

MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING Held on Thursday 3rd July 2014 at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Brian Atkinson	Michael Beecher	Hadyn Davies
Cllr Nicola Dykes	David England	Karen Fleming
Maureen Johnson	Clive Lees*	Gillian McIntosh
Nicola Martin	Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn
Marilyn Pinson	Mick Pinson	Cllr Michael Rutherford
Brian Sanders	Richard Thomas	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Christina Brown	Carol Davidson	Tony Guyver
David Page	Ann Rowswell	Peter Saunders
Leslie Watmore		

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

3 Finances:

Brian Sanders gave the Treasurer's report for the two months to 30th June 2014.

Receipts totalled £5 comprising £5 members' subscriptions. Payments totalled £202 and comprised AGM and other meeting Refreshments.

The Santander deposit account now closed as proposed at the previous meeting. Small balance transferred to our current account.

Brian is giving up the post of Treasurer. He was a founder member of the Society and has been Treasurer for over 20 years.

The meeting recorded a vote of thanks for his work and dedication.

4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:

Vice Chair – Linda Müller was proposed for this post by Clive Lees, seconded by Leslie Tucker. There were no other candidates. The meeting voted to elect Linda as Vice Chair.

Membership Secretary – Linda Müller was proposed for this post by Clive Lees, seconded by Leslie Tucker. There were no other candidates. The meeting voted to elect Linda as Membership Secretary.

Treasurer – Dave Wiltshire was proposed for this post by Leslie Watmore and seconded by Clive Lees. There were no other candidates. The meeting voted to elect Dave as Treasurer.

Roads & Traffic – No one has yet volunteered to take on this role. Clive Lees is covering any key problems in the short term and we are reporting issues via Fix My Street.

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

Tree Officer – Monica Wiltshire is willing to take on the role and was duly appointed.

Co-opted Members: Councillors Michael Rutherford, Michael Tickner, Russell Mellor and Steven Wells were approved as Co-opted Members.

5 The Society's Constitution

Clive had explained at the previous meeting that the Constitution had got quite out of date so we have revised it. Beatrice outlined the main changes:

- Process for the election of officers added
- Vice Chair and Membership Secretary to be elected officers
- Change to the maximum terms of office (to 5 years followed by 5 years then at least a 1 year break)
- Clarifying what happens to assets if the Society is wound up
- Restructuring

Richard Thomas, our honorary legal advisor, reviewed the revised document and recommended some minor updates. He advised that we should only vote on adopting the revised constitution at an Annual General Meeting. Beatrice agreed to make the suggested changes and there will be a vote on it at our next AGM in March 2015.

6 Update on The Newsletter

Linda reported that about 200 Members have now signed up to receive the new format newsletter via email.

7 Community Projects

New trees in Farnaby Road: Monica reported on the arrangement for matched funding between LBB and RVPS of £3,000 each, to replace 24 missing trees to start with. Timescale to submit a proposal to Bromley is the end of the summer.

Tree Officer: Following the successful campaign to keep the oak trees at 10 Crab Hill Nicky Dykes said she would try to persuade Bromley to consider in detail cases for removal of trees claimed to be causing subsidence. A London Plane tree near **76b The Avenue** is a current case but when 76d was underpinned some time ago the cause was given as clay soil.

8 PLANNING ISSUES:

8a&b Bromley Applications: (Clive Lees)

Upfield, Hillbrow The agent of the owner is expected to submit a formal planning application shortly to build a 4 bed house in the front garden.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow has been bought. We are anticipating an application for that site too.

We would oppose these based on the change to the character of the unmade road; cramped overdevelopment; the established trees (possibly home to bats; TPOs on the poplars); backland development being against Council policy. All who live nearby will be given notice, then 3 weeks to object. Planning officer will write a report proposing to accept or reject on which the Committee would decide. The applicant can appeal if the application is rejected.

Oak Dene, Oaklands Road – we have objected on the grounds of over development of the site and parking being very difficult in Oaklands Road already.

20 Blyth Road – owner made a hole in a wall, put in a JCB, removed a fence and installed much higher one. The Council will invite the owner to apply for planning permission retrospectively.

Travel Lodge have not planted tree that agreed they would.

8c Lewisham Applications: No new items to report.

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

The scheme for redevelopment that received the most public support is the one which has been put forward for a heritage grant. However Lewisham are not allowed to say which yet.

Flood Alleviation Scheme proposed by the Environment Agency – public consultation meetings in progress. Proposal is to construct a bank round the east side of BPP to retain flood water and control onward flow to prevent flooding, with rain and foul water, in Lewisham and Deptford. £15m project which would include landscaping and improvement of amenities. Route of river would be changed somewhat and means to control the water flow added. We will publicise in our newsletter and invite people to submit comments.

9 Transport Issues: No rep at present. No new issues.

10 Councillors' Update

The Glades (now called "intu") cinema/restaurant: Permission has been recommended for the application to build a 5 screen, 100 seat cinema in place of Waterstones and part of a car park (180 spaces).

Glassmill Pond Thames21, the Council and the Environment Agency have started work cutting back plants and clearing out rubbish. There are proposals for next steps for which funding is being sought. Silt is the main issue if the pond is to become an attractive feature.

Site G update meeting 22 July. Information will be available after that.

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

12 Bromley Community Engagement Forum: Merged with Safer Neighbourhood Board.

13 Any Other Business

Crab Hill Concern about the parking on Crab Hill round the station causing hazards to road users; some cars are even using the pavements. We will let Councillor Mellor know.

Thank you: Clive thanked people for their work:- Beatrice (constitution), David (web site) and Linda (email addresses).

14 Next meeting:

Thursday 4th September 2014, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel