



## **Minutes of the Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Present: Grant Webster, Chair  
Jane Gandey, Secretary.  
Marilyn Ridgewell, Treasurer  
George Curry  
Emmeline Moore  
Rebecca Paul

Cllr. Rod Ashford, Ann Liddle, Charles and Edda Harvey, Mary Cole, Jane Davies, Clive Elcome, Susie Kennedy, Pater Kennedy, Liz Bishop, Mary Morley, Sheila and Jim Williams, Tim and Alison Taylor, Jane Buttery, Moira Robinson, Cliff Weight, Joan Weight, Mike Fox, Mo Atkins, David Atkins, Gillian Hein, John and Liz Rowland, Edward Moore, Andrew Brown, Sara Brown, Shirley Gladman, David Crowest, Ken Richards, Philip Truett, Pia Tiley, Adrian Wisbey, Ethel Armstrong, Ann Liddle, Heather Bishop, Eva Hobday, Suzette Marsh, Mary Heath, Anne Edwards, Jean Saul, Martin Saul, Andrea Dix, Mark Dix, Sally Hough, Brian Hough,

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Grant welcomed everyone, especially newcomers and introduced the committee.

Apologies were received from Clive Osgood, Jean Bye, Lin Ferg, Graham Young, Robert Taylor, Roger and Jan Collis, Cllr. Rachel Turner, Cllr. Jeff Harris, Robin and Gina Parr Davies, David and



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Val Lerner, Alistair Morton, Andy Parkinson, Norma Darter, Ros Henderson.

## **2. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

The Minutes were proposed by Marilyn Ridgewell and seconded by Ethel Armstrong.

## **3. Matters Arising.**

No Matters arising.

## **4. Updates.**

Updates from our local and County Councillors are attached.

### **a. Walton Village Pavilion @ Howard Close.**

Ed Moore informed us since the last meeting much has been decided and mainly due to cost of providing utilities we are now planning to totally refurbish, re-clad and renovate the current Pavilion next to the playground area. The planning application has now been submitted reference no: 19/02108/F. We need as much support as possible for the application, PLEASE visit the website and leave positive feedback or click on this link;

<https://planning.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=PZQCREMVLEW00>

The only challenge currently faced is that of sewage as there is currently no septic tank. Ed is exploring a few options and we'll update as more information becomes available.

Once built it will remain Council property and they will be responsible for the maintenance. A keyholder will be required. Costing is being worked on at present, but it will now be



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reduced substantially by leaving it where it is. Local tradesmen will be called upon to assist. Hopefully we will have Planning consent by the AGM in February the fundraising can begin in earnest, but we have made an excellent start with the Golf Day sponsored by the Golf Club and Bike Ride by Samantha Hinton.

Huge thanks to Ed for all his work thus far!!

**b. Walton in Bloom.**

Jean Bye's report was read out by Jane and is attached. Lin Ferg is leaving in January to relocate to Canada with her family. We have a gift for her, and Grant will make sure she gets it.

Help is needed in order to keep the Defibrillator red box clean. It's not an arduous job, perhaps a couple of times a year. Anyone interested in helping please get in touch via the Forum.

Jane advised us the pond clearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. Many families turned out and the difference to the roadside of the pond in particular is amazing. Thanks to the Spaghetti Tree for coffees provided and the Blue Ball for drinks and food once the clear up was completed. A duck house donated by local resident Brian Rice and has been launched thanks to Brad Kenton, another local resident.

The tree at Gun Corner and the plant holders on the green are to be decorated by local children over the winter. The idea is natural feeders for the birds on the tree and recyclable feeders on the plant holders. Little School on the Green are covering November and December and the Primary School January February and March.

**c. Breech Lane**

Ann Liddle and Grant have met with both Rod Ashford and County Councillor Jeff Harris over the past few months to



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discuss Breech Lane and to inspect the potholes and state of the footpath. It is almost impossible to push a buggy along the path as it slopes so badly to the road. However, Jeff was not hopeful that anything could be done due to lack of funds. Ann is to launch a petition; we all pay road tax and Community tax and she feels strongly that a lack of funding is not a good enough excuse. George Curry is to advise Ann on the petition for SCC.

**d. M25 Petition**

Following the noticeable increase in motorway noise, over the summer George Curry has been speaking to Villagers and launched a petition to encourage Reigate and Banstead to contact Highways England. The petition was successful, and the Council will now contact Highways England with a view to replacing the current surface. Our section of the motorway is concrete slabs. These have been replaced elsewhere. The thudding noise are the expansion joints between these slabs. The noise between junctions 8 and 10 is twice as loud as any other part of the motorway in Surrey. When built, it was estimated 88,000 cars a day would use it. It is now 220,000 per day!! It is hoped the Council will write soon as the next funding stage begins in 2020 and will include works for the next 5yrs. Mole Valley are also running a petition.

**e. Finances**

Marilyn explained we have setup a separate savings account for the Howard Close Pavilion project with a current balance of £15,500. Most of this was raised from the Golf Day in September but also included contributions from the May Pageant and Sam Hinton's Ride100 in August. Some of the



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money pledged to Sam is still outstanding, if you pledged please contact Jane or Marilyn.

**f. Charity Formation.**

Rebecca Paul, our newest Committee Member has been looking into the feasibility of us becoming a Registered Charity.

There are two key aspects; setting up the correct legal structure and whether it would be beneficial for us to become a Charity. The legal structure that would be appropriate for us would be to form as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This is similar to that of a Company. We could employ people and enter into contracts if ever the need arose. We would have other obligations which we don't have now, would be more formal. It would be subject to charity law. We would have to file an Annual Return and an Annual Report and financial statement to the Charity Commission. If our income was over £25,000 we would be legally obliged to have an independent examination of our accounts.

We, the Committee, need to evaluate whether this would be beneficial to the Forum. A lot depends on how much money we will need to raise for the Pavilion, but registering may give us the ability to access charitable funds that we may not be able to access if we weren't registered as a charity. It is a good idea if we are raising a lot of money on a regular basis but something that needs a degree of consideration as we don't want future committees to be burdened by this. It takes 8-12 weeks to register and so we can decide to do this at any point in time.

**g. Walton Heath Golf Club**

There have been two recent presentations by the Golf Club about the moving of the Club House across the Dorking Road.



There was some discussion on the subject and these points were made:

The Application and responses to-date can be accessed on the R&B website under the reference 29/0512/F for the new Clubhouse and 19/0514/OUT for the development of the existing Clubhouse site. It is important that opinions are logged!

To date there are 150 letters in favour of the move and 60+ against. There are 26 comments objecting to the redevelopment plan and 7 supporting it.

Crispin Blunt MP who is Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Green Belt has objected.

The TWRA advised us the hearing is likely to be postponed until after the General Election and although the Application has been made it still has to be voted for by the members of the WHGC and a 75% majority is needed for it to go ahead. There are concerns about the affordability of the project.

The Club is still waiting for two important reports. One on the possibility of a tunnel or pedestrian crossing and the other the cost of refurbishing the existing Clubhouse.

It was also mentioned that the Golf Club has made a great job of improving the sight line along the Dorking Road.

#### **5. Questions for Councillors and TWRA**

Clive Elcome would like to be notified by anyone who has not received the TWRA newsletter.

Gillian Hein informed us Road Stewards are urgently needed for Deans Lane/Chucks Lane, Ebbisham Lane, Heath Drive, Walton Street and Nursery Road. The work is not onerous, please call Jill on 814989 if you can help!!



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There is tree planting planned for next month but there are extra trees available for Walton.

There is now a mini library and bird boxes in the Jubilee Woodland. Groups

Tadworth Art Group have their exhibition this week

There will be Carol singing in the Woodland on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00.

Mike Fox informed us that the library at Tattenham Corner is providing books for the Mini Library and would be happy to do the same for Walton.

TWOAT are singing Carols on 11<sup>th</sup> December in the Christchurch with Walton Primary and on the streets of Walton on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Walton Primary are looking into a similar scheme to encourage adults to read more as role models for the children and are looking into a couple of locations where books might be made accessible... More to follow.

## 6. **A.O.B**

Ros Henderson has made comment about the state of the footpath between Nursery Road and Breech Lane. It was agreed it's that time of year and most of the footpaths need attention.

Mo Atkins, Chair of the Open Group is keen for their April meeting to focus on recycling.

David and Val Lerner are to host a tree lighting evening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.00pm at Mereside with carols by Low Key Affair Band, collection box for Crisis at Christmas and the odd mince pie will be available and all are welcome.



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This year's Village Disco is 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Riddell Hall. 7.00 proceeds toward the Pavilion. Tickets still available

The next production from the Gage Players is at the Riddell Hall 28/29/30<sup>th</sup> November. Show is Good Things, Tickets from Gill Lucas.

The Community Centre is now hosting several exercise classes: Ladies Yoga, Mondays. Well Being Tuesdays, Aerobics Wednesday, Men's Yoga on Thursdays.

Emmeline Moore is selling calendars for St. Peters at £7.00 each, or 2 for £15! Charles congratulated Emmeline on the Parish Magazine, what she has produced is really brilliant this month!!!

The Golf Day in September was a tremendous success and raised £13841.00 towards the Pavilion. Massive thanks to the Golf Club and all concerned.

Next meeting which will be the AGM is on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm.