

Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum



MINUTES OF MEETING

REF: PNFAGM07DEC2018

SUBJECT: Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum AGM Meeting

DATE: 8.00pm Friday 7th December 2018

VENUE: Church of The Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Rd, Pyrford

PRESENT: Cliff Bolton, Graham Chrystie, Brian Dodd, Martin Doyle-Vice Chairman, Geoff Geaves-Chairman, Andy Grimshaw, Ian Mills (IM), Joy Sachak-Treasurer, Tim Matthews

In total there were approximately 50 residents present

APOLOGIES: Pat Barnes, Pauline de Marco, Ian Whittle

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	1.0	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the committee members present and noted apologies from those who could not attend.</p> <p>It was explained that Part 1 of the meeting would comprise routine AGM business. There be a break for refreshment before a presentation from Cllr Ashley Bowes on the site allocation and regulation 19 process. This would be followed by an open discussion session and further presentations on Heritage Conservation assessment and Traffic Congestion.</p>
	2.0	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting 2017 AGM – 27 November 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the last AGM meeting on 27 November 2017 were adopted as a correct record subject to changing the Treasurer from Ian Mills to Joy Sachak. Proposed by David Askew, and seconded by Brian Dodd.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM.</p>



	3.0	Chairmans Report The Chairman outlined a busy 12 months and highlighted: Heritage Conservation Assessment – the Forum have worked with WBC to confirm that an Assessment, led by the community, with appropriate professional support, would be encouraged. LDA Design were commissioned to scope the exercise that would be required. ESSO Pipeline - In March the Forum campaigned successfully
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against ESSO proposals for a new oil pipeline through the middle of the community.

Forum Constitution - the constitution was revised as requested at the last AGM and will be presented to this meeting for adoption. Peter Ankers and Chris Newell were thanked for their advice and support.

Site Allocations DPD - the Committee monitored developments in the Site Allocations Development Planning Document culminating in the final consultation due to end on 17 December. We were all relieved to see proposals no longer include the Pyrford fields either side of Upshot Lane and that community representations had been effective. However, we need to be wary as there are small but definite opportunities for the fields to be re-introduced into proposals before the process is finally concluded.

Traffic - Traffic has been a continuing concern and we now have a lot more information that will be presented later.

Fundraising - Expenses this year have been low but we have acquired more equipment and are indebted to Cllr Liz Bowes for her support on several initiatives over the past 3-4 years. The meeting gave a warm vote of thanks to Cllr Bowes for her help and support through the Surrey County Council Members Allocation scheme.

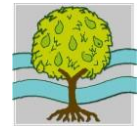
Community Archives - During the year we acquired some extensive archives relating to the history and heritage of Pyrford courtesy of Brian Wilson and Ernie Elliott. Both were warmly thanked for their help. Another initiative saw the publication of a series of 2min videos recording resident views of Pyrford, on the Forum website.

Community Infrastructure Levy – in the middle of the year it became apparent that CIL money has started to accrue and that 25% should be used to fund local community projects within the community. When details of the procedure for utilising this money was requested it became clear that some councillors were in denial concerning the involvement of the community and talks continue to resolve this situation.

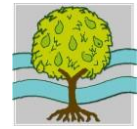
The Chairman's report concluded with recognition and thanks for the operational funding provided by Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents Association, the unstinting support of the Forum Committee and members.



	<p>4.0</p>	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>The Treasurer summarised income and expenditure, opening and closing balances for our main, campaign fund, and 200 club accounts (include amounts as per the handout or slide).</p>																								
	<p>4.1</p>	<p>Main Account</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>£2349.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Income 17-18</td> <td>£5102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments 17-18</td> <td>£4130.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td> <td>£3321.26</td> </tr> </table> <p>Income for the main account was from the Residents Association and SCC. Main account expenditure was principally for venue hire, website costs, insurance, and exhibit costs including the new heritage board.</p> <p>We had a further grant from SCC in the current year.</p> <p>Campaign Fund</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>£1471.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fundraising 17-18</td> <td>£1895.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payments 17-18</td> <td>£ 72.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td> <td>£3294.04</td> </tr> </table> <p>200 Club</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Opening Balance</td> <td>£519.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Entry Fees 17-18</td> <td>£582.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payouts 17-18</td> <td>£313.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Balance</td> <td>£788.10</td> </tr> </table> <p>The forum thanked the Residents Association which has funded the Forum's basic operational expenditure and SCC (in particular Liz Bowes) for their financial support to acquire publicity and communications equipment.</p> <p>The accounts were accepted unanimously.</p> <p>The Treasurer thanked Grant McDonald for examining the accounts.</p>	Opening Balance	£2349.89	Income 17-18	£5102.00	Payments 17-18	£4130.63	Closing Balance	£3321.26	Opening Balance	£1471.42	Fundraising 17-18	£1895.32	Payments 17-18	£ 72.70	Closing Balance	£3294.04	Opening Balance	£519.20	Entry Fees 17-18	£582.00	Payouts 17-18	£313.10	Closing Balance	£788.10
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	<p>5.0</p>	<p>Election of Committee Members</p> <p>The following have agreed to stand for re-election to the Committee for 2018-19:</p> <p>Cliff Bolton Graham Chrystie Pauline DeMarco Brian Dodd Martin Doyle Geoff Geaves Andy Grimshaw Tim Matthews Ian Mills Joy Sachak Ian Whittle</p> <p>There were no further volunteers from the floor and the 11 members above were elected en bloc. Proposer Brian Wilson, seconder Nick Aiken.</p> <p>The Chairman asked that if anyone was interested to get in touch via the Forum website at www.pyrfordforum.org</p>
	<p>6.0</p>	<p>Motion – Amendments to the Constitution</p> <p>The Chairman explained that at the last AGM a revision of the constitution had been passed with the understanding that there would be a comprehensive review for this year's AGM. The proposed new constitution had been available on the Forum website since 16 November 2018. The changes were mainly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify membership and voting conditions. • Tidy up procedure in the event of the Forum being dissolved. • Ensure Forum involvement in the allocation of CIL money. • Clarify and simplify wording wherever possible. <p>The revised constitution was passed unanimously. Proposer Andy Grimshaw, seconder Bob Tilley.</p>
		<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm for refreshments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERVAL</p>



	<p>7.0</p>	<p>Woking Site Allocations and Regulation 19 Consultation</p> <p>The Chairman introduced Ashley Bowes as one of our councillors and the WBC Planning Portfolio holder.</p> <p>Ashley explained the process of revising the Site Allocations Development Planning Document (SADPD) from WBC Core Strategy through Regulation 18 to regulation 19 and final decision by government inspector. The Core Strategy set the requirement for 292 new residences per year with the bulk in central Woking but there was still a need to use some green belt land to meet the commitment.</p> <p>Regulation 18 consultation proposed 6 sites in Mayford, West Byfleet, and Byfleet and Pyrford to be removed from green belt and safeguarded for later development. Following a large number of objections an alternative of a single site East of Martyrs Lane was proposed as an alternative to the original sites. After a further consultation the proposal for Regulation 19 consultation just left 2 sites in Byfleet to be removed from green belt and put into safeguarding. Martyrs Lane had been dropped as McClaren had refused to sell part of this site.</p> <p>Ashley said that there was a possibility that the Council could choose to reverse the decision to leave our fields in the green belt but he considered this most unlikely. Another more likely possibility was that the inspector might choose to do so, particularly if he felt that the WBC proposals did not meet the required safeguarding levels.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor about whether it was necessary to respond to Reg 19 in order to be able to ask a question at the inspection stage, he said that responding to Reg 19 would give a statutory right to ask a question, but the inspector might choose to accept a question anyway.</p> <p>He also pointed out that responses should be objections. Given that we were broadly supportive of the Reg 19 proposals this made our recommendations on how to respond difficult. He did suggest a possible response by writing a letter to WBC confirming that plan</p>
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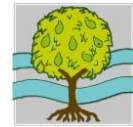
was improved by deleting the Upshot Lane proposals because this recognised the validity of the objections made at the Regulation 18 consultation.

Discussion of various aspects of the process were discussed in questions from the floor and concluded that as many residents as possible should respond to the current consultation as indicated by advice on the Forum website before the consultation closed on 17 December.

In addition the Forum should write to WBC noting that if objections were received, by the Inspector, looking to reintroduce the Pyrford fields to proposals, the Forum would want to be notified so that we could make counter proposals to the Inspector.

In open discussion the Chairman of the RA pointed out that while the % of green belt land removed over the borough was very small, the percentage over the Byfleets represented a significant portion. He was surprised and disappointed that the conservative councillors representing Pyrford (and hence part of West Byfleet) had voted for this particularly as pitches for 15 travellers were also put forward for the West Hall site in West Byfleet.

The Chairman thanked Ashley for a very interesting talk and discussion. Martin Doyle went on to thank Ashley for his support and wished him every success after he stands down as Councillor in May 2019.



<p>Committee</p>	<p>8.0</p>	<p>Heritage Conservation Assessment</p> <p>The Chairman described the work done by LDA Design in scoping the required Heritage/Conservation Area Assessment and resultant cost of carrying out the work (£25,000 if LDA carried out all the work, £12,000 if the Forum carried out much of the legwork). There was a lively discussion of various aspects of what was involved in conducting an assessment and one member pointed out that we should just pressure WBC to carry out this overdue work as part of their obligation to the whole borough to manage heritage.</p> <p>It was pointed that WBC would want involvement from the community in any assessment they undertook and being proactive in initiating this work would be a powerful way for the community to demonstrate their commitment to heritage and conservation in the area.</p> <p>The floor agreed that they wanted the Forum to proceed as outlined and by LDA and start appropriate fundraising. No members voted against. There was one abstention.</p>
	<p>9.0</p>	<p>Traffic Congestion and Highway Survey</p> <p>Ian Mills summarized the 5 SCC reports and Broadoaks report that had been considered. Extensive analysis had been carried out on the Broadoaks report and the 2015 and 2016 SCC reports relating to the Reg18 site allocation options and the comparison of Martyrs Lane with the original 6 safeguarded sites.</p> <p>The SCC reports had provided borough wide road flows and junction delays over the AM peak hour for a limited number of roads and junctions whereas the Broadoaks report provided data for AM and PM peaks of 1.5 hours, in 15 minute intervals. The PM peak showed significantly higher flows than the AM peak.</p> <p>We had met with an SCC traffic expert and were receiving ongoing support in obtaining comprehensive information on all the roads and junctions in the borough.</p> <p>It was clear than none of the reports gave much assurance that the local roads could cope with the proposed developments and that work should continue in the light of development proposed all around Pyrford. Ashley noted that we would have to demonstrate that the impact of proposed developments would be severe</p>



	10.0	Any Other Business The Raffle was drawn and the meeting closed at about 10:30PM.
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