

APPENDIX 2

BHH Review 2019/20 - Commentary

2019/20 has been a busy year for BHH with positive successes and opportunities. The final month of the year was impacted by the Covid19 pandemic in terms of the suspension of committee meetings and normal activities. Our local communities have pulled together superbly to help vulnerable or isolated people. The following gives a brief review of the main pieces of work.

Local Area Action Plan

At the end of 2019/20 all five Eastleigh Borough Local Area Committees were tasked to produce a Local Area Action Plan for 2020/21. This formed part of wider Council approach to strategy. BHH identified the following priorities for 2020/21:

- Major planning applications - Maximise community benefit from current sites at Bursledon Car-Boot site, Kingfisher Grange and Monarchs Keep.
- Mercury Hub – work with Bursledon Parish Council and the Mercury Volunteers to ensure the Mercury Library and Community Hub is effectively run
- Coronation Parade project to widen the disabled access outside the butchers/pharmacy
- Review rail station car park provision at Hamble and Bursledon- following the completed feasibility study produce an action plan for improvements
- Implement the Public Art plan for the peninsula
- New location for the Windhover Kestrel
- Review car parking provision in Netley Abbey
- Implement a new Youth Services agreement with Youth Options
- Medium term plan for Hamble Gun Emplacement

Progress with these objectives will be reported in 2020/21's annual review.

Youth Services and Grants

In 2018/19 Hampshire County Council funded the charity, Youth Options, to provide outreach youth services within the BHH area on three nights per week. In 2019/20 the County funding was reduced. In effect this would have meant a reduction from three to two nights per week. However, when this was announced in February 2019, BHH and the three Parishes agreed to subsidise the service at a cost of almost £3000 per organisation. This work has supported the local priority of investigating in a youth partnership. We have also had regular meetings with Youth Options and the police to ensure that local knowledge and intelligence is shared and feedback received about the work of Youth Options has been outstanding.

BHH once again provided a grant of £2000 to support the Parksport at Hamble School in the summer of 2019. This is the Borough's sport and activities program for local 8-16 year olds in the summer holiday break. BHH and parish funding enables the cost to be heavily subsidised at £1 per person per session. Sessions include sailing, football, skateboard coaching, netball and cricket. The provision of Parksport

in 2020 is under review currently due to Covid19 and it is likely that various digital activities will be promoted for summer 2020.

Antisocial behaviour became a significant issue in Hamble in the summer of 2018/19 with young people jumping off the Hampshire County pontoon during the hot weather. This put them in danger and their behaviours were intimidating to other foreshore users who challenged their activities. This situation improved in 2019/20 and we are keeping it under review working with Eastleigh's Safety and Resilience Manager, Hamble Parish and the Hampshire Constabulary.

In addition to this work BHH provided a grant of £2,400 to the Teenage Drop in Centre (TADIC), a service that provides sexual health advice to teenagers and young people. This was based at Bursledon Surgery at the Lowford Centre on a Monday evening between 3pm and 5pm from April to October 2019. The TADIC Bursledon clinic closed at the end of October and Bursledon users were signposted to the Hedge End clinic which had seen a higher overall footfall.

BHH have traditionally provided a revenue budget of £3000 for grants to support local community groups and this was increased to £3500 for 2019/20. There is a maximum amount of £500 per grant. In 2019/20, 4 different groups benefitted from this support receiving a total of £1500 as follows:

- £250 to the Bursledon Parish Church Holiday Club for Easter activities
- £500 to the Hamble Monday Club for outings during the year
- £500 to Longoak Pre-school at Pilands Wood Centre for creative activities
- £250 to Bursledon District Community Association for an Open day

BHH welcome applications from local groups at any time of the year and encourage applications from groups that haven't applied before.

Longoak Pre-School is a charity committee run pre-school operating from the Pilands Wood Centre in Bursledon. They have been running for over 35 years, offering childcare for children from the ages of 2 to under 5 (term time only). The grants received enabled them to continue to serve their community in an area of relative deprivation.

Developers Contributions

Where larger developments are given planning permission, the Council negotiates 'Developer Contributions' (DCs). These are significant sums of capital that are allocated to mitigate the impact of the development. DCs are negotiated to cover issues such as education and transport which are County controlled, but also to support community infrastructure projects, open space/play areas and public art which are controlled by BHH. Many of the projects below are at least part funded by DCs.

In the BHH area the majority of public land has been transferred to the Parish Councils. The DCs mean that the Borough can fund both BHH and Parish projects that support the local community. There are restrictions on their use, particularly that the money goes towards projects that serve the development which provided the DC.

In 2019/20 BHH allocated almost £41000 of DC to three local projects.

The Mercury Library and Community Hub

The Mercury Library and Hub has opening hours of 10am to 12pm Monday to Saturday and in the afternoon of Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm. Mercury is now run by a band of volunteers who give up their time to run all aspects of the Hub. The library and the two meeting rooms can be hired out for meetings, local groups, and presentations etc. until 8pm. There are 1500 books to borrow plus a book exchange. There is a coffee machine for refreshments. The two flats above the Library are both rented out. The Hub closed in March 2020 because of Covid19 and we look forward to it reopening when the time is right later in 2020.

Coronation Parade

The final improvements for phase one of improvement works at Coronation Parade including snagging has been delayed because of the Covid19 pandemic. Plans are in place to resume this work as soon as possible to complete this part of the project.

Phase 2 of the project is planned for 2020/21 with proposals to install a turning ramp for motorised scooters and wheelchairs. The old ramp could not be widened and there was insufficient space to install a ramp at the other end.

Hamble Point Gun Emplacement

The concrete World War II Bofors gun emplacement at Hamble Point has been badly damaged by the sea, to the extent that BHH had to take urgent action at the end of 2017 to fence it off to protect the public. Since then the erosion by the sea has continued and there is a risk that it will collapse, destroying the gun. The cost of repairing the emplacement is estimated to be in the region of £60,000. The coastline in the area of Hamble Point has been designated by the Environment Agency (EA) as requiring “no active intervention” (no planned investment in defending against erosion - from the National Coastal Erosion Risk Map). In the medium term (to the year 2060) the EA estimate that the shoreline is likely to retreat 10m – well beyond the emplacement. The emplacement forms part of a scheduled monument. This means that any works on the emplacement must be approved by Historic England. It is felt that the Bofors gun is the most identifiable element of the emplacement. Given the cost of repairing the concrete and the likely retreat of the coastline, repair is unlikely in the short term. Eastleigh Borough Council proposed that the gun be removed to a place of safety (Eastleigh Borough Council’s depot), whilst a longer term plan for the emplacement is considered.

To this end an application has been made to Historic England to move the gun and we are continuing to finalise our plan to meet Historic England’s requirements for moving the gun and subsequent storage.

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

Every year each LAC produces a list of TROS that may be required within the Area. These restrictions are introduced for safety reasons. This year, following advice from

the Transport and Engineering team at Eastleigh borough Council, the following TROs were introduced:

- No waiting at any time restrictions on verge Priory Road and St Edwards Road Netley
- No waiting at any time restrictions Queens Road Netley
- Waiting and parking restrictions Coronation Parade Hamble
- No waiting at any time restrictions Deanfield Close Hamble

Speed Limit Reminders (SLRs)

BHH fund the deployment of SLRs throughout the area at identified locations where road speed is felt to be excessive. These mobile electronic signs remind drivers of the speed limit and record the speed. Whilst the Borough is not responsible for road traffic speed enforcement or setting speed limits, BHH feel it is of community benefit and the data may be of assistance to the police and Hampshire County.

The Local Engagement Officers are responsible for deploying the signs (usually for two weeks). The signs were deployed 29 times throughout the BHH area in 2019/20.