

## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Zoom teleconference  
Date: 10 December 2020  
Time: 7.00pm  
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Sally Cantello, Keith Creswell, Emma Davis, Stewart Dick, Chris Dougherty, Penny Hoskyn, Ian McAtamney, Roland Nevett, Dharma Sivarajasingham, Emma Slaymaker, Bob Tilley  
Mary Bridgman (Councillor)  
Apologies:  
Richard Thomas  
Gary Elson, Amanda Boote, Graham Christie (Councillors)

### Agenda items

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Rec Ground Concept Plan - update
4. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update
5. AGM
6. Planning applications
7. AOB - SADPD

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#### ITEM NO:

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

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

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

KC and SC presented their detailed Report on the Concept Plan, incorporating the responses from Rec Ground users and stakeholders, and the findings and conclusions were debated by the Committee members. It was stated that the proposed community hall would provide space for Scouts and Guides as well as community groups.

It was also agreed that the Pavilion should be refurbished or rebuilt in addition to building a community hall as it would be preferable to keep these facilities separate. The Pavilion could offer a room upstairs (as in the past) for hire for meetings etc. It was suggested that the Bowls Club might prefer to pursue their own options for expanding/rebuilding their clubhouse rather than sharing the Pavilion facility as there were some issues identified with this idea, but this needs to be explored further with the parties involved.

It was agreed that parking provision is essential for a community hall and preferable for the Pavilion. It was suggested that St John's church might be amenable to joining car parking with a refurbished/ rebuilt pavilion. KC stated that a small parking area would provide access to the sports areas for emergency vehicles, something currently lacking.

**Action:** SC to check detailed space requirements in the plans of the Byfleet Scouts new premises and to draw up an initial outline plan for the proposed community hall facility.

#### 4. WB Village Centre Redevelopment Liaison Group - update

WP report on the online meeting on Monday 23 November on plans for the public realm and on the online meeting on 7 December re demolition. Demolition of the Sheer House Complex is out for tender with three companies all using different methods. The liaison group meeting proposed for 25 January will go into greater depth once the chosen contractor and method is known. Demolition is likely to start early spring and to start with the 'soft strip' of Sheer House. During this period car parking and the library should still be available. After completion, the hoarding will be moved further out to encompass the whole area of the site. This will include the Station Approach pavement on the Eastern side. Worker access during demolition will be from Lavender Park Road and egress on Madeira Road. It was noted that RVG are considering block booking spaces on the railway car park and Woodlands car park for staff parking.

It was noted that the Section 73 minor amendments were approved by WBC Planning on 8 December. The public Zoom meeting is scheduled for 16 December.

#### 5. AGM

It was agreed not to hold the AGM until the Forum Redesignation consultation period is closed in the New Year to avoid confusion.

#### 6. Planning applications

WP thanked RN for his work on the application from Domus on Sheerwater Road for the demolition of the house and the erection of flats. Members were in favour of the plan but agreed to object on the basis of the inadequate level of parking provision as this does not meet the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan (although it was noted that it does meet WBC requirements).

#### 7. AOB - SADPD update

Thanks were recorded to Fiona Syrett, Chair of Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum, for her excellent presentation of the petition with 2700 signatures to 28 Councillors in WBC, although unfortunately the councillors voted to reject it.

It was noted, however, that WBC will be doing a joint study with SCC on infrastructure requirements of any new development on green belt land in the area. WP has written to the SADPD inspector to ask that the study report be taken into account before any development is allowed on GB9. It was suggested that there may be a chance to do another petition once the Inspector's report is published. It was noted that Monday 14 December is the closing date of the SADPD modifications consultation and all members were urged to respond to the consultation if they haven't already.

Date of next meeting: **NOTE NEW DATES: It was agreed to hold meetings in 2021 on the second Wednesday of each month.** First meeting of 2021 will be Wednesday 13 January @7pm - full WBNF meeting via Zoom. **DS to send invitations.**