

T R G AGM HELD AT 8PM ON 26 MARCH 2019 AT THE CRICKET CLUB, PRINCES ROAD, WEYBRIDGE

CHAIRMAN: Nick Thripp

COMMITTEE: Alan Wright, Dave Arnold, Ferdi Fischer, Greg Popper

ATTENDEES: Carl & Maria Hesel, Peter Bartlett, Tim Evans, Nick Butcher, Andrew & Sara Ritchie, Gary Exall, Richard Bailey, Don Hunter, Brian Cuell, Hilary Thripp, Anne Wright, Brendan Sandiford

APOLOGIES: Jacky Sander, Chris Wroe, Maureen Tew, Gerry Dobson, James Harwood-Matthews, Frances Sandiford

The Chairman welcomed the attendees and outlined the Agenda as follows:

1. Committee Report
2. Election of Committee
3. Parking in the Triangle
4. Any Other Business

COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past year, progress has been made on a number of fronts:

1. **TRAFFIC CALMING:** In line with proposals put forward and promoted by TRG, it has been agreed, subject to final endorsement, by SCC council (funded by Elmbridge CIL money) to impose a 20mph speed limit, restrictions on HGVs, a road table outside Manby Lodge and changes to the road layout at the junctions of Queens and Princes Road as well as Princes and Pine Grove. Thanks to the help in particular of Cllr Oliver, money for this has been allocated, the final hurdle being approval of the Elmbridge Cabinet in April. While the junction layout changes will help, a complete solution to the dangerous bend in Pine Grove has not been included in the above but has been subject to numerous discussions and exploration of alternatives. Assurances have been given by Tim Oliver of SCC that this will form part of Phase 2 though it will be subject to separate approval and funding. Greg Popper pointed out that there had been a very recent accident in Pine Grove, fortunately without personal injury.
2. **CLIVE HOUSE:** This development was turned down on appeal, largely thanks to TRG efforts and work. A total of 143 signatures were mustered by way of objections. (There was some discussion from the floor regarding the misrepresentation by the developer and by the Planning Officer of what is a 4-floor structure as a 3-storey building). Since a number of objections came from outside the TRG area, Tim Evans suggested a record be kept of these individuals: The Chairman responded that he had an extensive contact list of objectors outside the triangle, and had communicated with these, as well as other residents' associations, throughout the campaign to oppose the proposed development.
3. **SALISBURY HOUSE:** The proposal had been to build over the car park and include an ugly extension. TRG objected (as did others) and it was turned down. The proposer subsequently

consulted TRG on an alternative proposal which retained the car parking spaces, increased the floor space of the building far less than the previous application and actually enhanced the appearance of the rear of this locally listed building. The end result was a better outcome, was satisfactory to TRG who did not object, and was approved by the Planning Committee.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The Chairman called for volunteers who might be willing to offer themselves for election to which there was no response. Since all current members were offering themselves for re-election, the Chairman suggested it be done as “en bloc” rather than individually. Tim Evans proposed, Don Hunter seconded and the existing committee were duly re-elected by unanimous vote.

PARKING IN THE TRIANGLE

SCC are taking an interest in the Triangle’s parking problems and will be considering (amongst others) controlled parking zones. TRG’s parking survey in 2017 showed that the area surveyed (which did not include the entire Triangle) was at saturation parking during peak daytime hours. The Chairman said that residents of New Road had also expressed particular concern because only 8 or 9 properties there have off street parking and the others, often parents with young children, are unable to park near their houses again until the evening.

The Landmark Building will inevitably make this worse: there are 46 apartments, the majority of which are 2/3 bedrooms and 2 shops with only 50 parking spaces – many apartments are likely to have more than one car. In addition, whatever is finally built at Clive House is likely to be underprovided with parking giving rise to ever increasing pressure on the Triangle.

The Chairman said that views submitted to TRG by residents in response to requests in its newsletters 25 and 26 had fallen into two main categories: those who believed a CPZ was inevitable (with a subset that thought parking bays would result in more orderly parking and less overhanging of residents’ driveways) and those who thought it a thinly disguised attempt by cash strapped SCC to generate more income from residents.

Nick Butcher: if the solution were to be residents’ permits, what about parking for customers of the Jolly Farmer? Chairman: TRG can only take responsibility for collecting residents’ views. The interests of other stakeholders, such as the pub and all the businesses in the Triangle, as well as those on Queens Road, would need to be considered by SCC before it finalises any proposals

Dave Arnold: from discussions with the authorities it is clear that residents’ (and visitors’) permits would have to be paid for and that those with off-road space would only qualify for a permit for vehicles beyond the capacity of the off-road space

Andrew Ritchie: this means there would be no advantage from the change for those with off-road space

Tim Evans: residents in the Triangle should be prepared for a parking debate and crystallise their ideas

Don Hunter: perhaps certain streets should have different systems, eg. "Churchfields System"

Alan Wright: flexibility is the key – parking has to be rationed in some way

Richard Bailey: what about the Cricket car park? Chairman: this belongs to EBC and not the Cricket Club, and is specifically for the use of visitors to the green and to people using the Cricket Club. In fact it is packed every day by other users (some commuters, some employees of local businesses, some residents), and crowded further by parents at school drop off and collection times. The Cricket Club has already made representations to EBC as it is having problems receiving deliveries due to overcrowding of the space

Carl Hesel: need to find the happy medium, possibly a "couple of hours" restriction

Brian Cuell: suggest controlled parking at Barrington Lodge

Tim Evans: do we know how many commuters use the Triangle for parking? Chairman: not really known. Reports of this problem have been received by those in Daneswood Close. However many employees who work outside the area of the Triangle do use it

The Chairman summarised that what he was hearing was a preference for more flexible, tailored approach than an across the Triangle imposition of a CPZ.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman gave a description of this initiative which seeks local involvement in the development of planning in their area. Two meetings (attended by TRG) were recently held with Weybridge residents' groups, initiated by local politicians but with the caveat that it was non-political. The idea was to set up a committee of 21 to develop said Neighbourhood Plan within the framework of the overall Council plan.

The conclusions of the second meetings were as follows

1. Since the Neighbourhood Plan could be non-binding for a number of reasons, it did not justify the amount of effort required in developing it and another layer of planning regulations seems unnecessary
2. What is needed is a development guide for the future, a vision forming exercise to shape the planning process
3. The Weybridge Society will be taking on this role – to be more aspirational and taking in other groups as appropriate. TRG will provide assistance and data relating to the Triangle as required

COMMUNICATIONS / FINANCE

There have been 8 email communications since the last AGM

The Chairman reported that TRG funded its modest needs on an ad hoc basis, often by members of the committee chipping in for items such as printing and the website. After the meeting, four attendees donated £20 each to the TRG coffers

OTHER

Don Hunter expressed his appreciation of the work of the committee

Brendan Sandiford mentioned that the flooding issue outside many Lodge has not yet been satisfactorily resolved

Brian Cuell raised the issue of semi abandoned vans, both without insurance and one without an MOT, blocking an emergency exit to Manby Lodge School, putting lives at risk in the event of fire or other emergency, and at the same time impeding deliveries to the school. Barrington Lodge Residents' Society raised the issue with SCC, EBC, the police and DVLC, but had been passed from one to the other. The Chairman said he would take the matter up with Cllr Oliver.

Andrew Ritchie asked about the redevelopment of the HUB and the situation of the cinema. Dave Arnold responded that the cinema was unlikely to go ahead since no-one could be found to operate it. As to the HUB, he suggested that anyone interested to hear more is welcome to attend the Weybridge Society AGM on 4 April 2019