

- River Club Planning Application. CC Eber Kington advised the meeting that he had contacted SCC's Transport Development Team (TDP) who agreed to comment on the River Club Planning Application to widen the entrance splays once the discharge of conditions has been submitted by the applicant. Cllr Kim Spickett will ask Cllr Graham Jones/Cllr Phil Neale to contact the Planning Team at EEBC to ensure that the LBK Planning Team advise them when the discharge of conditions has been submitted.

3. Signing Off the Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous meeting were signed.

4. Chairman's Update (KSp)

- The latest edition of the Cuddingtonian had been collated and delivered by the 3 borough councillors to Road Reps, with councillors covering roads where volunteers were unavailable.
- Additional copies were requested for local delivery. KSp confirmed that spare copies were available and would be distributed.

5. Treasurer's Report (DE)

- For the first five months of the year, income was £2,941, comprising £1,990 in subscriptions, £500 in advertising income and £452 in interest.
- Expenditure was £2,977, including £2,290 for printing two editions of the magazine.
- The resulting deficit was approximately £35. Reserves remained at £57,800.

5. County Matters (EK)

- Surrey Highways is to conduct a review of all the Vehicle Activated Sign along Grafton Road and The Avenue. The VAS opposite Salisbury Road is to be replaced, and, at his request, the VAS in Grafton Road is to be checked as it does not appear to be functioning properly. All the other VAS will be repaired, as necessary.
- There is to be a freehold land swap of land in Salisbury Road between the Scout Group and SCC. The transaction will create a new entrance to enable the development of affordable Extra Care Housing to the rear of the Scout Hut and a new entrance, plus green space for the Scout Group.

- The Official Opening of Grafton Stables will take place in June. SCC's Countryside Team are issuing the Invitations.

East Surrey Council Update

- The Shadow East Surrey Council has been formally set up. The role of councillors is to agree the constitution, committee system, internal management processes, policies and the first Budget for the Council, which will take over all local government functions from 1st April 2027.
- East Surrey Councillors have no role in respect case work. That still is being undertaken by Eber as the County Councillor and Phil, Kim and Graham as Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillors.

6. Borough Matters

KSp gave the following update:

- A decision is still required on the future of Bourne Hall and its museum. KSp expressed support for retaining the museum and continuing the current programme of improved displays, rotating collections, events and community activities while further financial and marketing information is assessed.
- KSp reported concerns about conduct and pressure surrounding recent council decision-making. The meeting supported the principle that Residents' Association councillors should exercise independent judgement and represent residents' views.

7. CRA Updates

a) Membership – (GJ)

- No report was available in GJ's absence

b) Neighbourhood Watch – Vacant

- No report

c) Advertising – KSp

- No report

d) Magazine – KSp

- The publication date of the autumn edition will be planned around local events so that residents receive adequate notice.

- The edition is expected to include community and charity information and an update on the proposed Friends group for the Hogsmill river and nature reserve.
- Future editions should allow more space for community content.

9. Any Other Business

- Friends of the Hogsmill: An initial meeting had taken place. Further information will be included in the Cuddingtonian once the group's scope and plans are clearer.
- Cleveland Road: A resident raised the question of whether a short access road serving four houses should be adopted by Surrey County Council. **Action:** PN to review the correspondence and pursue the matter with the appropriate authority.

Meeting Closed: 8.35pm

Next Meeting: 8 October 2026 at 7.30 PM at St. Mary's Church Hall (September meeting cancelled).