

**MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013**  
**at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Leslie Watmore*	Keith Barrett	Daphne Johnson
Barbara Brown	Clive Lees	Barbara Price
Brian Atkinson	Beatrice Osborn	Wendy Watmore
Ilona Navarro-Weitzel	Christina Brown	Andrew Lancaster
Tony Guyver	G Hamblin	G Hamblin
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Cllr Will Harmer

\*Chair

**1 Apologies:**

Brian Sanders	David Page	Roger Thelwell
Peter Saunders	Tricia Saunders	Ken Cross
Jacqui Norman	Mike Mielniczek	Ann Rowswell

**2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Under section 7a, 35 D Highland Road, with the replacement of 'the' with 'our' before 'planning officer' in the second sentence, the minutes of the June meeting were approved.

**3 Finances:**

In Brian Sanders' absence, Beatrice Osborn reported the figures Brian had previously supplied: In the two months to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 Receipts: members' subscriptions £140. Outgoings: Donation to St Christopher's Hospice in memory of the late Peter Pain £250. Routine expenses £104.

**4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:**

Roads & Traffic – Brian Atkinson has stood down owing to other commitments. Wendy has an individual in mind who may be willing to serve; she will approach him.

Newsletter Editor – Potential volunteer – Wendy to contact. Leslie T willing to do at least one more and a full hand over.

Planning Officer, Bromley

Web Master – there have been two volunteers. Leslie W, Clive and Leslie T to consider and recommend who should take the post.

Road Rep Warren Avenue – Carol Davidson (of Elstree Hill) has kindly volunteered.

LBBRF Rep – Not usually many items of particular relevance but if anyone is interested to attend, please let us know.

Tree Warden – Tony Guyver kindly volunteered at the meeting.

**5 Ideas for the Future: The Newsletter**

A discussion was held on the proposal to distribute the newsletter by email. A rough calculation indicates that for a similar cost of 500 copies of a black and white newsletter, if 300 agreed to receive by email we could do 200 colour copies. It would have to change format from A5 booklet to A4.

In favour: Good publicity for the Society. Reduces the load on the Road Reps. All members on email could receive the minutes. All members on email could receive updates in between meetings.

Against: Fewer people may read it (getting lost in other emails; not easily available to other family members; more difficult to read on the screen). There is benefit in the personal contact with members by Road Reps. Worth doing on paper once a year to publicise the Society to non-members.

Decision to canvas who would be prepared to receive by email.

Logo – suggestion from Graphic Designer. Leslie T to meet with.

**6 Community Projects**

Leslie T asked members to continue to think of ideas.

**7 PLANNING ISSUES:**

**7a Bromley (East) Applications: (Clive Lees)**

The planning officer, East, had to leave early but submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.

**10 Crab Hill:** Originally the application was to fell two trees but following DNA testing, it was found that one tree was not implicated in the subsidence of the property next door. At the council meeting just before our meeting, the decision to cancel the TPO and so allow the second tree to be felled was deferred pending a full independent review for which the council will pay.

**Billingford:** The appeal against the refusal of planning permission is in progress.

**Italian Villa:** The Appeal of the application to internally split the property into two separate dwellings plus an office space has been dismissed. The principal reason for this was that the overlooking by unfamiliar office staff on to neighbours would have been unacceptable.

**35 D Highland Road:** The appeal for the oversized fence is currently in progress. Whilst the fence looks much better now it is painted brown, in the end Clive did object on the basis that a fence this high would set an unwelcome precedent in the street.

**Harcourt House, Grasmere Road:** This property is up for sale at £1.5m. There have been planning applications for this site in the past and we will be monitoring the situation carefully, particularly as this is a locally listed building.

**7b Bromley (West) Applications:** (Mike Mielniczek) Nothing to report

**7c Lewisham Applications:** (Mike Mielniczek)

Mike was unable to attend the meeting owing to ill health but submitted a written report in advance of the meeting.

**44, 46 Bromley Hill:** On the application to redevelop two semi-detached houses adjacent to the parade of shops to a 7 apartment block, representation against the reapplication has been made. Awaiting outcome.

**Site G** western side of the High Street from the Churchill Theatre down to Bromley South Station, is defined on the Area Action Plan adopted in 2010. On 25<sup>th</sup> July a meeting was held by Bromley Civic Society where the Council gave an update following the selection of a developer. Mr Kevin Munnerly said that Muse Development Ltd (from a shortlist of one!) had been given an exclusive agreement for 12 months to work on indicative phasing and a master plan to show financial viability, boundaries, land required and timetable. Land acquisition is at least 30 months away and development would then take 3 years. Large number of residential, retail and business properties are potentially affected. Meetings and consultations will be planned. The overall aim is to improve the town centre to compete with Stratford and Bluewater.

**7d Joint Working Party for Beckenham Place Park:** (Leslie Tucker)

The last meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> July. A more upbeat meeting than for many years with the news that two applications will be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund, who have visited. Total of up to £10m. for Park enhancements and for repairs to Mansion and Homesteads. The preliminary bids to be made by Feb 2014 and, if successful, followed by a second round detailed bid. Work could start late 2015 if all stages approved.

**8 Transport Issues:** No rep at present.

**Bromley Avenue:** At the junction with Grasmere Road, the yellow line only extends a short way into Bromley Avenue on the north side, leading to cars parking dangerously close to the junction. This was referred to the council who have agreed to extend the yellow line.

The long awaited yellow line in Oaklands Road opposite the Mission Care Home will now go to a two week consultation with local residents.

**9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): Biggin Hill Airport** New Director Will Curtis. **Date of Next Meeting** Thursday 19 September 2013

**10 Bromley Community Engagement Forum:** Funded until March 2014. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 24 September 7pm AGM and Local Policing.

**11 Any Other Business**

Do look out for oak processionary moth and Japanese knotweed – see our website and last newsletter for details.

The river walk along Ravensbourne River in Beckenham Place Park is now blocked by some fallen trees. Leslie T to take to JWPBPP. A member has expressed interest in attending these meetings. LT will continue doing so but would welcome one other to join him. **Date of Next Meeting** Thursday 10 October 2013.

We were sad to learn via David Page that Daphne Robeson, a former Road Rep, has died.

**12 Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on

**Thursday 7th November 2013, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**