still looking at the options for a PV farm on the Camphill Tip site and were in contact with Energy4All, a group of renewable energy co-operatives.

14. Forum Reports

West Byfleet – WP and nothing further to add to the report supplied by KC.

He hoped that there would be something to report about a community centre after the May elections.

Pyrford (taken at the start of the meeting)

AG had submitted a report and further noted that work on the cricket pavilion was almost complete with re-opening expected in late April.

Byfleet – no report

14. AOB

Drop in dates: see item 7

AGM – date and venue still tbd.

Meeting closed at 21:05

Date of the next meeting – Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Meetings for 2020-21 – all at 19:00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, by Zoom until further notice:

2021 16 June, 21 July, August – no meeting?

15 September, 20 October, 17 November, December – no meeting

2022

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET AND PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

PLANNING REPORT - April 2021

This report covers information received up to 20th April 2021

1. WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

Nothing further to report.

2. SADPD

The responses to the Main Modifications report are with the Inspector. Nothing further to report.

I have read several posts on social media that appear to suggest that there is a Planning Application for 555 dwellings at West Hall (GB9 and GB9A). Clearly this is totally misleading. Firstly these sites are still in Green Belt and the Inspector has yet to release his final report and secondly there is the Joint Study into Infrastructure. We are many months if not several years before we see a planning application - if ever.

3. JOINT STUDY ON THE FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE EAST OF WOKING

Background

The terms of the Joint Study were approved at the WBC Executive meeting on 4th February.

The study will comprise of a comprehensive review of the 2018 IDP with an extract setting out the specific infrastructure requirements to support development proposals in Byfleet and West Byfleet. The Director of Planning will oversee the Study.

The 2018 IDP will provide a robust foundation for the review. The work will be done in-house.

Officers will work in partnership with all the relevant infrastructure providers and neighbouring authorities to carry out the Study. Byfleet and West Byfleet both have Neighbourhood Forums. Officers will ensure that they are consulted at key stages of the Study. The Study will be informed by various technical studies and up to date information provided by the relevant infrastructure providers. The outcome of the Study will be reported to the LDF Working Group, the Joint Committee and Executive.

The Study will be done in two phases. The first phase will focus on updating four key infrastructure areas in the IDP – transport, education, flooding and health. These are the infrastructure areas that received significant number of responses during the consultation of the main modifications to the Site Allocations DPD. It is anticipated that this phase will be completed in April/May 2021. The second phase will cover the rest of the other infrastructure areas in the IDP. This will be completed in August 2021.

The RA and PNF will also be key consultees.

The timetable is ambitious and one might wish to challenge the use of the word "robust" in the description of the IDP 2018 fourth draft document.

This Study will have no relevance to the Inspector's report.

Where it may be very influential is in the event of say GB9 being released from Green Belt and a planning application being submitted.

Current

The RA and the Forums agreed on our approach. The basic research has been divided as follows:

- Fiona (BRNF) - Flooding
- Stewart and Penny (RA) - Health and Wellbeing
- Andy (PNF) - Transport
- Wade (WBNF) - Education

We have prepared a list of questions under each heading and these have now been submitted to WBC.

I have circulated the list of questions together with the response from Ernest Amoako.

4. WEST BYFLEET VILLAGE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Background

The liaison group comprising representatives from:

- > WBNF
- > WBBA
- > RA
- > COUNCILLORS

have been meeting with the developer and Keeble Brown almost on a regular basis. These discussions have been very helpful and constructive. There have also been a number of Zoom consultation meetings with the community which have been well supported with many questions addressed. The overall feedback from the community and from the posts on Facebook are supportive and the spirit of involvement is appreciated.

Applications to date:

- a) **PLAN/2020/0753 - Approved**
- b) **PLAN/2020/0619 and PLAN/2020/0801 - Approved**
- c) **PLAN/2021/0059 - Detailed Planning Application. Validated.**

Current

Demolition has commenced.

The Planning Application for the Reserved Matters came before the Planning Committee on 6th April 2021

After some debate on Balconies and Privacy the Application received unanimous support.

RECENTLY APPROVED

5. 4 above.

6. **PLAN/2020/0926**

Address: Spindrift Pyrford Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6RE

Erection of single storey rear extension with wrap around two storey side extension. Further two storey front extension which includes moving front entrance with covered porch area. New dormers to the front and rear.

7. **PLAN/2020/0907**

Address: Woodlands Sheerwater Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AH

Erection of a three storey building including accommodation in the roof space comprising 8x self-contained flats following demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary buildings and provision of associated bin and cycle storage, parking, retaining walls and landscaping.

The RA and WBNF objected. Councillor Boote led the support for this Application

NOTE I have been in discussion with The Basingstoke Canal Society who are investigating this proposed development. They believe that the developer does not have legal title to some of the land upon which they plan to build. We shall see.

8. PLAN/2021/0146

Address: 16 Boltons Close Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8TW

Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of rear dormer and 3No front rooflights.

9. PLAN/2021/0005

Address: 29 The Oaks West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6RN

Erection of a two storey front extension and 2No rear dormers. Proposed 1No front and rear rooflights and 3No to side.

REFUSED

10. PLAN/2021/0098

Address: Little Copse Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UF

Erection of a detached dwelling on land to the west of Little Copse, Pyrford Road, new vehicular access off Hare Hill Close and associated subdivision of the plot, parking and landscaping.

11. PLAN/2020/0363

Address: Twisted Stone Golf Club Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UE

Temporary consent is sought for a period of 12 months for use of part of existing car park as a greenkeepers maintenance compound and siting of storage containers (retrospective)

Refused WITH Enforcement

12. PLAN/2021/0147

Address: The Old House Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UE

Proposed detached oak framed boat house.

13. PLAN/2021/0154

Address: Avebury 36 Hollies Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AL

Erection of a single storey front and single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension.

14. PLAN/2021/0056

Address: Pyrford Place Pyrford Road Woking Surrey

Erection of two storey boathouse following demolition of existing boathouse, refurbishment of existing footbridge

Objected to previous application. Difficult to see how this application is different. The size of the proposed building and internal amenities contradict the declared purpose.

15. PLAN/2020/0660

Address: Manor House, Mill Lane, Byfleet, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7RS

Erection of an outbuilding including an indoor swimming pool and associated landscaping works and pergolas, following demolition of existing outbuildings.

16. PLAN/2021/0063

Address: Loteni Blackdown Avenue Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8QH

Replacement of existing entrance gate with new remote control sliding gate with brick piers and erection of new detached 3 car garage building to frontage with gymnasium and games room at first floor

UNDER CONSIDERATION

17. PLAN /2021/0099

Address: The Old House Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UE

Demolition of existing stables/storage building and replacement with detached oak framed garage/storage barn.

Pending Consideration (delegated)

Comments 2nd March

18. PLAN/2019/1013 and PLAN/2020/1160

Address: 9 Old Woking Road

Erection of a part four storey, part three storey building comprising 2x ground floor retail units (A1 use) and 5x dwellings (3x two bed and 2x three bed) and associated parking and bin and cycle storage following demolition of existing building.

The Applicant appealed to the Secretary of State against the non-determination of the planning application. Dismissed but on a rather minor point. New application addresses this point. The proposal is an improvement to what is currently there though my view is that it would be further improved without the attic storey. However the Inspector did not object to this so an objection is I think pointless.

Pending Consideration

19. PLAN/2020/0886

Address: Domus Sheerwater Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AA

Erection of a two storey building including accommodation in the roof space comprising 10x self-contained flats following demolition of existing dwelling and provision of associated bin and cycle storage, parking, access and

landscaping.

Consultation 2nd December

WBNF objected on the issue of parking - not in accordance with Plan

Pending Consideration

20. PLAN/2020/1145

Address: 26 Boltons Lane Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8TL

Erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey front and side extension to form annex following demolition of existing garage. Erection of 2No rear dormers and 1No rear rooflight.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 4th January 2021

21. PLAN/2020/1102

Address: 39 Dartnell Park Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6PR

Proposed two storey side and rear extension, single storey front and rear extensions and raised ridge to accommodate habitable accommodation at second floor following demolition of conservatory and detached garage. Erection of 1No rear dormer and 5No side rooflights and 1No rear rooflight.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 1st February 2021

22. PLAN/2021/0031

Address: 97 Woodlands Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AP

Erection of first floor rear extension and side dormers.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 2nd February 2021

23. PLAN/2021/0235

Address: Cranbrook Pyrford Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6RE

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension

Pending Consideration

Comments by 18th March

24. PLAN/2021/0091

Address: The Old House Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UE

Listed Building Consent for single storey oak framed home gym extension.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 25th March

25. PLAN/2021/0277

Address: 34 & 36 Beaufort Road Maybury Woking Surrey GU22 8BZ

Erection of roof extensions to No.34 and No.36 Beaufort Road including raising of the eaves and ridge height and insertion of front and rear rooflights

Pending Consideration

Comments by 1st April

26. PLAN/2021/0286

Address: 74 Hart Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7NJ

Erection of two storey side and rear extension. Single storey rear extension and new front porch.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 1st April

NEW

27. PLAN/2021/0342

Address: Invermark Oakcroft Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6JG

Erection of part single storey part two storey rear extension and raised terrace to rear following demolition of existing outbuilding and insertion of front and rear rooflights

Pending Consideration

Comments by 17th April

28. PLAN/2021/0345

Address: 2 Hollies Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AJ

Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 18th April

29. PLAN/2021/0281

Address: SDC Southern 90 High Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7QT

Demolition of existing commercial unit and erection of two storey building containing 4no. one bedroom flats (class C3) and 1no. commercial unit (class E), with associated parking and landscaping.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 17th April

30. PLAN/2021/0363

Address: Pyrford Golf Club Warren Lane Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8XR

Proposed floating composite structure and bridge on existing lake to provide pontoon style seating.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 4th May

31. PLAN/2021/0364 |

Address: Pyrford Golf Club Warren Lane Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8XR

External alterations and alterations to fenestration including installation of bi-fold doors in place of existing windows, new window to replace double doors, new entrance lobby within existing porch and installation of flue

Pending Consideration

Comments by 4th May

32. PLAN/2021/0368

Address: Manor House Mill Lane Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7RS

Prior notification for the erection of a building for storage of machinery and a workshop for forestry activities

Awaiting Decision

Comments by 28th April

33. PLAN/2021/0428

Address: Frenat, Forest Road, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8NA

Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch. Proposed conversion of the existing garages into habitable accommodation.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 8th May

34. PLAN/2021/0429

Address: Frenat, Forest Road, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 8NA

Erection of a detached garage, front boundary wall and entrance gates.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 8th May

OTHERS

35. Footpath 94 along the outside wall of Manor House, Byfleet.

The owners have applied for a permanent diversion of FP94 obliging the public to use FP95 and BW95 thus denying them views of this historic building.

Our Rights of Way Officer will support an objection should the RA decide to do so. However she points out that she is not convinced that this is the best way forward. FP94 is challenging if not agile and the proposed new route is much more user friendly.

On advice from Marion we will take no action but keep the matter under review.

36. PLAN/2021/0047

Consultation

Ward - Horsell East And Woodham

Proposal:

Formal consultation from Guildford Borough Council for Hybrid planning application for the redevelopment of part of the allocated site for the Slyfield Area Regeneration Project for a mixed-use development (known as Weyside Urban Village) comprising: A. Outline planning approval for the demolition of existing buildings and infrastructure and outline planning permission for up to 1550 dwellings; local centre comprising up to 1800 sqm of retail (inc. convenience store), healthcare, community, nursery and flexible employment uses (Use Class E); up to 500 sqm of flexible community facilities (Use Classes E/F1/F2); up to 6,600 sqm of flexible employment space (Use Classes E/B2/B8); up to 30,000 sqm for new Council Depot Site (Use Classes E/B8); 6 Gypsy and Traveller pitches (Use Class C3); and associated road infrastructure, landscaping including Sustainable Drainage Systems) and amenity space. B. Full planning permission for the development of primary and secondary site accesses, internal access roads and associated landscaping. C. Full planning permission for engineering operations associated with remediation and

infrastructure, including primary and secondary substations; utilities and drainage (including Sustainable Drainage Systems).

37. RU.21/0207

Address: Land West of Byfleet Road (rear of 98-138 Byfleet Road) New Haw KT15 3LA

Redevelopment of the site to provide industrial, storage and distribution (Class E(g)/B2/B8) floorspace, with ancillary office accommodation, associated parking, landscaping and infrastructure works

This will employ 545 full-time staff with 362 parking spaces. Green field site.

The RA have **OBJECTED** - Green Space/Open Land and Traffic. Suggested that they undertake an Infrastructure Study as is being done by WBC

Ref:SJCD/RA/Planning Report/April 2021

Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association
TREASURER'S REPORT
17 March 2021

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1st of January 2021 to 17th of March 2021.

Update on financials for the current period

Subscription income for the period is £2,038 (Feb £1,273). Our total cash reserves continue remain healthy at £27,623 (Feb £26,903).

As previously advised, with the current lockdown in 2021, we anticipate to have 20% lower subscription income to that of our 2019 income. The advertisement income will remain sluggish.

Notes and open items.

- 1 Charitable status and gift aid – progress is slow due to regulation 19, Covid-19 and other urgent matters. We are deferring this until 2022/23.
- 2 COVID-19: In 2021, subscriptions income to remain 20% lower than 2019 levels. This is caused by the lockdown and paused collection activity during Q1 and Q2 of 2021.

Dharma Sivarajasingham

Hon. Treasurer

17/03/2021

**Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford
Residents Association**
17 March 2021

	Year to date	
	£	£
Subscriptions and member donations:		
Byfleet	200	
West Byfleet	651	
Pyrford	575	
Subscriptions not allocated	612	
2019 paid in 2018	-	
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated	-	
		2,038
Advertising (includes receipts from 2019 invoices)		-
Bank Interest		1
Donations		-
Other		-
Total Income		2,039

EXPENDITURE

The Resident	-
Committee Expenses	-
Street Rep Drop Ins	-
Room Hire not Comm.	-
AGM	-
Fetes	-
Display/Equipment	-
Donations:	-
Community Support	-
Insurance	-
Postage, Stationery & Printing	-
Sundries/Losses	-
Database/Web Expenses	90
Mileage/Parking	-
Forums - Pyrford	-
- Byfleet (PMT error to recoverd and pay Pyrford)	-
- West Byfleet	-
	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>90</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£1,949</u>
Opening Cash	£25,674
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£1,949</u>
Closing Cash	<u>£27,623</u>
Analysis of Cash	
Current Account	4,100
Un allocated Collections	
Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated	612
Overnight Deposit	7,748
32Day deposit	<u>15,163</u>
	<u>£27,623</u>
* Donations	£
FRIENDS OF BYFLEET -	
GODFREY BENCH	
BYFLEET AMENITIES	
	<u>£0</u>
* Community Support	
BELL CORNWELL RE-	
SADPD	-
Printing Leaflets - walk in Centre	-
	<u>0</u>
* Sundries	
	<u>£0</u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FEBRUARY (17 MARCH 2021)

KEY POINTS 2021 YEAR TO DATE

The total annual membership subscriptions received to date for 2021 is **£2268**.

	Subscriptions banked and allocated on database	Subscriptions banked but not yet entered	Subscriptions held in cash by VR	2021 Totals year to date	2020	2019
					£	£
Byfleet	200	122	nil	322		
West Byfleet	651	160	215	1026		
Pyrford	575	330	15	920		
TOTAL	1426	612	230	2268		

Total membership numbers:

	2019	2020	2021
Byfleet	576	561	561
West Byfleet	793	781	786
Pyrford	1,089	1039	1042
“Other”	11	18	17
TOTAL	2,469	2,399	2,406

Please note that we have extended the status of “grace” membership as a result of non-payment of subscriptions from 2 to 3 years, to reflect the difficulties that we have had in collection of subs in 2020.

Email addresses:

It continues to be an important focus in 2021 to increase the number of email addresses that we hold on the membership database.

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Byfleet	267	262	271	274
West Byfleet	305	429	491	500
Pyrford	421	452	488	505
TOTAL	993	1,143	1,250	1279
Percentage of Members	35%	46%	52%	53%

PYRFORD VR REPORT - 21 April 2021 (as of 19 April 2021)

A) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

So far in 2021, £1,360 has been received from 180 members, 48% of the £2,855 collected this time last year.

The great majority received this year has been paid directly into a RA bank account. The sum received year to date is 34% of that paid in all of 2020, but in 2020 only 62% of the recorded membership paid.

The analysis is below:-

Membership 989	Total	In database	To enter	No members	Average
	£	£	£		
Paid Directly to Pyrford Collections	1,345	1,340	5	177	7.60
Paid into Main Account	5	5	0	1	5.00
Cheques & cash to bank	10	0	10	2	5.00
Totals	1,360	1,345	15	180	7.56
Ytd 2020	2,855				
	48%				
2020	3,972			660	6.02
% 2021 so far ccf 2020 outturn	34.2%			27.3%	125.5%

B) STREET REP GAPS

There are a few streets in Pyrford without a Street Rep, such as:

Coldharbour Road (part off)
Dean Close,
Pine Tree Hill,
Belmore Avenue,
Old Woking Road,
Pyrian Way,
Rowley Close
Orchard Lea

C) MARSHAL PARADE DEVELOPMENT SAGA

Building continues. The roof tiles are now on.

D) VERGES AROUND PYRFORD

One Pyrford member has raised with Woking Borough Council (WBC) the state of the grass verges left after building works have been completed. This seems to be becoming an issue across the village. WBC has contacted Surrey County Council (SCC) who own the verges and SCC has agreed to investigate.

Recently, one of the properties has now reseeded the verge. The VR will continue to monitor.

E) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

These are covered in more detail in both the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum report and the RA Planning Report.

F) WEST BYFLEET VILLAGE SIGN COLDHARBOUR ROAD

The sign has now been moved to the grass triangle at the junction of Coldharbour Road and Oakcroft.

Thank you to Woking Borough Council Neighbourhood team for responding so quickly to local resident feedback.

G) WALKING ON FOOTPATHS AROUND PYRFORD

There are a number of footpaths that cross a field in Pyrford where cows are calving. The farmer asks members of the public NOT to approach the cows if they are calving - the cows should take themselves off and calve unassisted. If you have dogs with you, he asks that you keep them under close control at all times.

Please note the Countryside Code advises "It is good practice wherever you are to keep your dog on a lead around livestock".

There has been one instance of a local walker having an accident, so please be careful and follow the Countryside Code.

H) TRAVELLERS

The travellers moved last night (18 April 2021) from the Harvester in West Byfleet to the field on Pyrford Common Road opposite the Bothy and to the car park at the Inn in Maybury.

Andrew Grimshaw
Pyrford Village Representative

Byfleet West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association April 2021

Village Representative Report West Byfleet

For Committee and Street Reps

Admin

Our Shielding ceased on 31st March, so nice to see a bit more of the village again!

The response to the Online newsletter has been excellent, many thanks to our editor Robert. We have had a number of new joiners and a significant number of online payments so thanks to all Street Reps who have been encouraging this and also to those who have been collecting cash and cheques. I have a number that will be paid into the bank shortly. Details of amounts in Members' secretary report.

As before, we need to identify street reps for 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. Any potential volunteer contact addresses would be welcome.

Just as a reminder, I will not be standing again as the Village Rep at the next AGM. Anyone interested in working with the team during the remainder of my term with the thought of standing, please contact me.

Local issues

Work with WB Neighbourhood Forum (WBNF) continues to be excellent. Much of the following also heavily involves WBNF.

Sheer House.

The WB Village Centre Liaison Group, created by WBNF, continues to meet.

The Retirement Village Group (RVG) had submitted its detailed plans to the Council and have had approval. The Liaison group, the RA and WBNF supported the planning application as being in the interest of West Byfleet Residents and wishing to see progress as soon as possible.

We have also raised some concerns about traffic, parking and disturbance, especially during demolition and construction, these are being addressed and RVG contractors are requested to avoid using either side of Madeira Road by using Lavender Park Road and Station Approach, although the access to the site will be via the small entrance almost opposite the New Haweli.

Unrelated to, but prompted by, this development, we have asked our Councillors and SCC Traffic to assess the implementation of a gyratory system, after completion of the site, for that part of Madeira Road and Station Approach. We believe it would improve residents' safety and discourage use of the whole of Madeira Road as a "rat-run". Coupled with a continuous pavement, like Chertsey Road in central Woking, it would improve the street scene and be of benefit to the retail premises.

Broadoaks Development

Construction continues on site and residents have moved into the first phase houses and we already have two Street rep volunteers! We are advised that the affordable housing is almost complete and should be taking new residents in the near future. The Care Home facility is progressing rapidly and advertising for staff to start in the autumn.

Wisley Airfield Development

A large housing and community space is being planned for the former Wisley Airfield. There is unlikely to be significant impact on WB although some future residents may choose WB Station as their preferred commuter route rather than the recommended East Horsley or Effingham Junction. Byfleet & New Haw station is recommended by the developers as a local active travel junction using Muddy Lane and Wisley Lane for access. The writers have clearly never tried to cycle down Oyster Lane!

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A245. 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)). Even though the commitment was made in November 2020 to comment specifically upon the proposal at the March 2021 Joint Committee meeting, this was not done. Consideration of road investment schemes was done at prior meetings between Surrey Traffic and local

councillors and no record of local developments has yet been made available. Although the primary benefit is to school pupils from Byfleet, we will continue to press for this path to be completed.

There are no local improvements to be provided in our area under the next tranche of emergency Active Travel funding provided to SCC by the Government.

Recreation Ground

WBNF have taken the decision that a new Community Hall which they would like to see in the Village will not be considered for the Recreation Ground and alternate space is being sought. Therefore, the Pavilion will be retained and urgent repairs are being sought from WBC. WBNF will consider possible refurbishment and improvement to the Pavilion along with other plans to improve the Rec for local residents such as a perimeter path, including access to the Junior School park gate, and additional seating. Further discussions by WBNF with Councillors and Council Officers and others are ongoing.

SADPD

West Hall, we are waiting for HM Inspector's final review of Woking's SADPD. Due to the large number of objections received it is likely his deliberations will not be concluded until the autumn. Irrespective of the outcome of the Inspector's deliberations, we are concerned about the impact on the protected Old Wood and the unprotected Tins and Dodds Woods. We are seeking ways to ensure they can be maintained and even expanded.

Infrastructure Study

The need for the study arose from the consideration of the petition at the Council. Effectively a new Infrastructure Development Plan will be prepared by WBC to identify the current and future needs to support housing within the east of Woking. A joint working party from the Pyrford, West Byfleet and Byfleet Neighbourhood Forums and the RA have prepared a number of questions that they would want to see addressed in the new document. These cover the areas of Traffic and Active Travel, Health, Flooding and Education. We will also need to monitor Leisure and utility service provision (gas, electricity, water, sewerage and ICT)

Camphill Tip

A small group has met who are keen to see the Camphill Tip being used as a photovoltaic farm and avoid expansion of the industrial site given its restricted access. This has received positive encouragement from Woking Borough Council but they warn they have no investment funding available to pursue this themselves or currently within their wholly owned company, Thamesway, so alternate avenues are being pursued.

The WB Community Gardening Group

The Group have started planting around West Byfleet Station and already is starting to look good. The planting around Birch Green and in the village centre is reacting well to the early spring and further efforts are ongoing. If people want to contact the group directly email Loubergman@hotmail.com or search Facebook for West Byfleet Community Gardening Group

West Byfleet Community Festival (West Byfleet Live)

Following a virtual Committee meeting and advice from WBC Leisure, the date for 2021 has been cancelled and the Committee are looking forward to planning an extra-special 2022 event.

Library

Surrey Libraries reopened on 12th April. Further information at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events/news/coronavirus>

Our local Councillor is establishing with SCC Library Services the provision of cover during the demolition and construction phase. There is space allocated in the new development for a permanent library adjacent to Byfleet Corner.

COVID Support Volunteers

The group, being lead by Emma Osborne, is still supporting people in need as is Byfleet Care who are also helping people get to their vaccine appointments. This is much appreciated

Other

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

- 1 WBC Cycling and Walking Strategy, this was published quietly in March 2020. It is a poor document no reference to the east of the borough except for WB Station being one end of a safe cycling route for Sheerwater (the other end being Woking Town Centre) Active Travel strategy should have been discussed at the Joint Committee meeting of SCC and WBC on November 11th but only individual schemes were

covered not the strategic approach, which was disappointing. We hope the Joint Committee will take note of our Active Travel Vision.

- 2 Youth project, delayed by Covid.
- 3 Highways England Walking and Cycling strategy for areas impacted by the M25 J10 proposals.
- 4 Highways England J10 proposals impact on Painshill junction from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives. Overall approval of the scheme to commence has been delayed “The deadline for the decision is to be extended to 12 May 2021 (an extension of 4 months) to enable the Secretary of State to consult further on the application including on the question of appropriate provision of replacement land to compensate for the proposed special category land to be compulsorily purchased under the development consent order.”
- 5 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road, positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding.

Businesses:

Note also Sheer House report above.

From a business perspective it is indeed great news that the majority of our local enterprises who have remained closed during the last lock-down are beginning to re-emerge. Ancy at Boutique 57 is currently carrying out a major refurbishment of her shop and is hoping to re-open on the 12th May. I am delighted to learn that a new local artisan bakery will also be opening in the near future, I believe that they will also be selling other food items and specialised juices and drinks, it is called La Ficelle and I am told it will be located in the premises once called the Pantry next to London House. They are currently advertising for a shop Manager and other staff.

Thanks to Gary Elson in his WBBA role for Business input.

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

Keith Creswell 14/04/2021

BWBPRA Committee Byfleet Report 21.04.2021

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

Association matters:

RA Subscriptions/ Street Reps/Drop-in

Coverage of village:

Total number of roads in Byfleet: 93

Number of roads with Street Rep: 72 (77%)

Number of active Street Reps: 29

Of which number stepped down since last report: 0

Of which new since the last report: 0

AMO Role

The AMO role for Byfleet remains vacant with Isabelle David (Membership Officer) generously continuing to undertake the role for Byfleet until a new AMO is found and trained.

Street Reps:

New Street Reps needed for 21 roads. 1 possible new Street Rep has made contact regarding RA involvement. VRB to update at the meeting.

Subscriptions

SRs have **not** been asked to actively resume subscription collection but we have been asked by one SR whether she may chase providing she knows what we have received into our bank. Does the Committee feel that the time is right for SRs who wish to chase for subs in a COVID-secure way?

Is the Committee happy for SRs to be able to put old editions of the newsletter with a letter encouraging new membership through letter boxes providing COVID-secure measures are in place (mask/sanitiser?)

Planning

PLAN RU.21/0207 Land West of Byfleet Road (rear of 98-138 Byfleet Rd) New Haw KT15 3LA: (**Was** RU.19/0373 and RU.19/0378).

RA Objection sent by SJD 16.04.2021. Objection related traffic flow and loss of open green space land. Information regarding this Plan and a link to the Runnymede residents' groups' 'Next Door' initiative is being posted on the RA Website.

PLAN 2021/0281 SDC Southern 90 High Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7QT Byfleet Deadline for comment 17.04.2021.

Demolition of existing commercial unit and erection of two storey building containing 4no. one bedroom flats (class C3) and 1no. commercial unit (class E), with associated parking and landscaping.

11 local residents' objections. VRB would like to discuss a possible objection at the meeting.

This is in a prominent position on the edge of Plough Green and is part of a run of existing and old shop fronts. This change would be totally out of keeping with the street scene. It would add to the parking challenges of an already congested corner with impact of residents of Beech Close only three of whom are on the notify list.

Village Matters (Thanks to local groups, initiatives and Councillors):

Byfleet Fire Station Trust

- The local initiative mentioned at the last meeting is now active with the team involved working on fundraising. They are targeting £300,000 to maintain this historic, listed building and to allow its preservation and use as a community space. They are applying to the SCC Your Fund Initiative for £250,000 and fundraising locally for £50,000. Their 'Go fund me' initiative has raised £2215 so far.

Byfleet Community Library

- The Community Library is now open for longer hours from 12th April 2021.

New Bench on Plough Green

- A new (replacement) bench was installed by Serco 1st April 2021 thanks to the work of Byfleet Residents Neighbourhood Forum and Cllr Amanda Boote.

New equipment for Sanway Road Playground

- Residents have been very pleased to learn that new playground equipment will be erected in the Sanway Road children's playground w/c 26th April 2021. This playground is always well used and had been enhanced by some new tree planting. A new picnic bench will be installed too. Grateful thanks go to BRNF and to Fiona Syrett and Lynn Cozens and team for enabling this.

Byfleet Community Library

- The Community Library has now opened for longer hours from 12th April 2021.

Woking Foodbank at Byfleet Methodist Church

- The team continue their valuable work. Drop-off boxes are in the Co-op. Items in short supply have been listed on Byfleet Represents and local residents have been asked to donate these if they can.

Footpaths, Bridle Paths and Towpaths :

- **Improving Safety on Surrey's Pavements (April 2021):**

Pavement works/slurry pre-patching is taking place in Rectory Lane, Byfleet. This would appear to be the only scheduled road at the moment.

- **FP94 Application for A permanent 'diversion' of Footpath FP94, which runs along the front of the Manor House**

This issue remains on the Footpath Officer's radar with the Surrey County Council Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order which is due to expire by 11.06.2021.

- **Shared footpath – Parvis Road**

Many thanks to Keith Cresswell for raising RA concerns with WBC regarding the omission of the shared path completion agenda item, from the March 2021 Woking Joint Committee. Please see VRWB's report for detail.

- **Towpath between Murray's Lane and The Anchor at Pyrford**

We are aware of concerns raised by walkers along the towpath about cyclists' use of the towpath. Their walking experience has been impeded by the very frequent need to move aside to allow a bike to pass by.

RA Events and expenditure:

RA Garden Seed Share Scheme pilot: The Scheme started with the publication of Issue 166. Seeds are now available from the Byfleet Community Library and the St Mary's Centre for the Community in Stream Close, Byfleet. Anyone unable to visit these locations can email vrb@the-residents.org for seeds to be delivered. Posters are on the three village notice boards and a posting was put on Byfleet Represents. Response has been favourable so far with seeds taken from and contributed to from the scheme by local residents. Our first delivery of seeds was to a resident in West Byfleet.

No expenditure.

A.O.B.

None

Many thanks and regards , Eleanor Grady and Jean-Pierre Frossard - EMG/JPF 21.04.2021

PNF Report APRIL 2021

(as at 19/04/2021)

SITE ALLOCATIONS MAIN MODIFICATION DPD

The outcome of the process is still awaited.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Work continues on the assessment. A small sub committee has considered what should be changed from the status quo in the 2000 WBC Heritage Report and has created 25 draft Character Assessments for review.

Fundraising for the £13,000 cost has generated c£11,500 so there is a shortfall of £1,500. So far £420 has been raised by selling copies of the Pyrford Heritage CD.

SIGNIFICANT PYRFORD PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the last report, the Forum commented on the following application:-

Pyrford Place Farm Estate Pyrford Road

“Proposed resurfacing of yard area and erection of replacement washing bay structure following demolition of the existing.”

The objection was made as the site is in the Green Belt and current planning use is only for purposes ancillary to the Pyrford Golf Club

Three significant application have been decided since the March report:-

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Boathouse Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road | – Refused - Special circumstances not met |
| Little Copse Pyrford Road | – Refused - Impact & over development of site |
| Twisted Stone Golf Club Pyrford Road | – Refused & enforcement (retrospective) |
| Church Farm House Church Hill | – Approved (Listed building in Conservation Area) |

The following key applications are still under consideration:-

In Green Belt:-

Wisley Golf Club Wisley Lane

Engineering operations to The Garden Course to include replacement drainage and irrigation system, relocation of 5th and 8th tee boxes and re-profiling of section of the bank at the River Wey along with works to the bunkers to improve drainage and playability.

Pyrford Golf Club Warren Lane

- 1) External alterations and alterations to fenestration including installation of bi-fold doors in place of existing windows, new window to replace double doors, new entrance lobby within existing porch and installation of flue
- 2) Proposed floating composite structure and bridge on existing lake to provide pontoon style seating

Pyrford Place Pyrford Road

Erection of two storey boathouse following demolition of existing boathouse, refurbishment of existing footbridge (Second application; first refused)

The Old House Pyrford Road

- 1) Demolition of existing stables/storage building and replacement with detached oak framed garage/storage barn.
- 2) Single storey oak framed home gym extension.

Andy Grimshaw

PNF Chair