



MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 2nd May 2013
at Bromley Court Hotel

Those present: Brian Atkinson, Barbara Brown, Gillian McIntosh, Beatrice Osborn, Ann Rowswell, Brian Sanders, Val & Robert Skinner, Pat & Leslie Tucker, Leslie Watmore, Tony Morton, Roger Thelwell, Tim Van Rol, Mike Mielniczek, Paul Lawn, Andrew Lancaster, Keith Barrett, David Page, Russell Mellor (Councillor for Copers Cope)

1 Apologies: Clive Lees, Cllr Nicola Dykes, Cllr Will Harmer

2 Minutes of last meeting: The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Chairman to ask Linda Muller for a Membership report for the next meeting, as one had not been available at the AGM.

3 Finances: Brian Sanders reported that in the four months to 30th April 2013 receipts totalled £132 for subscriptions. Outgoings totalled £559 comprising newsletter £208, AGM £219 and routine expenses £132.

Four signatories are required for the **National Savings Account**. Clive Lees and Beatrice Osborn need to be added following the elections at the AGM.

Motion approving signatories for the Society's National Savings Investment Account

That the following members be signatories of the National Savings Account:

Leslie J Watmore, Clive H Lees, Beatrice M Osborn, Brian J Sanders.

Proposed by Brian Sanders, seconded by Leslie Tucker. Approved unanimously.

Brian then obtained the signatures of three witnesses.

4 Community Projects

Nothing new to report. Leslie Tucker appealed for new ideas. The following were suggested:

Flower bed at the junction of Warren Avenue and Bromley Avenue – we could adopt it, plant it with flowers and add a sign to advertise our Society.

Contribute to the cost of a Crossing Patrol for Valley School. It was noted that we had previously been approached by the Headteacher but had resolved that as it was a significant ongoing expense it was not really appropriate for our Society.

Additional waste paper bins, though this raised concerns about emptying and maintenance.

Sponsor an outing for the Y6 class at Valley School. This would need to be discussed with the Headteacher.

Leslie thanked members for their suggestions and welcomed any further ideas.

5 PLANNING ISSUES:

5a Bromley (East) Applications: (Clive Lees)

Clive was unable to attend the meeting in person as he was at the Council's Plans 2 Subcommittee meeting which would be reviewing the recent application at Billingham. He submitted a written report which the Chair read out at the meeting.

Billingham: Clive was able to report from the Subcommittee that the application to demolish Billingham and replace it with a block of flats had been rejected.

35 D Highland Road: The recent application, retrospective, for the large white fence around the front garden of this property has been refused on the grounds that it is too large and too intrusive on the street scene. The owner now has a period of time in which to mount an appeal following

which it is likely that the council will take enforcement action to seek the removal of the fence, if the owner does not do so in the meantime.

Ravensbourne station: At long last the promised fence to screen the houses from the pedestrian ramp has been built. In discussion concern was expressed that the proximity of the new fence to the station walkway would encourage graffiti and that it formed a slightly intimidating passage for pedestrians.

113 Foxgrove Road: An application to fell two trees and prune two others has been approved subject to the amendment that only one of the trees, an ash, be felled.

36 Farnaby Road: We're very pleased that this application for a large, alleged garage in the rear garden and fronting on to Madeira Avenue has been refused although an appeal is possible

5b Bromley (West) Applications: (Mike Mielniczek)

Nothing to report

5c Lewisham Applications: (Mike Mielniczek)

44, 46 Bromley Hill: the application to redevelop two semi-detached houses adjacent to the parade of shops had been reduced from a 9 apartment block to a 7 apartment block. The planning officer is still in discussions with the developer. There are plans to talk to the people who had objected to understand their objections. Mike will find out the latest situation.

5d Joint Working Party for Beckenham Place Park: (Leslie Tucker)

The next meeting to discuss the management of the park has been postponed until next week.

The Environment Agency scheme for flood control in the area called The Common would involve creating earth banks to contain the flood plain. The Environment Agency are expected to present plans at the next meeting.

6 Transport Issues: (Brian Atkinson)

Bromley Avenue's and Madeira Avenue's deteriorating road surface had been flagged on Bromley's road repair web site and it has been repaired!

Brian expressed a wish to stand down from the post of Roads and Transport Rep.

7 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): Nothing to report.

8 Bromley Community Engagement Forum The date of the next meeting has not been notified.

9 Any Other Business

Roger Thelwell advised that **51 Farnaby Road** is for sale. A developer is buying the house. The house next door, number 49, has 4 garages behind it and owners have been offered £20,000 for the garages and promise of an alternative garage elsewhere. He was advised to look out for the planning application.

Tim Van Rol of **84 Farnaby Road** explained that he is planning modernisation of the property by applying for planning permission to add a single storey full width extension at the rear, replacing a half width existing extension.

Plans to have **The Avenue** made up have been mooted in the past. It is regarded as an unadopted highway. The land is owned by Cator Estates Roads which has no funds. Costs are in excess of £1M. So despite snow and ice leading to three accidents and an issue with access to repair a foul water drain, the road is unlikely to be made up in the foreseeable future.

In response to a question about how long **planning permission** lasts, Russell Mellor (Counsellor for Copers Cope Ward) explained that once planning permission has been granted it lasts for 3 years after which an extension can be applied for, normally granted for a further 3 years. After that, or if there are any changes to the plans, a new application has to be made.

The New Planning Framework: Russell Mellor, in response to a question, advised that Bromley has entered its plan into the appropriate government department for approval.

10 Next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on

Thursday 4th July 2013, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel