

## West Byfleet Neighbourhood Forum Committee meeting minutes

Location: Zoom teleconference  
Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Time: 7.00pm  
Attendees: Wade Pollard (Chair), Keith Creswell, Stewart Dick, Ian McAtamney, Dharma Sivarasingham, Richard Thomas, Gary Elson(Cllr), Chris Dougherty, Josh Brown(Cllr)  
Apologies: Emma Davis, Bob Tilley,  
Amanda Boote and Mary Bridgeman (Councillors)

### Agenda items

ITEM NO:

1. Apologies were received as above.
2. The Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 meeting were approved.

#### 3. Botanical Place Liaison Group

SD and IM reported on the meeting held last week. The sub-station is now demolished. A contractor has been chosen to be onsite around Easter. A “Green Shovel” event will be organized with the Woking Mayor. RVG intend applying for some minor planning changes; -

- A. Adding one rooftop apartment in place of communal space.
- B. Changing pedestrian access to retail units on Station Approach to avoid steps, so improving access.
- C. Changing balconies on some levels of Block A which faces Old Woking Road from inset to protruding to improve thermal efficiency and break up the flat façade of the building. This involves changes to tree planting but with no fewer trees. The Design Review Panel approves of the balcony changes. The Council has a policy on balconies but this is for guidance only and the Planning Committee did not follow it for the original application from RVG.
- D. Small changes to the internal pool area and treatment rooms.

#### 4. Community Centre

JB and WP reported on a meeting with Julie Fisher, Chief Executive of Woking BC together with two Local Councilors (AB and MB) on 24<sup>th</sup> February in West Byfleet to discuss this.

This involved a discussion on three potential sites;-

- A. On the playing fields behind the two schools on land owned by Byfleet United Charity (BUC)
- B. On a field owned by Surrey CC adjacent to Parvis Road
- C. On GB9 (land recently taken out of Green Belt for housing).

JF confirmed that WBC would not want either to own or to operate a Community Centre. JF felt that GB9 offered the best prospect of being successful. Partial funding could come from “Your Fund Surrey” but the Council is not allowed to apply for this.

Agreed to have another meeting in six weeks to discuss the options further. In the meantime contact will be made with BUC, SCC, and the landowner of GB9 to find out more information.

Approved expenses of £30.80 for room hire for the meeting.

## 5. Recreation Ground Improvements

KC reported on a meeting with Arran Henderson and David Fry of WBC to discuss trees. Some of the cherry trees planted last year have not survived and replacements will soon be put in by Serco. Agreed for five fruit trees to be planted and a walnut tree around the rear of the pavilion. WBC would like to install a perimeter path by the school with lights. Agreed to meet with them to discuss this further.

## 6 Planning

No queries over applications have been received from members or residents. No material applications have been received for discussion.

## 7. Resignation

Noted that Nigel Badham having moved away from the area recently has resigned from the Committee. WP had thanked him for his valuable contribution whilst on the Committee.

## Date of next meeting

**Note: In 2022 meetings will be on the second Wednesday of each month.** Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April @7pm at Camphill Social Club.