

**MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014**  
**at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Leslie Watmore*	Brian Atkinson	Keith Barrett
Barbara Brown	Cllr Nicola Dykes	Cllr Will Harmer
Daphne Johnson	Clive Lees	Euan McMaster
Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn	Ann Rowsell
Brian Sanders	Peter Saunders	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker		

\*Chair

**1 Apologies:**

Christina Brown	G & G Hamblin	Andrew Lancaster
Gillian McIntosh	Mike Mielniczek	David Page
Roger Thelwell		

**2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved.

**3 Finances:**

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

Receipts: members' subscriptions £353. Outgoings: Insurance £228.

Annual account for the year 2013: the outturn for the year showed a surplus of £985, bringing the Society's General Reserves to £10,655.

**4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:**

**Roads & Traffic** – No one has yet volunteered to take on this role. Clive Lees is covering any key issues in the short term.

**Farnaby (1-108)** The current Road Rep Roger Thelwell would like to stand down after the next delivery. Brian Sanders to approach residents at the low numbered end of the road to see if anyone is willing to take on the role.

**Planning Officer, Bromley** – This post is still vacant. Clive Lees continues in the meantime.

**LBBRF** – Beatrice Osborn to cover any items of interest from the minutes she receives.

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

The area wide annual newsletter was delivered to the printers today. The format remains unchanged while we are gathering email addresses.

The next newsletter will be issued in mid February, mainly to give notice of the AGM. We could keep the same format for this one also.

Linda Müller reported a small increase in the number of people who have responded that they would be happy to receive the newsletter by email, to a total of around 100. This is out of a membership of 500. The request for email addresses will be repeated, more prominently, in the newsletter about to go out. Road Reps will also be asked to contact members in their roads.

One suggestion is to continue with the paper format with an extended version available on the website.

**6 Community Projects**

A suggestion from Brian Sanders is that we contribute to the Bromley Food Bank which is run by Bromley Christian Centre via the Hope Foundation. Bromley Social Services refer people for food parcels as a stop gap before benefits start. While all approved that this is a very worthy cause, after discussion it was agreed that it would not be appropriate for this Society to support the Food Bank directly, as it would not clearly meet the aims of the Society for the area we cover. We could publicise the Food Bank and encourage members to support it individually.

A suggestion from Clive Lees is to investigate replacing street trees that are missing. The Councillors Dykes and Harmer in attendance at the meeting said that there is a schedule of replacement and that they would be happy to work with us on this. There is also an item in the next newsletter asking people to report missing trees. Leslie W to ask the Tree Rep to investigate.

Leslie Tucker asked members to continue to think of ideas.

## **7 PLANNING ISSUES:**

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

**10 Crab Hill:** Regarding the two oak trees said to be causing subsidence next door at No. 8, the Development Control Committee meets again this Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan to discuss the application to remove the TPO. Clive is intending to speak against the application. There are other solutions that can be considered such as underpinning or inserting a root barrier. As some of the cracks in the property are not near the tree, it is not even clear that the tree is causing the subsidence. There is a wider policy issue around automatically removing trees in subsidence cases.

**Billingford:** The refusal of planning permission went to appeal but this was dismissed on the grounds that the development would be too large and have a detrimental effect on 27 Elstree Hill. It is possible that a revised application may be submitted.

**35 D Highland Road:** The appeal against the over height fence was allowed on the basis that it would not set a precedent and was not excessive in the local context. However we proposed a condition that the fence should be kept painted dark green or brown and this was accepted by the Inspector. It was originally painted white which made it very intrusive.

**14 Highland Road:** It was noted that the proposed development of this property into flats by the addition of a rear extension is finally underway.

**27 London Road:** It was noted that a planning application to change the use of the upper floors from office space to residential use has been granted.

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

No new items to report.

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

No new items to report.

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

The last meeting was at the beginning of December. Applications for funding from Heritage Lottery Fund for the buildings and to Parks for People for the park land are to be made in February. The Environment Agency will be providing opportunities for comment on its plans this month, for a flood prevention scheme in the Park, involving banks and a lowered area.

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

Double Yellow Line on the inside of the corner near the care home in **Oaklands Road** now largely in place, except where a car was parked. [Post meeting update: the contractors returned on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan and completed the lines.]

**Bromley Avenue Controlled Parking Zone Extension Consultation:** A number of complaints have been raised to the council about parking in the area of Oaklands Road and Spencer Road. There was a brief discussion on issues surrounding the town centre and the wider impact on neighbouring roads. Responses to this consultation would feed into a further consultation. If people don't respond, it is assumed that people don't have strong views. The consultation closes on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Bromley Avenue** extension of the yellow lines at the junction with Grasmere Road has been agreed but not yet carried out.

**9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):** The Bromley Arts and Community Initiative have applied for a grant to carry out a pre-feasibility application on plans to restore the Royal Bell Hotel. The development of Site G will now be proposed to preserve the shop fronts. **Date of Next Meeting** 14 Jan 2014 at which the Chief Planning Officer for Bromley will speak.

**10 Bromley Community Engagement Forum:** Beatrice noted that she had not received any information since September and agreed to follow up. **Date of Next Meeting** tbc

### **11 Any Other Business**

**FixMyStreet:** One member used this to report a leaning tree which was promptly dealt with.

**AGM Guest Speaker:** It was agreed that Leslie T would approach the Environment Agency or Thames21 (a waterways charity) to talk about plans for the Ravensbourne River, in particular Glassmill Pond and Beckenham Place Park. (Our second choice of topic is Recycling.)

### **12 Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**