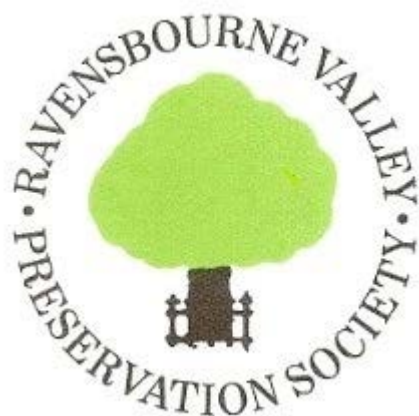


## MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING

Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014

at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Jennifer Ash	Brian Atkinson	Christina Brown
Carol Davidson	Tony Guyver	Maureen Johnson
Wally Johnson	Clive Lees*	Olivia Livesey
Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster	Nicola Martin
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Marilyn Pinson
Mick Pinson	Cllr Michael Rutherford	Julius Sequeira
Muriel Sequeira	Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker
Wendy Watmore	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

\*Chair

### **1 Apologies:**

Cllr Nicola Dykes	David England	Cllr Will Harmer
Andrew Lancaster	Peter Saunders	Andrew Storey
Linda Müller		

### **2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved.

### **3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report for the two months ending 6 November 2014.

Receipts totalled £1,509 comprising members' subscriptions. Payments totalled £331.17 in expenses.

Santander Current Account: £3836.70

National Savings Investment Account: £7953.63

Petty Cash £242.51

Total: £12,032.84

The signatories on the Santander Current Account have now been changed and Dave has access to online statements.

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

Clive H Lees, Beatrice M Osborn, Linda Müller & David Wiltshire 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.

Our insurance policy with Zurich Community Choice is no longer available and the replacement policy is not relevant to our activities. Dave has researched alternatives and proposes switching to Access who offer a policy suitable for Residents' Associations. Dave will get a full quote.

### **4 Volunteers for Situations Vacant:**

**Roads & Traffic** – Andrew Storey taken on this role.

**Planning Officers** – These posts are still vacant. Local residents are being encouraged and supported to pursue their own issues.

**Road Rep** Ravensbourne even numbers – Ann Rowswell has stood down. [Post Meeting update: Monica Wiltshire has now taken on this role.]

### **5 Society Name and Logo**

The Chair reported that he had given a brief to Ravensbourne School for them to design a new logo for the Society.

There were some suggestions for a new name for the Society in the newsletter. A discussion followed.

For changing the name: The current name is long. The current name doesn't suggest a residents' association. The current name suggests we are to do with the River Ravensbourne along its whole length from Keston to Deptford.

Against changing the name: Other sets of initials are tongue twisters. We are about preserving the best. None of the suggested alternatives seem suitable; no better way of defining the area we cover. A name change would have implications for bank accounts and insurance policies.

Overall the feeling of the meeting was that there is no better alternative to RVPS.

We will investigate the cost of having some lamp post banners like the Shortlands Residents' Association.

## **5 Feedback on The Newsletter**

Comments on the most recent newsletter included that it was a good size, easy to read, looked and felt professional, not too long. If a few more members sign up to receive it by email, we can drop the print run from 500 to 250. Some missed the list of officers and reps so we could add this in smaller font every other edition.

## **6 Community Projects**

**Tree Officer: New trees in Farnaby Road:** We have proposed to contribute £3,000 towards the planting of 18 replacement trees. This will be matched by Bromley Council to at least the same amount. Agreed unanimously. We hope to arrange some sort of publicity/celebration in 2015.

A site survey for Downs Hill has been completed but the tree pits not yet marked out.

Cllr Rutherford explained that the Council for historic reasons is receiving a low rate of funding from Central Government. We talked about having an ongoing relationship for tree planting. It was felt that any money we provide should be matched as we could not subsidise the Council. If there is a firm proposal it will be brought to a members' meeting.

**76b The Avenue:** A London Plane tree in the street near this property is being cited as causing subsidence. No update. Committee meeting 20/11/14.

Our tree officer will be speaking at the LBBRF on 20/11/14 to raise awareness that a tree does not necessarily have to be felled just because an insurance company says it is causing problems.

## **7 PLANNING ISSUES:**

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

**61 The Avenue:** (at the junction with Downs Hill): There is an application to build 8 flats in two blocks in a Conservation area which we are opposing. Committee meeting 20/11/14.

**20 Blyth Road:** The owners are asking for vehicular access into Bracken Hill Lane. This will go to committee but there has been a delay in finding a replacement case worker.

**Oak Dene, Oaklands Road:** Application refused.

**River Park Gardens:** By the footpath from Ravensmead to Warren Ave Playing Fields there is a boarded up shop. There is a proposal to demolish it and build 9 flats in 3 storeys. Cllr Rutherford will forward information. Consultation to start this weekend.

### **7b Lewisham Applications:**

**Goan Field:** appears to have been purchased for £440,000. It is Metropolitan Open Land.

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

The results of the consultation were that 23% wanted an 18 hole golf course, 5% a 9 hole, 37% pitch & putt (but this option was rejected as the Heritage Fund were concerned that it would not support itself financially) and 35% no golf. This last option is going ahead to the next stage.

**8 Transport Issues:** Concerns regarding parking outside Valley School. Consultation on a proposed Bakerloo Line extension. More details to follow.

## **9 Councillors' Update:**

**Farnaby Road Speed Sign** has been installed but the location near the golf course does not seem to be the best. We asked if possible to see the data.

**Fly tipping** no progress.

**Army and Navy site Ringers Road** was a car park. The Council tried to buy the site but the price was unacceptable. Historic planning permission is being used to build flats.

**Bromley North** due to finish on time. Contingency spent on Thames Water pipe burst.

**Our Budget Your Views** consultation on the web site – Cllr Rutherford will send the link and we are encouraged to fill it in.

**Road Sweeping** Report any issues via FixMyStreet and send the link to Cllr Colin Smith.

**10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):** Minutes of Sep meeting included news of the withdrawal of a bid for Heritage Lottery funding to revamp Bromley Museum by the Council owing to being unable to commit to 25 year plan. Date of Next Meeting: 20/11/14.

**11 Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Board:** nothing to report.

## **12 Any Other Business**

**Social Event:** Garden Party for Road Reps and Officers 20 Jun 15 with a reserve date 27 Jun.

## **13 Next meeting:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**