

MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING Held on Thursday 1st May 2014 at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Jenny Ash	Brian Atkinson	Keith Barrett
Christina Brown	Carol Davidson	Heather Dovey
Cllr Nicola Dykes	Tony Guyver	Cllr Will Harmer
Andrew Lancaster	Clive Lees*	Euan McMaster
Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn	David Page
Marilyn Pinson	Mick Pinson	Brian Sanders
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Lorna Winton

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Dick & Gail Hamblin	Maureen Johnson	Gillian McIntosh
Mike Mielniczek	Peter Saunders	

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

3 Finances:

Brian Sanders gave the Treasurer's report for the four months 1st January. to 30th April 2014.

Receipts - totalled £162 comprising £103 members' subscriptions and £59 interest on National Savings Account. Payments totalled £303 and comprised Newsletter £152, Telephone etc £41, Refreshments £74, and Misc. £36.

The Santander deposit account now pays no interest and is now down to £22. Brian proposed that we close this account. It was agreed for the Chair and the Treasurer to sign a letter closing the account and send the required proofs of identity.

As Leslie Watmore has stood down as Chair, his name needs to be removed from the list of signatories.

For the Santander account this is in progress.

For the N&SI account the meeting passed the following resolution:

Clive H Lees, Beatrice M Osborn & Brian J Sanders be signatories of the Society's National Saving Investment Account. This resolution was passed unanimously. The required forms were also signed by three members present at the meeting who are not officers of the Society.

Brian in process of moving house and will give up being Treasurer in due course.

4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:

Vice Chair – there were no volunteers at the meeting.

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

Planning Officers – These posts are still vacant. Clive Lees continues in the meantime.

Tree Officer – the current post holder Tony Guyver has asked to stand down. Clive is approaching others to take on the role.

5 The Society's Constitution

Clive explained that the Constitution has got quite out of date and that we would like to revise it. It focuses on planning issues and could be extended to cover more community matters. Also we propose to make two existing posts of the Society into elected officers: Vice Chair – as the post holder is a signatory on the bank account and Membership Secretary – as the post holder has access to Members' personal data.

We propose to have a new version available at the beginning of June and to call a short Extraordinary General Meeting as part of the next meeting to agree it. Paper copies will be available to people not on email.

6 Update on The Newsletter

A sample of the new format and style on white paper with colour pictures was circulated at the meeting. 200 A4 foldable sheets cost £20 to print, which is comparable to printing 500 B&W copies.

The email version will be in a larger font and with a little extra content. The email edition can also expand with contributions from members. There was general approval and the meeting expressed thanks to Euan for his work.

7 Community Projects

New trees in Farnaby Road: It has been agreed in principle to replace street trees where these have died or been removed. We are awaiting a meeting with Bromley Council to progress details of locations. Planting could take place this autumn.

Warren Avenue Playing Fields: There have been problems with litter, left for days after football events. The contractors have now employed two new people to clear rubbish.

8 PLANNING ISSUES:

8a Bromley (East) Applications: (Clive Lees)

113 Foxgrove Road: Planning permission was originally granted with a condition that there would be a boundary of shrubs to hide car park but the current hedge has been replaced with a row of tiny shrubs.

8b Bromley (West) Applications: No new items to report.

8c Lewisham Applications: No new items to report.

8d Joint Working Party for Beckenham Place Park: (Leslie Tucker)

The last working party meeting was 12th December. At our AGM we had a presentation on the options. Now waiting to hear the outcome of the funding applications.

9 Transport Issues: No rep at present.

Shortlands box junction: a yellow box has been painted on Station Road at the junction with Beckenham Lane but this is temporary to assist vehicles turning into Station Road while the roadworks are in place in Bromley North. The Councillors reported that they had had comments both for and against keeping the yellow box but the permission for it only lasts for the duration of the works as yellow boxes are normally in the middle of a junction. However moving the stop line further back in Station Road should have a similar effect in reducing red light jumping and so allow more cars out of Ravensbourne Avenue. This could be considered.

10 Councillors' Update

Speeding in Farnaby Road: A Variable Automatic Speed Sign will be installed to warn drivers if they are exceeding the speed limit. This has been used effectively in Queensmead. Humps are unpopular with residents and Police speed traps only have a short term effect.

Glassmill Pond: all work has been suspended while there is flooding but the area will be dredged and landscaped and the water flow increased by Thames21 a charity which uses local volunteers (providing them with insurance, equipment and disposal of waste).

Elstree Hill fly tipping: As this is an unadopted road the Council won't deal with fly tipping. However the residents do pay the same rates. The Society will write to the budget holder Colin Smith to request a policy change.

The Glades (now called "intu") cinema/restaurant: An application has been submitted (without any prior notification) to build a cinema with 5 screen and 20 seats in each with food served. This would take the place of Waterstones and part of a car park. The aim is to provide higher quality entertainment.

11 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): No report this meeting.

12 Bromley Community Engagement Forum: No report this meeting.

13 Any Other Business

Life memberships: Life memberships were awarded to Leslie Tucker for 26 years service and Brian Sanders for 20 years service

14 Highland Road: A member explained that he had contacted Bromley Council expressing concern as to how surface water from the new extension and rear car park will be dealt with. The councillors will look into the matter if they are provided with the details.

Vote of thanks to Mike Mielniczek: Mike has now stood down as Planning Officer – West as he has recently moved out of the area. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks for his diligent and efficient work in the role.

Future meetings: It was agreed that Beatrice should write to the Bromley Court Hotel requesting the dates for meetings from September continuing with first Thursdays of alternate months.

14 Next meeting:

Thursday 3rd July 2014, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel