

**MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING
15 October 2010**

1. WELCOME

President Sue Cartwright welcomed Guest Speaker, Local Officers and approx. 50 members present.

2. SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION

Andrew Robertshaw, Curator Manager, Royal Logistics Corps Museum, Deepcut.
"We sustain - The Royal Logistics Corps and its predecessors in war and peace".

Mr. Robertshaw spoke about the history of the R.L.C. and its predecessors (including Ordnance, Pioneers and Catering), and the size and significance of military supply and backup services to any operation. His talk was informative, entertaining and very well received. He answered questions, and encouraged us to visit the Museum.

RLC Museum, The Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut.
www.rlcmuseumfriends.com.

3. TEA & COFFEE BREAK

4. SOCIETY BUSINESS

4.1 Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 16 April 2010 were agreed with the following addition:

Community Policing: 1 additional Sergeant and 4 additional Constables were to be provided.

Minutes proposed: David Parsons; seconded: Bruce Smith.

4.2 Chairman Kevin Daley's Report

- Society Committee changes. Cathie Whitcroft relinquished her position as Chairman from 19/07/10, but remains a Committee member. From 03/09/10, Diane Carroll has resigned from the Committee. Thanks were recorded to both for their work. Kevin Daley has taken over as Chairman.
- Publicity. The website (www.mfgdsociety.org.uk.) has been redesigned and improved. Thanks to Rod Carroll.
The email database is building, members with email are encouraged to join to simplify communication.
- Prior to the last General Election, public pre-election open forum meeting arranged on behalf of the Society, where prospective candidates would give their personal views on subjects raised.
- Farnborough Airport. Society has been represented at the planning Public Enquiry into proposal by T.A.G. to increase the maximum number of flights permitted. Society is also represented on the Quiet Flying Programme. Thanks to Kevin Daley and Daphne Knowles.
Rushmoor Council's Farnborough Airport Action Plan has been withdrawn.
- SHBC Core Strategy and proposed Deepcut developments.
Society has responded to consultation. See also 5.4 and 5.6 below.
- Committee is formulating plans for a social meeting, and also plans to celebrate the Society's 50th year.

5. QUESTIONS to LOCAL OFFICERS

5.1 Sue Cartwright: questioned the Councillors' control over spending, with reference to new local village signs whilst other budgets (eg. Ian Goodchild Centre) are being reduced.

Cllr. D. Whitcroft: Councillors have control over spending, but recognise the professional opinions of council officers. The signs in question were at no cost to SHBC, and were paid for by the Atrium development (Camberley), and Barratt Homes (Deepcut).

5.2 David Parsons: asked the remuneration of the new SHBC Chief Executive, Karen Whelan.

Cllr. D. Whitcroft: £95000 p.a., £35k less than predecessor.

5.3 David Parsons: asked progress re. Camberley Mosque planning enquiry.

Cllrs. A. Whittart and D. Whitcroft: Planning Inspectorate has decided on a Public Enquiry, date to be advised. This will encourage participation from outside the local area, and will be at SHBC expense.

5.4 Cllr. D. Whitcroft spoke on the SHBC Core Strategy and the plan for 1200 new homes at Deepcut. SHBC will shortly issue a Supplementary Planning document, with an exhibition showing proposals at Deepcut Village Hall date to be confirmed, expected December 2010.

He stressed the importance of local views.

5.5 Margaret Kendall: school traffic and parking on Henley Drive.

Cllr. D. Whitcroft: Additional car parking was a condition of Planning consent for the new swimming pool, but has not yet been complied with. The matter has been referred to both SHBC and Surrey CC Planning Enforcement officers, and the school has 3 years from the date of the planning grant to comply.

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5. QUESTIONS to LOCAL OFFICERS (continued)

- 5.6 Mike Cosgrove: why should locals protest over the Deepcut proposals, when we elect and pay Council officials to conduct business on our behalf and safeguard our interests?
Cllr. D. Whitcroft: Local opinion is an essential part of any discussion, and each opinion, including the number of individuals protesting (or otherwise), forms part of the planning decision. This is particularly so as no planner lives in Deepcut.
Defence Estates will wish to maximise revenue from the land sale, and the builders will be gone when construction is complete. 1200 new homes would lead to 2500 additional vehicles using local roads resulting in increased congestion, and 2500-3000 additional patients using the already busy local doctors' surgeries (Frimley Green Medical Centre and Heatherside M.C.).
It is important that local individuals tell the Council what effect plans will have on them, across the three villages.
Sue Cartwright: notes the Council stands to gain considerable increase in Council Tax if these 1200 homes are built, so opinions to the contrary need to be voiced.
- 5.7 Cllr. A. Whittart: PCSO Barbara Ball will be holding the Christmas service on 7th December 2010 at St. Andrews Church, Frimley Green, 7.30pm for 8pm. To include Surrey Police Band, Mytchett Primary School choir, and Christmas stalls.
- 5.8 Sgt. Jon Castell recorded his thanks to PC Stuart Brant, local support officer, who has moved on within the Police force. His replacement is PC Andy Riley (formerly a PCSO), with a 2-year full time appointment. He will assume his duties within the next few weeks.
There will be an opportunity to meet Andy at the Church on the Green, Frimley Green, on Monday 01/11/10 - local notices will be posted.
- 5.9 Cllr. D. Whitcroft and Sgt. J. Castell: As part of necessary economies, Camberley Police will move into the Camberley Town Hall from 25th October 2010, to include Police 'front desk' facilities. The 'front desk' will be withdrawn from Camberley Police Station, which will close in due course.

6. RAFFLE and Meeting Closed.

7. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday 4th February 2011.

Speaker: Colin Wilson, Blackwater Valley Countryside Trust,
"Blackwater Valley and its birds".

Local Officers Present

Councillor Mike Drew	Surrey Heath B.C.	Mytchett & Deepcut Ward
Councillor Anji Patterson	Surrey Heath B.C.	Frimley Green Ward
Councillor Alan Whittart	Surrey Heath B.C.	Frimley Green Ward
Councillor David Whitcroft	Surrey Heath B.C.	Mytchett & Deepcut Ward
Sergeant Jon Castell	Surrey Police	
PCSO Barbara Ball	Surrey Police	

Committee Members Present

Sue Cartwright	President
Kevin Daley	Chairman
Carol Drew	Treasurer
Daphne Knowles	
Roy Norman	
Bruce Smith	
Cathie Whitcroft	
Heather White	
Martin White	