

BYFLEET, WEST BYFLEET & PYRFORD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford. 17 November 2021

Present:

Stewart Dick (SD) – Chair	Wade Pollard (WP) – WB Forum
Lynette Davies (LD) – Secretary	Eleanor Grady (EG) – Byfleet VR
Dharma Sivarajasingham (DS) - Treasurer	Ian Mason (IM) – Vice (Elect)
Andy Grimshaw (AG)– PVR (Village Representative) & Chair Pyrford NF	David Bell (DB) - Village Membership Officer (VMO)
Isabelle David (ID) – Membership Secretary	John Tiller (JT) - Village Membership Officer
Robert Munford (RM) – Editor	Carol Leong-Son (CLS) – Health & Wellbeing Officer (designate)

Quorum: 8 members - the meeting was quorate after the arrival of DS

Reports circulated and to be appended to minutes: Planning, Treasurer's Report, Editor's Report, Membership Report, West Byfleet VR, Pyrford VR, Byfleet VR, Pyrford Forum

1. Welcome & Apologies for absence

SD welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular the new members Ian Mason, David Bell, John Tiller and Carol Leong-Son who were asked to introduce themselves to the committee.

David Bell had agreed to take on the role of VMO for West Byfleet, replacing Lisa Graae and John Tiller had agreed to take on the role of VMO for Pyrford, a role fulfilled on a temporary basis by Andy Grimshaw. Both had met with Isabelle to discuss the role and would also be having a handover with Lisa and Andy. The committee were very pleased to welcome these two new members and wished to thank Lisa and Andy for all their work as VMOs over the years.

A replacement for Keith Creswell, standing down as VR for West Byfleet at the AGM, was still to be found.

Apologies had been received from Keith Creswell (KC) – WB VR, Ernie Elliot – Dep VR Pyrford, Penny Hoskyn - WB Forum, Sheila Carroll (SC) Committee member and all the Councillors

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 22 September and 20 October 2021

22 September 2021 – the minutes of the meeting had been reviewed at the meeting in October but could not be agreed on that occasion because the meeting was not quorate.

20 October 2021 - The minutes were reviewed and agreed as a true record by those present at this meeting with the following correction:

Item 11 – Forum Reports, Pyrford Forum:

~~Surrey had opened up 1016 areas as heritage assets.~~ Surrey has a public consultation process "Local Heritage List Project" to identify heritage assets located within six boroughs including Woking Borough. The PNF heritage project is proceeding well. Responses are required by 5pm 16th November 2021.

A list of Heritage assets as.....

The meeting was quorate with the arrival of DS. After the meeting he was asked if he had any comments on either set of minutes. He confirmed he had nothing further to add and both sets of minutes were therefore agreed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Item 3 – Cllr Bridgeman to provide an update on the Climate Emergency Committee. KC had also been promised an update on Camphill Tip. Carried forward.

LD was asked to email Cllr Bridgeman for an update as this item was now long outstanding.

Action: Cllr Bridgeman / LD

Item 8 – Cllr Boote to report back on contact with Environment Agency regarding river pollution monitoring system. Carry forward. Sheila Carroll, Keith Creswell and Cllr Boote had received a briefing from Thamesway and reported back via email.

Action: Closed

Item 9 – AG had also taken this up with Cllr Bowes

Action: Closed

Item 12 – WBC evening roadshow dates. These had been posted to the website by Anita

Action: Closed

There were no other actions which were outstanding or not covered by this agenda.

4. Planning Report

SD had prepared a report which had been circulated before the meeting. SD explained for the benefit of the new members of the committee that the first four items were updates on on-going issues – White Paper Consultation, SADPD, Joint Study on future Infrastructure Requirements of East of Woking, WB Village centre redevelopment. These were followed by planning applications on which a verbal update was then given at the meeting.

SD highlighted the recent Building Back Britain report which implied that housing requirements would be needed in the north rather than the home counties. He noted the government's comments on protecting the Green Belt and hoped this might influence local development plans.

SD had included some comments which the inspector had made on the SADPD.

a) Planning applications:

SD noted that the RA and Neighbourhood Forums (NF) worked together on planning issues. It was not always easy to object to applications and the RA would only do so on the right grounds. Residents, often from the vicinity of any application, would contact the RA for help and support.

Old Woking Road accidents – See report for background. RA supported the actions being taken by Pyrford NF. AG had attended the Woking Joint Committee (WJC) and submitted a detailed question. It seemed that an average speed camera was being considered for the Old Woking Road for the 22-23 budget. AG thought that other measures should also be put in place but would wait to see the progress with the camera before making any additional proposals.

11 – Manor House footpath diversion. RA had not objected on the advice of the Rights of Way Officer. The diversion had been approved. Some committee members had been contacted by the agent for the applicant asking for support in criticising the SCC Officer's Report. This is most certainly not a function of the RA and we will not be responding..

23 – PLAN/2021/1038 – Cherrywood, Blackdown Avenue, Pyrford - PNF had objected,

25 – PLAN/2021/1058 – Little Copse, Pyrford Road - PNF had objected,

28 - PLAN/2021/1130 - Rivendale, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet - RA have objected primarily on grounds of sub-division.

33 – PLAN/2021/0756 – The Brambles, Pyrford. This was on the Green Belt and SD recommended that the RA should object, outlining the grounds in his report. The committee agreed. Pyrford and WB Neighbourhood Forums would also be objecting.

7 – PLAN/2021/0724 – Chestnut Lodge, Forest Road, Pyrford. AG had been asked to object and was considering on what grounds PNF could do so.

SD noted that a number of our ward councillors sat on the Planning Committee chaired by Louise Morales – Cllr Dorsett, Brown and Boote. All councillors were also permitted to speak to the Committee about applications in their wards.

b) West Byfleet Village Centre Redevelopment

SD had included an update in his written report. Demolition was on track with construction planned for the beginning of next year although the main contractor was still to be appointed.

c) Joint study on the future infrastructure requirements of East of Woking

A response had been received on the questions posed by the committee. EG requested SD send her the full response. **Action: SD/EG**

Following a question from RM, SD confirmed the nature of the response ie it was the provision of answers, some detailed, to the questions posed. Zoom calls had been arranged for representatives of Residents Associations and Neighbourhood Forums.

Phase 2 of the Study was now complete and SD and AG but SD and AG had attended a Zoom meeting with WBC. This had been beneficial.

SD explained that the WJC was attended by WBC and SCC Councillors. However, an Infrastructure Group set up by the WJC about 3 years ago had never met but was now being regenerated.

A Health & Wellbeing Group had been active under Cllr Liz Bowes but had not met since her departure. WBC had now set up a similar group which CLS had been asked to monitor. There was concern that having two groups could cause some confusion.

19:50 – DS arrived

5. Treasurer's Report

DS had circulated his report before the meeting.

AG noted that CD Heating had paid their invoice but that the monies were not sitting in the right account. DS would sort this out and remove them from the outstanding invoices list. **Action: DS**

ID/DS would have a catchup on advertising billing so that ID could chase as appropriate. **Action: ID/DS**

DS had suggested that the funds returned by PNF as unspent from their 2020 grant should be returned as a donation to the Pyrford Heritage Fund. This was agreed.

There was a discussion about donations towards Christmas activities in the three villages and it was agreed that £200 would be offered to each village where there were such activities. EG would inform the organisers in Byfleet.

Thanks were given to all Village and Street Reps for their sterling work delivering newsletters and collecting subscriptions.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

ID had circulated a report.

ID was very pleased to welcome David Bell and John Tiller as respectively West Byfleet and Pyrford Village Membership Officers. She would continue as the VMO for Byfleet until a volunteer could be found.

ID noted that any member who had not paid subs for three years would be removed from the membership database. The constitution stated that the grace period was two years, but this had been extended to three to take into account the difficulty in collecting subscriptions during the pandemic. After discussion it was agreed that the 3-year grace period should be continued for another year and reconsidered in December 2022.

A drop-in session would take place on Saturday 20 November 2021 and ID had provided a timetable for distribution of newsletters, collection and banking of subs. It was very important that as any outstanding fees as possible were banked by the end of the year.

7. Editorial

RM had circulated a report before the meeting. Issue 168, a print issue of 24 pages, would be available at the drop in on 20 November 2021 for Street Reps to collect.

It was agreed that the newsletter should be loaded to the website a week after the drop in.

Sheila Carroll had suggested using social media sites to promote the newsletter. This was agreed. RM/ID would work with her on this. **Action: RM/ID/SC**

Advertising – Nothing new to report.

RM would look at dates for the issue of newsletters through 2022.

Action: RM

8. AGM

The AGM would take place on 12 January 2022 at Our Lady Help of Christian's Parish Hall, Madeira Road, West Byfleet.

Julie Fisher, CEO of WBC, would give a talk at the end of the meeting. She had asked what she should cover. SD suggested the Woking Emergency Climate Plan. RM suggested Priorities for Woking. SD to liaise with Julie Fisher.

9. River Wey Water Quality

Keith Creswell had reported via email on the responses of the various authorities, but the responses had not been particularly helpful. The suggestion that the RA should take on the responsibility of monitoring water quality was

rejected. However, SD would revisit the information on this to see if he could find out how monitoring could be requested from the appropriate authority.

10. Draft Surrey Transport Plan consultation process

There was little to report. AG had responded on behalf of PNF, SD for the RA and KC on a private basis. SD noted that the report contained no costings and whilst containing interesting ideas would be difficult to implement.

11. Website

ID suggested that a subgroup look at this and report back to the committee.

12. Councillors' Reports

No reports as all councillors had sent apologies.

13. Right of Way Report

There was no report.

14. Village Representative Reports

Byfleet - EG had submitted a report and highlighted the following:

- Andrew Weiss would be taking over as Chair of Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum from Fiona Syrett. PNF and WBNF had both offered to help with the redesignation and Plan preparation of the NF.
- Remembrance Sunday had been well attended
- Philip Riesebeck – a Byfleet character had sadly died
- Byfleet Christmas lights were being switched on 18 November 2021
- Hedgerow removal. EG had written to councillors and the RA Footpath Officer to see what could be done. AG noted that he would be interested in any information about the ownership of alleyways as he had a similar issue in Pyrford.
- Planning issues – Manor House extension and removal of trees. EG had been in touch with the Tree Officer to find out which trees were affected. The officer was looking into this.
- 103 Oyster Lane – application for retrospective planning permission for paving.
- Orchard Project – EG would provide an article for the next newsletter. The aim was to create a map with the location of all apple and pear trees in the three villages. EG was in contact with RHS Wisley.

West Byfleet – KC had submitted a detailed report.

Pyrford - AG had submitted a report and highlighted the following:

- Marshall's Parade – the developer was waiting for the water to be connected
- A number of planning issues were also recorded

15. Forum Reports

Byfleet – There was no report.

West Byfleet – WP noted the comprehensive VR report provided by KC.

WBNF AGM taking place on 24 November 2021 at the Camphill Social Club

A meeting was being arranged with councillors and Julie Fisher to discuss the Community Hall project for West Byfleet.

Community gardening group continued to do good work around the station area.

Pyrford - AG had submitted a report and highlighted the following:

- Walk on the Wild Side Tea Party had been very successful and raised c.£800. Another was planned.

16. AOB

Drop in dates: 14:00-16:00 on Saturday, 20 November 2021 at St John's Hall, West Byfleet (hall booked from 13:00 for set up)

Meeting closed at 21:17

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 19 January 2022

Meetings for 2022 – all Wednesdays at 19:00 :

19 January	18 May
16 February	15 June
16 March	20 July
13 April	August – no meeting

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PLANNING REPORT - November 2021

This report covers information received up to 14th November 2021

1. WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Queen's Speech included a Planning Bill. We now await its publication. Publication of the Bill is expected in the Autumn. All the current signs are that it will be a watered down version of what has been discussed.

Just to remind you all that the RA and WBNF responded to the Consultation. Woking Borough Council also submitted a very robust response focusing very much on the safeguarding of local democracy, influence and responsibility.

Surrey Members of Parliament have been powerful in making their views clear. And of course the MP for Surrey Heath, Michael Gove, is now Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Both he and the Prime Minister have made public statements about protecting the Green Belt in the south of England so we will see what happens - if anything. In the meantime we continue to operate under current legislation.

A further optimistic straw in the wind is the recent report from The Building Back Britain Commission. This emphasises the need for greater home building outside of London and the South East. The Government's plans to "level up the country" will result in job creation and housing demand in the North and the Midlands particularly around Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds with less pressure from the Home Counties. This will should involve more social housing and reform to the right to buy. At the launch of the Report attended by Michael Gove he appeared supportive of the key findings.

2. SADPD

The Inspector issued his Final Report with his recommended Main Modifications to make the Plan sound and legally compliant and thus capable of adoption. It was released on the 6th August and made available to the public on 24th August.

The Inspector concludes that "the duty to cooperate has been met and that with the recommended Main Modifications set out in the Appendix, the Woking Site Allocations Development Plan Document satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound."

The Inspector's Final Report with Main Modifications was delivered to WBC on 6th August 2021. This Report along with the recommendations from WBC were considered by the Local Development Framework Working Group on the 22nd September 2021. This is a cross party review committee.

The Report along with the recommendations of WBC and LDFG was considered by the Executive on 7th October 2021 and recommended to the Full Council for debate on 13th October.

There was an informed, responsible and full debate with the Report being adopted by 21 votes "for", 3 votes "against" and one abstention.

On the basis of the advice provided to Councillors as regards the implications for non-adoption and the implications/benefits for adopting the DPD this outcome was not unexpected.

Two consequences for Byfleet and West Byfleet are that sites GB4 and GB5 will now be safeguarded for potential residential development between 2027 and 2040 and that GB9 and GB9A will now be available for residential development (circa 555 family and affordable homes) and 15 Traveller's pitches subject to the conditions detailed by the Inspector.

The Inspector has discussed the infrastructure requirements to support this development and they are onerous and demanding and will be hugely expensive - well in excess of CIL that will be generated. A difficult dilemma for the Planning Committee.

The Inspector also makes some interesting observations regarding a full assessment of future requirements and the identification of the appropriate amount of land to cover the period after 2027 which could involve consideration of additional Green Belt sites over and above those identified for safeguarding in the SADPD should this be justified:

Moreover, further releases of Green Belt sites, over and above those identified in the SADPD, would likely be more harmful in Green Belt or landscape terms, be less accessible and thus not as sustainably located, and have greater landscape and other effects than the sites currently included in the plan.

> *I consider that with the safeguarded land it proposes to designate, the SADPD ensures that development needs could be met well beyond the Plan period, insofar as is reasonable and practicable.*

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

We have now moved into Phase Two and responses have been submitted on community facilities and green infrastructure.

In Phase One Woking Borough Council (Planning Policy Team) issued two draft reports.

- i). Local Development Framework Infrastructure Capacity Study and Delivery Plan DRAFT 2021 Review; and
- ii). DRAFT Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2021 Review – Extract of Byfleet and West Byfleet Infrastructure Capacity and Requirements.

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 (Councillors Ashall, Dorsett, Elson, Forster, Kirby, Morales and Aziz), 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 are also 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.

With GB9 being released from Green Belt and a planning application expected at some stage the conclusion of this Report will be of great planning importance.

The RA and the Forums agreed on our approach. The basic research for Phase One was divided as follows:

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

We prepared a list of questions under each heading and these were submitted to WBC.

I circulated the list of questions together with the response from Ernest Amoako prior to the April meeting.

We held our Zoom consultations with WBC Planning Policy and representatives from SCC. These two discussions were helpful and most certainly gave both WBC and SCC an opportunity for further clarification and we of course

had the opportunity to express ongoing and in our view at least unresolved and indeed unaddressed infrastructure inadequacies.

We thank Ernest, Gillian, Stephanie and SCC representatives for their work and their time.

WBC have considered our submissions and indeed have responded on Education, Flooding and in the last few days Transport. Once all the responses have been received a further Zoom meeting is planned,

Phase One of the Review of the Infrastructure Capacity Study and Delivery Plan was considered by the Local Development Working Group on the 21st July (they had little to contribute) and went to the Executive on the 9th September. It was considered by the full Council on 14th October.

We have also responded on the second phase, namely Community Facilities and Green Infrastructure. Andy Grimshaw and I attended a Zoom meeting with WBC to discuss Phase Two which was helpful and constructive.

4. WEST BYFLEET VILLAGE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

The Liaison Group last met on the 8th November 2021

Progress Report

- > Art work has now been re-installed. Well done to all involved particularly Natalie Scott and the wonderful students at Woking College
- > Demolition continues at an impressive rate and should be finished end November/December
- > The crusher is working overtime, so much so that a second crusher is due to arrive. Over 90% of the rubble will be re-cycled
- > Planters have been relocated to West Byfleet Station
- > Post Box is relocated
- > Car Park closed on 31 August and spaces relocated in Station car park
- > Library closed on 20th August and the replacement in the Old Sorting Office is open.
- > The main contractor is expected to start in the New Year but has yet to be appointed.
- > The hoardings will in due course be made more attractive and their will be viewing "windows".
- > The timetable is on schedule

Background

The liaison group comprising representatives from:

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

have been meeting with the developer and Keeble Brown on a regular basis. These discussions have been very helpful and constructive. There were also 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 were 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.**

The Planning Application for the Reserved Matters came before the Planning Committee on 6th April 2021. After discussion the Application received unanimous support.

5. Wisley Airfield Garden Village

A separate report was circulated with the May Report. As yet NO Planning Application had been submitted. A submission was expected in September but everything has gone rather quiet. Should an application be approved, even for a much reduced number of new dwellings, it is inevitable that there will be additional and significant strain

on the infrastructure in our Three Villages. This needs to be reflected in the current Infrastructure Study being undertaken by WBC (see 3 above).

6. Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

OLD WOKING ROAD ACCIDENTS - accidents on the length of Old Woking Road between Sheerwater Road and Maybury Hill since 2000.

The key statistics are:-

- 195 recorded accidents - 2 fatal, 35 serious and 158 slight
- 280 casualties – 3 fatal, 55 serious and 222 slight
- 160 accidents involved a car and 14 pedal cycles
- 114 accidents occurred at either T junctions or staggered junctions
- 109 accidents occurred at Maybury Hill, Pyrford Common Road, Pyrford Woods & Sheerwater Road

The Forum intends to ask a question at the next Woking Joint Committee meeting in November along the lines:-

Since 2000, there have been 280 people injured in 196 accidents along a small section of the Old Woking Rd - from Sheerwater Road to Maybury Hill, with 55 seriously injured and, worse still, 3 young people have lost their lives late at night, causing devastation to families, friends and local residents.

The Pyrford Forum considers that this is a totally unacceptable situation and demands that something is done to improve the road safety of the Old Woking Rd, in particular around the section Broomcroft Drive to Norfolk Farm Road involving the steep hill.

Both fatal accidents and 12 of the 35 serious accidents occurred on the stretch between Broomcroft Drive and Pyrford Common Road.

The Forum believes an average speed camera is essential to reduce vehicle speeds, especially late at night, to help save lives and reduce serious injuries, but additional other possible options could be implemented such as:-

- 30 mph zone – there are many turnings on parts of the road
- Improving the camber of the road near Broomcroft Drive
- Altering the road before the bend so that it is gentler after such a long straight stretch.
- A speed camera

What would SCC implement now?

The RA supports PNF in their request for traffic calming/road design improvements.

This matter was discussed at the Joint Committee on 10th November and a written response stated:

officers have already recently discussed with police the possibility of implementing average speed cameras on this stretch of road.

However the timing appears to be in the future and dependent on several factors rather suggesting that little will happen.

APPROVED

7. PLAN/2021/0724

Address: Chestnut Lodge Forest Road Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8LU

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

PERMITTED SUBJECT TO S106 agreement

8. PLAN/2021/0870

Address: Emerald House, 30 - 38 High Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7QN

rior notification for a change of use from offices to 23x residential units (Use Class C3) on ground, first and second floors.

Approved

9. PLAN/2021/0742

Address: 13 Black Prince Close Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7ES

Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and alterations to garage.

Called in by Councillor Boote

Approved

10. PLAN/2021/1009

Address: Tall Pines Forest Road Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8LU

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

Permitted

11. 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.

The applicant has now amended the proposed new route for the diversion,

On advice from Marion Malcher we took no action but kept the matter under review.

This was discussed at the Joint Committee on 10th November. A permanent diversion was agreed.

REFUSED

12. PLAN/2020/0846

Address: Land On The South Side Of Lock Lane Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8UX

Erection a single storey dwelling and formation of a vehicular access onto Lock Lane following demolition of existing stables and field shelter.

Refused (RA objected) but appealed.

APPEAL DISMISSED

UNDER CONSIDERATION

13. 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

14. PLAN/2021/0489

Address: 154 Old Woking Road Woking Surrey GU22 8LE

Erection of a two storey side extension and front porch following demolition of existing porch. Erection of a single storey rear extension and 1No rear rooflight.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 1st June 2021

The RA has written to **OBJECT** - not in accord with CS21 and PNF Policy BE1 and BE3

15. PLAN/2021/0619

Address: Units 11 And 12 Wintersells Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey

Formal consultation from Surrey County Council Details of bollard works to prevent overturning of the footway at A318 and Wintersells Road Junction, submitted pursuant to Condition 6 of planning permission Ref: EL18/3802 dated 17 July 2020.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 16th June

16. PLAN/2021/0654

Address: Hawthorn Elmstead Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6JB

Erection of first floor extension, two storey rear extension and single storey front extension to create a two storey dwelling. Erection of car port and external alterations

Pending Consideration

Comments by 9th July

17. PLAN/2020/0656

Address: 103 Oyster Lane Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7JF

Addition of 112 sq metres multi coloured block pavers forecourt to Oyster Lane frontage and erection of new fencing to be 1.13m high for 11m in length and 0.65m high for 5m in length. (Retrospective)

Pending Consideration

Comments by 21st July

18. PLAN/2021/0793

Address: Units 1B and 2 Wey Retail Park Royston Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7NP

Proposed amalgamation of Units 1b and 2 to include physical works to create a new, single unit within Use Class E (including for the sale of food and non-food goods) with the installation of a mezzanine floor; alterations to car park layout; and associated works.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 12th August

The RA has written to express concern

19. PLAN/2021/0872

Address: Lee Place Hazel Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6JJ

Erection of detached dwelling on land west of Lee Place.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 23rd August

Recommended to grant subject to Legal Agreement

20. PLAN/2021/0871

Address: Pyrford Place Pyrford Road Woking Surrey

Erection of a replacement boathouse following demolition of existing structure

Pending Consideration

Comments by 26th August

The RA is not objecting as this now seems an acceptable application

21. PLAN/2021/1036

Address: High Beeches 2 Pyrford Woods Close Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8QN

Erection of a two storey front extension and first floor side extension and external alterations including alterations to external finishes

Pending Consideration

Comments by 14th October

22. PLAN/2021/1065

Address: Thatched Cottage Old Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6AD

Erection of two storey side and single storey side and rear extensions, replacement linked garage following demolition of existing garage, associated external works.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 29th October

The RA is considering expressing concern due to size of the proposed extension and the fact that it conflicts with the existing listed building.

23. PLAN/2021/1038

Address: Cherrywood Blackdown Avenue Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8QG

Erection of part two storey and part single storey side extension to existing dwelling (planning permission PLAN/2020/0863 granted 25/02/2021) and creation of new dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 27th October

24. PLAN/2021/1044

Address: 25 Wexfenne Gardens Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8TX
Erection of two storey side extension and erection of detached garage to frontage

Pending Consideration **Comments by 27th October**

25. PLAN/2021/1058

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.

Pending Consideration **Comments by 8th November**

26. PLAN/2021/1119

Address: 214 High Road Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7DD
Erection of two-storey side and rear extension with front dormer, insertion of rooflights and alterations to fenestration

Pending Consideration **Comments by 5th November**

27. PLAN/2021/1101

Address: 58 Dartnell Avenue West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6PJ
Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, first floor and roof extensions, including raising of the eaves and ridge height and side and rear dormer windows, to create a two storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, external alterations and front porch.

Pending Consideration **Comments by 4th November**

28. PLAN/2021/1130

Address: Rivendell Pyrford Road West Byfleet Surrey KT14 6RE
Erection of two storey side and rear extension and sub-division of property to create 2x semi-detached dwellings.

Pending Consideration **Comments by 11th November**

The RA have written to object

NEW

29. PLAN/2021/1165

Address: Cobbetts Pyrford Woods Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8QL
Erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension and front porch extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory

Pending Consideration **Comments by 18th November**

30. PLAN/2021/1131

Address: 7 Bray Gardens Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8RX
Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, erection of 2x rear dormer windows and insertion of front and side rooflights to facilitate accommodation in the roof space, installation of replacement windows, installation of solar panels and alterations to external materials following demolition of single storey rear extension and side conservatory.

Pending Consideration **Comments by 10th November**

31. PLAN/2021/1107

Address: Beech Rise Lock Lane Pyrford Woking Surrey GU22 8UX
Formation of vehicular access onto Lock Lane.

Pending Consideration **Comments by 16th November**

32. PLAN/2021/1110

Address: Manor House Mill Lane Byfleet West Byfleet Surrey KT14 7RS
Erection of an outbuilding including an indoor swimming pool and gym and associated landscaping works and pergolas, following demolition of existing outbuilding.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 24th November

33. PLAN/2021/0756

Address: The Brambles Pyrford Road Woking Surrey GU22 8UQ

Outline application (all matters reserved) for a new residential development of 26 dwellings, with associated access, parking and landscaping.

Pending Consideration

Comments by 25th November

PNF had a special Committee meeting on Friday 12th November to discuss this application and decided to oppose it.

The RA should also oppose it for the following reasons including what I have reported in 2 above:

- a) The SADPD has been adopted.
- b) The Inspector has agreed the sites to be released from Green Belt.
- c) The inspector is satisfied that the release of these sites will enable WBC to meet its housing targets both quantitatively and qualitatively up to 2027 and possibly beyond.
- d) The inspector appears cautious regarding the benefit of further releases.
- e) In these circumstances to support a further residential building on Green Belt would appear quite unnecessary and possibly counter productive.
- f) Given how both PNF and the RA have campaigned it will send out a confusing policy message should we not object.
- g) The green belt side of Pyrford Road forms a "buffer" for Pyrford village which will be lost with this development."
- h) Currently in view of all of the above it is clear to me that there are NO exceptional circumstances to justify the release of this land from Green Belt for residential development.

OTHERS

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); upto 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).

Pending Consideration

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/November 2021

Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association
TREASURER'S REPORT
16 November 2021

The following Statement of Financial Affairs is for the period from 1st of January 2021 to 16th of November 2021.

Update on financials for the current period

Subscription income (collection) is continuing to recover well and remaining stable at £11,441 (£8,100 in September). This is due to the collection push performed by our village and street representatives during July and August months. Our total cash reserves temporarily increased but continuing to remain healthy at £34,286 (September £31,592). Following payments are outstanding and will reduce the reserves. Outstanding payments are:

- Grants for the year to be paid - Pyrford £1,173, West Byfleet £953. Pyrford payment is to be made on the 18th November. Waiting for WB's signed expenses report from Wade.
- We have renewed the insurance. The liability certificate has been already sent to Lynette. Should you need a copy please let me know.
- Printing costs of Resident issue 168 is to be made in December. This is expected to be around £1,900.

For the year, £1,720 has been invoiced for advertising and collected £1,320. Isabelle to confirm on Wine and Something for their £220 invoice raised in April. Other outstanding invoices are – CD Heating £150, Andrew Bramwell £30. Isabelle is continuing to chase. We expect to invoice for the issue 168 before the end of 2021.

As previously agreed, Pyrford forum has returned unspent £155.11 from their 2020 grant. I recommend the committee to donate the same to Pyrford heritage fund like last year and not to cash this cheque.

Our Chairman Stewart has requested whether it is possible to allocate funds to support our local villages during the Christmas season. I have now set aside £600 towards this initiative.

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 lower than 2019 levels. However with the July and August collection push the collections have improved and stabilising. I also expect Advertising to be slower for the year but I expect this to improve in 2022 along with the UK economic growth.

Dharma Sivarajasingham
Hon. Treasurer
16/11/2021

Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association
to 16 November 2021

	Year to date	
INCOME	£	£
Subscriptions and member donations:		
Byfleet	2,436	
West Byfleet	4,267	
Pyrford	4,553	
Subscriptions not allocated	185	
2019 paid in 2018	-	
2020 paid in 2019 or to be allocated	-	
		11,441
Advertising (includes receipts from 2019 invoices)		1,320
Bank Interest		5
Donations		-
Other		-
Total Income		12,765

EXPENDITURE

The Resident	2,554	
Committee Expenses	-	
Street Rep Drop Ins	150	
Room Hire not Comm.	-	
AGM	80	
Fetes	-	
Display/Equipment	-	
Donations:	-	
Community Support	-	
Insurance	310	
Postage, Stationery & Printing	584	
Sundries/Losses	-	
Database/Web Expenses	474	
Mileage/Parking	-	
Forums - Pyrford	0	
- Byfleet (PMT error to recoverd and pay Pyrford)	0	
- West Byfleet	0	
	<u>0</u>	
Total Expenditure	<u>4,153</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>£8,612</u>	
Opening Cash	£25,674	
Surplus/(Deficit)	£8,612	
Closing Cash	<u>£34,286</u>	
Analysis of Cash		
Current Account	11,187	
Un allocated Collections		
Accounts + 2020 subs not allocated	185	
Overnight Deposit	7,749	
32Day deposit	15,166	
	<u>£34,286</u>	
* Donations	£	
FRIENDS OF BYFLEET -		
GODFREY BENCH		
BYFLEET AMENITIES		
	<u>£0</u>	
* Community Support		
BELL CORNWELL RE-		
SADPD	0	
Printing Leaflets - walk in		
Centre	0	
	<u>0</u>	
* Sundries		
	<u>£0</u>	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER (17 NOVEMBER 2021)

KEY POINTS 2021 YEAR TO DATE

The total annual membership subscriptions received to date for 2021 is **£11,295.50 (@14 Nov 2021)**

	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	2450.50	30	0	2480.5	1725	2,765
West Byfleet	4256	0	0	4256	3584	4,812
Pyrford	4554	5	0	4559	3972	4,613
TOTAL	11260.5	35	0	11295.50	9281	12190

Total membership numbers:

	2019	2020	2021
Byfleet	576	561	594
West Byfleet	793	781	811
Pyrford	1,089	1039	1062
“Other”	11	18	18
TOTAL	2,469	2,399	2485

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.

It is proposed that we revert to the pre-pandemic status, which would mean that members who have not paid in 2020 and 2021 as at 1 January 2022 will cease to be RA members.

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	304
West Byfleet	305	429	491	522
Pyrford	421	452	488	551
TOTAL	993	1,143	1,250	1,377
Percentage of Members	35%	46%	52%	55%

Matters to note:

- 1. Issue 168 will be distributed on 20 November at the first Drop In since the pandemic began in March 2020. Final subscriptions collected for 2021 as a result will need to be banked and allocated on the database as soon as possible to ensure that subscriptions are attributed to 2021. This is a tight timetable requiring maximum cooperation between everyone:**

Deadline	Action	Responsibility
13 December	Encourage SRs to have delivered 168 and return any subs received as a result to VR	VRs
16 December	VRs to pass subs etc to VMOs	VRs
20 December	VMOs to have banked subs, updated database and emailed sheets to Treasurer	VMOs
22 December	Treasurer to have uploaded data onto database	Treasurer/Keith

- 2. We need to amend the wording on the subscription envelopes to make it clearer to whom cheques should be paid (point c/fwd as a reminder).*
- 3. Lisa Graae will be stepping down as Village Membership Officer for West Byfleet at the same time as Keith Creswell. This means that we are now looking for replacements for Village Membership Officers in both Byfleet and West Byfleet (and in Pyrford where Andy Grimshaw has been covering the role).**

I am delighted to be able to report that 2 West Byfleet residents – John Tiller and David Bell – have offered to take on the roles of West Byfleet and Pyrford respectively. The handover process will begin subject to approval from the Committee.

This leaves the Byfleet VMO role, which I will continue to perform in the short term.

RA Editor's Report – 17.11.2021

- **Issue 168 Update**

- Issue 168 completed – a full printed issue with a total of 24 pages
- Completed ahead of schedule to give Stag printing more time to complete print run of Issue 168
- Stag Printing will deliver all copies of Issue 168 to the Drop-in in West Byfleet Catholic church on Saturday 20th November at 13:30
- No Report/Article from Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum but added note of thanks to Fiona Syrett for her work with Byfleet Village and mentioned new chairperson appointed
- Thanks to everyone for the articles, reports and special thanks to the Peer Reviewers
- I will be sending PDF copies of their articles to external authors this week
- **Q. When do you want to load Issue 168 onto RA Website???**

- **Issue 169**

- **Environment**
 - I have been trying to include dedicated page to the Environment (such as Wild Pyrford/Tree Wardens)
 - I will extend this to include Known Environmental issues, projects and initiatives within the 3 villages
 - Wild Pyrford
 - Tree Wardens
- I will connect with Andrew Weiss the new Chair of Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum regarding reports and articles for the Resident Newsletter
- Any new articles would be appreciated
- RA AGM Meeting will feature in Issue 169

Nov 2021

**Village Representative Report West Byfleet
For Committee and Street Reps**

Admin

All subscriptions received up to 12th November have been banked and recorded in the members database so the Street Reps should have “clean” distribution sheets available for the forthcoming distribution.

We still need street reps for the 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.

Local issues

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

Residents Panel

Nothing to report regarding West Byfleet although a local consultation session is being held on 29/11 in Byfleet. Hopefully, we can get the message over that WBC seem much too concerned with the centre of Woking to the detriment of the outlying areas.

Sheer House.

RVG anticipate that main contractors will be appointed shortly and construction will start early in the new year. WBNF will report further.

Broadoaks Development

Nothing further to report from me this month.

Active Travel

A245 shared path Byfleet to Broadoaks. I put in a written request to the November Joint Committee asking why SCC did not comply with the November 20 Committee decision. Although the written reply failed to address that particular issue, there was some interesting comments regarding integration with other local schemes with regard to Brooklands, Cobham and Old Woking which was reassuring that interconnectivity of active travel schemes across boundaries is being considered. This is the first time this has been acknowledged publicly.

It was also reassuring to see the acknowledgement that the current Woking Walking and Cycling Plan is Woking centric (or to quote “radiating”) and that the update will look to cover local areas. Previously Byfleet and Pyrford had been totally ignored and WB only regarded as a terminus for the Sheerwater path. I have put in a number of supplementary questions that the JC promised to deal with outside the meeting.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

WBNF will report further

Community Centre

WBNF will report further

Camphill Tip PV Farm proposal

SCC have plugged us into their Community Energy Network. We need a contact person to replace Sally Cantello who did sterling work on this scheme.

The WB Community Gardening Group (WBCGG)

The Group are continuing to weed and plant around and on West Byfleet Station. If people want to contact the group directly email Loubergman@hotmail.com or Rebecca Bradshaw at westbyfleetcommunitygardening@gmail.com or search Facebook for West Byfleet Community Gardening Group.

Trees

The attempts to find tree wardens under the national tree warden scheme have not yet been successful, hopeful that the article in the forthcoming The Resident article will prove productive.

The reminder on Tree Protection Orders for Dartnell Park residents has been temporarily shelved.

Some low-level support for Old Wood, Tins Wood and Dodds Wood to be expanded and made contiguous is ongoing via Councillors and Green Infrastructure response.

Flooding

I have written, with Stewart, to the Planning Committee pointing out our concerns that EA flood risk factors are not accurate and requested that an up-to-date scientifically accurate assessment is in place before granting any major planning permissions.

Water Quality

The attempts, with help from Cllrs Mary Bridgman and Amanda Boote, to get reassurance on River Wey Water quality both at Bluegates and Newark Meadows have failed so far with PHE not engaging and WBC Environmental Health deferring to EA who have issued a lower Wey report in September but this does not cover bathing quality only ecological assessment. It is also somewhat remote to us. The report does show improvement from a pollution perspective except in two areas and nitrates generally. I have sought advice from The Rivers Trust concerning independent quality testing. The Trust recommend no swimming for two miles downstream from a Waste Sewerage Works, this impacts Newark Meadows from Ripley and Bluegates from Wisley. It seems that Wisley outflows are not monitored, I am trying to establish if this is correct. I would recommend to the Committee that they consider establishing an independent water quality testing regime at Bluegates Hole at the beginning of next summer, subject to cost!

It also seems that the Rivers Trust do not cover the Mole or the Wey but most other Thames tributaries are covered (the Wey is the longest Thames tributary after the Medway!) It would be good if we could find a member prepared to join and liaise with The Rivers Trust and report back to the Committee.

On a similar topic, Cllr Liz Bowes has been helpful in establishing whether the Wey Catchment Plan is still in preparation, we have been provided a contact and hopefully they will provide an article for the next The Resident.

It also worth noting that West Hall appears to drain into Broad Ditch which enters the Wey just upstream of the proposed Sanway bund. Broad Ditch often floods under the motorway and severely impacts the path. The EA and SCC RoW Officers have been made aware of the future higher flood risk and steps are in place to both improve access across the bund and remove the antisocial railings on the upper path under the motorway to allow flood free transit of this bridleway from Byfleet.

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, See also Active Travel paragraph above.
- 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 updated proposals, impact on Painshill and Sven Hill Road/Byfleet Road junctions from traffic congestion and non-motorised user perspectives. Note J10 decision not issued in November and postponed again until Spring 22
- 5 The traffic pollution monitoring from the Parvis Road, positioning of detectors at relevant places is still outstanding.
- 6 West Byfleet Community Festival (West Byfleet Live), the Committee are looking forward to planning an extra-special 2022 event but have yet to meet again.

Businesses:

I will ask Gary, as WBBA Chair, to report and would hope that the RA will support Xmas lights that is being co-ordinated by Ancy Fenton at No. 57.

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

Keith Creswell 14/11/2021

PYRFORD VR REPORT - 17 November 2021 (as of 14 November 2021)

A) MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

So far in 2021, £4,559 has been received from 612 members; compared to this time last year 123% by value but only 60% of households.

The members who have paid year to date represent 61% of the Pyrford membership of 1,023 and the monies 114% of that paid in all of 2020. In 2020 only 62% of the recorded membership paid compared to 76 % in 2019.

The frequency of payments and an analysis in the last three years is shown below:-

Membership 1003	Total	In database	To enter	No members	Average
	£	£	£		£
Paid Directly to Pyrford Collections	4,549	4,549	0	610	7.46
Paid into Main Account	5	5	0	1	5.00
Bank Balance to enter	5	0	5	1	5.00
Cheques & cash to bank	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Totals	4,559	4,554	5	612	7.45
Ytd to November 2020	3,702				
	123%				
2020 Members Subs	3,967			630	6.30
% 2021 so far ccf 2020 outturn	114.9%			97.1%	118.3%
Memberships Paid in Database		£	No	%	Av
2019		4,568	772	77.0%	5.92
2020		3,967	630	62.8%	6.30
2021		4,559	612	61.0%	7.45
Member Households			1,003		

One spread sheets worth £5.00 is waiting to be loaded by the Treasurer to the database The bank balance for Pyrford includes £150 not relating to membership but payment by CD Heating for an advert.

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
- Norfolk Farm Close

C) FATAL ACCIDENT OLD WOKING ROAD

The Pyrford Forum question plus a question from a member of the public were tabled at the Woking Joint Committee on November 10th. Surrey County Council Highways are considering an average speed camera and have raised it with the police.

D) MARSHAL PARADE DEVELOPMENT SAGA

Power has been installed and building continues on the apartments with windows, stairs and internal works for the flats installed. Water connection is outstanding.

Fitting out looks complete on the retail unit for Synergy Dentists.

E) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

One application of note is for 26 residential dwellings (13 affordable rate & 13 market rate) at The Brambles Pyrford Road which is Green Belt.

BWBPRA Committee Byfleet Report 17 Nov 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: 71 (75%)

Number of active Street Reps: 29

Of which number stepped down since last report: 1

Of which new since the last report: 1

AMO Role

The AMO role for Byfleet remains vacant with Isabelle David very generously continuing to undertake the role for Byfleet.

Street Reps:

One SR has stepped down for the foreseeable future due to ill-health. A replacement SR has stepped forward to cover this street and to try to encourage more members.

Subscriptions:

Byfleet's subscriptions continue to be received. Envelopes will be enclosed with Issue 168 where subs have not been received. Unfortunately, we are still receiving cheques made out to account names which cannot be banked. *Subs envelopes – next print run to please include a line making it very clear to which account names cheques need to be made out.*

Issue 168

Well done to Robert for a process well-managed. Members are looking forward to reading Issue 168. We have requested approx. 250 additional copies and new joiner leaflets to try to increase membership/ make available at upcoming village Christmas events.

Byfleet Residents Neighbourhood Forum:

We warmly welcome Fiona Syrett's advice that Andrew Weiss has been nominated to assume the Chair of the BRNF (pending approval at the BRNF AGM). Many thanks to Andrew for his introductory mail and we look forward to working with Andrew very much.

Village Matters:

Postbox 'topper' marking 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

- Another post box 'topper' appeared in the village to mark Remembrance Sunday!

Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021

- The community gathered at the War Memorial for a service. About 300 attended including the Scouts and Cubs who paraded from the Village Hall. A wreath was laid on behalf of the RA and its members by a Byfleet Street Rep who had served in the Forces.

Opening of 'Pretty and Preloved' in aid of The Matthew Hackney Foundation .

- This took place on 4th November at 11 a.m. The shop has moved from its temporary location in the Village Hall.

Philip Riesebeck R.I.P. – a sad loss to Byfleet.

- Byfleet has benefited from the presence of Philip around the village, no matter what the weather, for many years. Friendly and community minded, Philip was seen daily with his broom, keeping Plough Green and surrounding area, litter free and welcoming. Many residents would head towards the Green and the Library to find Philip and have a chat. His funeral will take place at St Mary's on 25th November.

Byfleet Gardening Club

- The Club is now up and running and met on 1st Nov at 7.30 at St Mary's Centre for the Community.

Byfleet Amenities Group

- The RA looks forward to attending the following planned events:
 - 18th Nov : Switch on of Byfleet Christmas Lights
 - 4th Dec : Byfleet Village Christmas Market (10-4)

Matters of concern:

Removal of Street Trees and Alleyway Trees/hedgerow

I reported a concern regarding the cutting down of a hedgerow tree and holly bush in UM001/98/10 - the Right of Way between Rectory Lane and Mowbray Avenue. Our concern relates to succession planting and how any further eroding of this important little habitat (redwings visit in winter) can be prevented.

WBC/SECRO advised that this was not work they had undertaken. SCC Countryside Access confirmed that they did not undertake this work. They explained that '*SCC do not own the majority of public paths and are only responsible for safety and the upkeep of the surface of most paths. Trees and hedges growing alongside footpaths are the property and responsibility of, the land owner. There is no action which SCC can take against a land owner who chooses to remove trees and hedging from their land.*

The path is designated as a Town Path and a footpath which means that SCC Highways have responsibility for the surface, however this department (Countryside Access) is responsible for the vegetation and there is no record of any recent work being undertaken. SCC do not routinely cut hedgerows, as they are the landowners responsibility.

I am afraid I am unable to give out personal details of landowners due to data protection.'

Understanding the above, I am asking our RA Footpath Officer and Cllrs how we can take this forward. My main interest is to understand how we can prevent further damage to the hedgerow if it turns out that this work was undertaken by a party other than the landowner.. and indeed how we can persuade landowner to value hedgerow habitat.

Wider civic matters:

WBC Consultation Roadshow : 29th November 2021 St Mary's Centre for the Community

Planning

Many thanks to SD for his planning report. We would like to comment on a few of these:

PLAN/2021/1110 Manor House, Mill Lane.

- Latest application as per SD's report : *Erection of an outbuilding including an indoor swimming pool and gym and associated landscaping works and pergolas, following demolition of existing outbuildings.* We have asked RA Street Reps for their comments especially as one of our SRs lives nearby. We have asked the WBC Tree Officer for a copy of his related report as the format could not be accessed online. We would appreciate BRNF's view on this application

PLAN/2020/0656 103 Oyster Lane, Byfleet (Retrospective)

- *Addition of 112 sq metres multi coloured block pavers forecourt to Oyster Lane frontage and erection of new fencing to be 1.13m high for 11m in length and 0.65m high for 5m in length.* This work has already been carried out outside and next to the 'new' coffee shop on the corner of Chertsey Road and Oyster Lane. We would like to ask whether the WBC Planning Officer has visited the site and investigated the intention for the use of this paved area. A concern is that this is a busy and potentially dangerous corner. Clients of the Coffee Shop are pulling up across the pavement to park outside the coffee shop. Have risks to pedestrians and other drivers been assessed?

PLAN/2021/0742 13 Black Prince Close

- This application has been approved. The neighbour made contact with me to express their upset. Separately the neighbour intended to make a complaint to WBC.

Footpath 94 Mill Lane - Decision on Permanent Diversion

- This application generated a split in opinion between residents and the diversion is greatly regretted by a number of residents.

A.O.B.

Orchard Project

We have established contact with RHS Wisley's Fruit Tree Specialist and had a telephone meeting to explain the project. The RHS are keen to be involved to offer specialist guidance on local fruit heritage, varieties, propagation, planting etc.

We would like to ask for a page in Issue 169 to explain and launch the project. We hope to pull together a core project team after Issue 168 in which we mention the project.

Thank you, Jean-Pierre Frossard and Eleanor Grady - JPF/EMG 16.11.2021

PNF Report NOVEMBER 2021

(As at 14/11/2021)

HERITAGE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT

Work continues on the project.
The Forum recently met CPRE and Woking Borough Council

FUNDRAISING

The Forum Walk on the Wild Side Tea Party was a great success with just under 50 people attending and raising c£800. As there is a significant waiting list, the Forum intends to hold a similar event in 2022.

CONSERVATION

Joy Sachak, Forum Treasurer, presented her rewilding project to the Newark Group on 23rd October.

OLD WOKING ROAD ACCIDENTS

The Forum asked a question at the Woking Joint Committee meeting on 10th November 2021.
The response indicated that an Average Speed Camera is being considered.

INFRASTRUCTURE EAST WOKING

The second report has been discussed on a video meeting with WBC Officers.

SIGNIFICANT PYRFORD PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Since the October report, the Forum has objected to one planning application:-

1) Beech Rise

Formation of vehicular access onto Lock Lane
NB (3rd application in recent months involving a vehicular access)

The following cases of interest were decided:-

2) Beech Rise – Appeal refused

Erection a single storey dwelling and formation of a vehicular access onto Lock Lane following demolition of existing stables and field shelter

3) 8 Townsend Cottage – Refused

Erection of a front porch

The following interesting case are of note since the last report:-

4) The Brambles

Outline application (all matters reserved) for a new residential development of 26 dwellings, with associated access, parking and landscaping.

5) 7 Bray Gardens

Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, erection of 2x rear dormer windows and insertion of front and side rooflights to facilitate accommodation in the roof space, installation of replacement windows, installation of solar panels and alterations to external materials following demolition of single storey rear extension and side conservatory.

6) Lee Place, Hazel Road

Approved subject to legal agreement for erection of detached dwelling on land west of Lee Place. (New site plan)

The following key applications are still under consideration:-

Non-Green Belt:-

7) 154 Old Woking Road

Erection of a two-storey side extension and front porch following demolition of existing porch. Erection of a single storey rear extension and 1No rear rooflight.
PNF objected

- 8) **Cherrywood**
Erection of part two storey and part single storey side extension to existing dwelling (planning permission PLAN/2020/0863 granted 25/02/2021) and creation of new dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.
PNF objected
- 9) **Little Copse**
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.
PNF objected
- 10) **154 Old Woking Road**
Erection of a two-storey side extension and front porch following demolition of existing porch. Erection of a single storey rear extension and 1No rear rooflight
(NB Revised plans recently submitted providing 1m gap)
PNF objected
- 11) **45 Lincoln Drive**
Insertion of 3No front, 1No side and 2No rear rooflights and 2No skylights (retrospective) **PNF objected**
- In a Conservation Area**
- 12) **Brown House, Aviary Road**
Erection of single storey front extension and side porch extension
PNF has not made a comment
- In Green Belt: -**
- 13) **Pyrford Place, Pyrford Road (Validated 2 August 2021)**
Erection of a replacement boathouse following demolition of existing structure.
PNF has not made a comment though 10 local residents have objected
- 14) **Wisley Golf Club, Wisley Lane (Validated 16 April 2020)**
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.
PNF has not made a comment
- 15) **Pyrford Golf Club Warren Lane (Validated March/April 2021)**
Proposed floating composite structure and bridge on existing lake to provide pontoon style seating.
PNF has not made a comment
- 16) **Pyrford Place Farm Estate, Pyrford Road (Validated 23 March 2021)**
Proposed resurfacing of yard area and erection of replacement washing bay structure following demolition of the existing.
PNF objected

The following appeals are un-decided:-

- 17) **Clubhouse Traditions Golf Club Pyrford Road (ENF 14 June 2021)**
Appeal against Enforcement Notice
PNF objected to planning application

Andy Grimshaw
PNF Chair