

**Open Forum Session**  
**Mole Valley Local Committee Meeting – 12 June 2019**

**1. Question from Peter Seaward, Bookhams Residents Association:**

May we have an update from Surrey Highways on the results of the comprehensive investigation recently carried out between East Street, The Squareabout and Church Road to determine the causes of the serious flooding that occurs at this location? Bookham residents are aware of the detailed work that was done but have had no feedback as to what was discovered and what potential solutions might be available to ease this unpleasant and dangerous problem.

**Response from Zena Curry:** I don't have a full update at the moment on this from the Strategic Network Resilience Team but they are looking in to this and putting together a package of work to take place in September. There are some financial constraints that require working with partners to get the work done. This is not going to be a long term capital scheme that will hold back the water but a medium cost solution that will help.

**2. Question from Jill Attfield, Dorking:**

I am a resident of Cotmandene, Dorking and the road constantly has problems with cars being hit due to the narrow nature of the road. Since Dene Street was made one way at the bottom it's led to a long route to get around it and if you don't know the way it causes many problems and more damage to cars. I appreciate the road was made narrower to discourage larger vehicles from using the route. My suggestion is that the area on the left hand side be made wider to help alleviate much of the problem and avoid further accidents.

**Response from Zena Curry:** We will take this away and look at the problem in more detail. We get many requests for work and we have to prioritise the work with the limited funding there is.

**Response from Stephen Cooksey:** It's a good idea to investigate. The district council are in the process of implementing an open space protection order which will help to regulate the parking somewhat more than it is now.

**3. Question from John Martin Slatter, Bookham Youth Centre:**

We need some more information about what will happen when Bookham Youth Centre closes. It is unacceptable that the centre will close and then the consultation will happen. It would be good if SCC could go back on the decision to close the centre until a plan has been agreed. Can anything be done to defer the closure until something has been decided?

**Response from Clare Curran:** The closure was negotiated with trustees by SCC property team and a mutual agreement was reached on the date. No one wants to see

the centre closed without a plan. Work is continuing with officers to ensure there is a plan in place to replace the building.

**Response from Nancy Goodacre:** The date was agreed so the youth would know where to go after the summer break in September.

**4. Question from Jill Attfield, Dorking:**

The Dorking Institute Adult Education Centre has been closed for 10 years. It's a tragedy that such a beautiful building is being left in a state of disrepair. I understand that planning permission has been granted but apparently SCC has 25 sites that all need work doing by the same contractor. I think this is incredibly unwise as if something were to happen to the contractor then everything will stall.

**Response from Tim Hall:** We will refer this back to the property team and get you an answer as to what is going on with the building. Mr Cooksey and I have been long on the case.