

## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Zoom teleconference  
Date: 13 January 2021  
Time: 7.00pm  
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Sally Cantello, Keith Creswell, Stewart Dick, Penny Hoskyn, Ian McAtamney, Roland Nevett, Dharma Sivarajasingham, Emma Slaymaker, Bob Tilley  
Gary Elson (Councillor)  
Apologies:  
Richard Thomas Emma Davis, Chris Dougherty  
Amanda Boote, Mary Bridgman (Councillors)

### Agenda items

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update
4. Redesignation of the Forum
5. AGM
6. Rec Ground Concept Plan - update
7. Planning applications
8. AOB - Public space visions

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#### ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.
2. The Minutes of the 10 December 2020 meeting were approved.

**Action:** ED to upload in pdf format onto the website. SC and WP to sign printed copy.

3. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update

It was reported that the 2 public meetings via Zoom were well attended with over 80 people in each. Feedback was good especially for the second meeting with the architectural walk through. The overall view from the public seems to be positive.

Detailed planning is likely to be submitted in the w/c 11 or 18 January. RVG is close to appointing a demolition contractor. They will provide a timeline for the liaison group.

KC commented that the unresolved issue of unsightly balconies protruding in the building overlooking Byfleet Corner is still unresolved; IM asked whether these extend beyond the planning footprint.

**Action: WP** to make this objection to the balconies clear to RVG and suggest Juliet balconies in their place.

WP suggested that Madeira Road be made one way to avoid pedestrian accidents at the entry/exit to the new car park. RN suggested that a comprehensive road plan is needed for the whole development including Station Approach.

**Action: WP** to ask Spencer Neal from Keeble Brown if Andrew Murdoch from TTP/RVG can review the suggestion. Also invite Andrew Milne from SCC Highways to attend a liaison group meeting.

#### 4. Redesignation of the Forum

PH reported that Dan Ashe is processing this. 18 responses to the consultation were received. The redesignation proposal may not go before the relevant committee until after February. It was noted that the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum redesignation has been approved.

#### 5. AGM

It was decided not to hold an AGM via Zoom in February but WP will do a Chair's letter to all members including information on the group's finances, news on major local development projects, the Concept Plan etc.

**Actions: WP** to circulate Chair's letter  
**IM** to check what technology would be needed for an AGM with polling.

#### 6. Rec Ground Concept Plan - update

Comments were made on the outline plan for a Community Hall facility submitted by SC and KC to the committee.

RN felt that c£1000 per sq m was optimistic and suggested a further 30% is added to the average cost estimate. IM asked that the building regs re audience capacity are taken into account. It was suggested that more local facilities are used for comparative reasons to check the assumptions made on size of halls etc.

**Actions: PH** to check out Arbor Centre in Pyrford and Horsell (size, capacity, users); **WP** to check out E and W Horsley; **DS** to check out Weybridge.

The Committee recorded their thanks to KC and SC for their work on the Concept plan and Community Hall plan.

#### 7. Planning applications

The planning application for the redevelopment of 9 Old Woking Road was raised. Previously WBC had objected on the basis of it being in a Conservation Zone but it has now been classed as a 'non-designated heritage asset'. There is a technicality to go through on Section 106 but it is assumed that the application will be approved when next examined.

#### 8. AOB

KC asked that members review his working document on the Public Space Vision for West Byfleet and revert, prior to its circulation to the Committee and Councillors. It was noted that it is specific to West Byfleet, not the 3 villages.

SD brought to the committee's attention to a change in planning law effected in August 2020 which will mean that a single storey house has an automatic right to increase by 1 storey and a 2 storey house by 2 storeys under permitted development rules. This change will have implications for the area.

GE noted that recruitment of a new WBC Director of Planning will start on 14 January. It was also noted that the WBC CEO appointment has been delayed.

Date of next meeting:

**Note: In 2021 meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month.** Next meeting Wednesday 10 February @7pm - full WBNF meeting via Zoom. **DS to send invitations.**