

**MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
**at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Leslie Watmore*	Brian Atkinson	Keith Barrett
Barbara Brown	Christina Brown	Rosalind Denton
Tony Guyver	Maureen Johnson	Daphne Johnson
Andrew Lancaster	Gillian McIntosh	Edna McMaster
Euan McMaster	Mike Mielniczek	Linda Müller
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Ann Rowswell
Brian Sanders	Val Skinner	Robert Skinner
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	

\*Chair

**1 Apologies:**

Cllr Nicola Dykes	Clive Lees	Cllr Russell Mellor
Peter Saunders		

**2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved.

**3 Finances:**

Brian Sanders reported in the two months to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013 as follows:

Receipts: members' subscriptions and donations £1604. Outgoings: Newsletter £60. Routine expenses £85. Collection of subscriptions is complete in all bar two roads.

**4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:**

Roads & Traffic – No one has yet volunteered to take on this role.

Newsletter Editor – Euan McMaster has offered to take on the role from Leslie Tucker. Agreed that Leslie will do the annual letter to all residences. After discussion, agreed that the New Year edition of the newsletter will contain the notification of the AGM to be held in March.

Planning Officer, Bromley – Clive Lees is prepared to continue in the meantime.

Web Master – David England has agreed to take on the job and will collaborate with the Newsletter Editor. Clive Lees to inform David of the duties.

Tree Warden – Tony Guyver agreed to be Tree Warden but needs to understand the role.

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

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting on the proposal to distribute the newsletter by email, Linda Müller reported that 95 people out of 500 have so far responded that they would be happy to receive the newsletter via email. Linda asked whether the question could be on the front of the next newsletter to catch people's attention and whether road reps could encourage people in their roads to sign up. Linda agreed to let road reps have the names of people who have already supplied email addresses so they need not be contacted again.

It was noted that we can use email addresses to deliver minutes, agendas and updates between meetings. It was also noted that the annual newsletter to all residences obviously has to be printed as the email addresses will not be known to us.

It would be appropriate to change the format of the newsletter if delivered by email as well as on paper. We could have a longer format and include pictures. We need about 300 people to agree to receive by email to be able to print the remaining 200 in colour and not incur additional cost overall.

**6 Community Projects**

Leslie Tucker asked members to continue to think of ideas.

**7 PLANNING ISSUES:**

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

The planning officer, East, was unable to attend 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 at No. 8. An independent report has been commissioned and the insurer is waiting for the outcome. It is unlikely that the report will be able to say definitively whether the tree at No. 10 has caused the subsidence but we need to wait to see the report and then decide on next steps.

**Billingford:** The appeal against the refusal of planning permission is in progress and the planning inspector will visit next week.

**35 D Highland Road:** The appeal for the oversized fence is currently in progress. The planning inspector is due to visit shortly.

**Glassmill Pond:** We have recently received plans for the redevelopment of this area and this is shown on our website. We do not know the timings of this redevelopment yet.

Beatrice Osborn raised a concern that **9 Beckenham Lane** appeared to be being sold to a property developer. This is outside our area but we would keep an eye on it.

#### **7b Bromley (West) Applications:** (Mike Mielniczek)

**57 Downs Hill:** There was an application to convert a single garage to liveable space and extend at the back for office and storage. Also to replace a wooden porch with PVC. No objections raised.

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

**44, 46 Bromley Hill:** There have been a number of applications to redevelop two semi-detached houses adjacent to the parade of shops to an apartment block. We objected to the final revision, to build 4 two bed and 2 three bed with only two floors (so the same height as the surrounding properties) and 4 parking spaces, but this was passed.

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

The last meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The process for the applications for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund is underway for February. The Environment Agency has a proposal for a flood prevention scheme. Five landscape architects are tendering for work in the Park. The fallen tree over the river which was blocking the footpath has now been removed.

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

#### **9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): Date of Next Meetings**

21 Nov 2013 & 14 Jan 2014 at which the Chief Planning Officer for Bromley will speak.

#### **10 Bromley Community Engagement Forum:** Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been restructured. **Date of Next Meeting** tbc

#### **11 Any Other Business**

**FixMyStreet:** This is a web based system for reporting issues which Clive has used and recommends.

The Chair reported that when the pavement in **Ravensbourne Avenue** had been slippery with a thick layer of wet leaves, he had reported this by phone to the council and the pavement had been cleaned the following day.

**Japanese Knotweed:** We have found two patches of Japanese knotweed in our area. The first was found by Linda Müller in Beckenham Place Park near the footpath over the railway bridge. Clive arranged for this to be sprayed and it is now dying although repeat sprayings will be needed for the next few years. In addition, there is a patch in the Millwall Training Ground and following investigations the board of Millwall football club are meeting to discuss how to get rid of it.

**Tree issues:** Clive Lees forwarded a complaint from 58 Madeira Avenue about a property in Grasmere Road where there had been trimming and cutting down of small trees and holly. However as these are not mature trees they are not covered by the Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

**Society Logo:** Leslie Tucker showed some suggestions for a new logo. After discussion it was agreed to try one option on the next issue of the newsletter and to formally adopt it at the next AGM.

**Website:** Most of the website is now password protected. So far only one person has needed a reminder of the log in and password.

**Email addresses:** We now have e-mail addresses for the offices (as opposed to the individuals) of chairman, vice chairman, secretary, newsletter editor, webmaster and planning. See website.

Suggestions for a speaker/topic for the AGM: refuse and recycling; antiques: Judith Miller or Catherine Southon. We would normally pay travel expenses if required.

#### **12 Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on

**Thursday 2nd January 2014, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**