

MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 7th May 2015
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

C Aldridge	Brian Atkinson	Keith Barrett
Christine Booth	Christina Brown	Jon Casey
Kathy Casey	Rosalind Denton	David England
Steve Garvey	Tony Guyver	Christina Jarvis
Maureen Johnson	Andrew Lancaster	Clive Lees*
Liz Logan	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Marilyn Pinson
Mick Pinson	D A Robertson	D L Robertson
Martin Ruddick	Graham Semken	Pat Semken
Usha Sharma	David Smart	Andrew Storey
Karen Summers	Steve Talbot	Anna Talbot
Richard Thomas	Leslie Tucker	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Chris Adcock	Judy Adcock	Maria Barguirdjian
Cllr Nicola Dykes	Cllr Will Harmer	Carole Hope
Linda Müller	Pat Tucker	Leslie Watmore
Wendy Watmore		

Special Item: Bromley Court Hotel presentation on proposed extension, upgrade and enhancement works by Max Ball, Managing Director. The Hotel has been family owned since it opened in 1931. Best Western has been doing marketing and booking but this arrangement will cease on 01/08/15. There are plans to upgrade to make it better for guests and local residents. The footprint of the Hotel will not change. There will be only 6 additional bedrooms. There are plans to add a swimming pool, partly underground, and fitness centre which will be open to people in the area. On the 1972 extension, they will add an additional kitchen and a sky lounge with views of the London skyline. Longer term they plan to restore the original main entrance and add an atrium. All the work will take 6 to 8 years to complete. Planning application expected to be submitted at the end of June. Max offered to discuss any questions, concerns or ideas.

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report for the two months ending 7 May 2015.

Receipts totalled £262.50 comprising members' subscriptions. Payments totalled £419.41 in expenses and a donation.

Santander Current Account:	£3,626.00
National Savings Investment Account:	£8,013.28 (inc interest of £59.65)
Petty Cash	£147.75
Total:	£11,787.03

£3000 for the Farnaby Road project not yet paid.

Spreadsheet now is use and working well.

4 Society Name and Logo

The request to Ravensbourne School for a new logo has not been successful. Clive proposed a return to the original logo for the time being. Anyone with ideas for a new design is welcome to submit them.

5 The Newsletter

The next newsletter will go to Road Reps this weekend. The July newsletter will be the annual round up to all properties in the area.

6 Community Projects

New trees in Farnaby Road: Monica is awaiting feedback from Julian Fowgies at Bromley Council as there are several outstanding issues with the new trees – at least 3 are dead and some look unhealthy, there are pits full of weeds, there is cracked tarmac, missing cages, holes left and it is not clear whether watering is being done. We are a long way from signing off and will withhold the £3,000 until issues are resolved.

The Tree Symposium was disappointing as it focused mainly on asking for Street Friends to look after trees. Our Tree Officer will be attending Keston RA AGM next week.

Beckenham Lane traders are planning to pay for **Christmas Lights** – would we like to contribute? Clive will explore the idea further.

7 PLANNING ISSUES:

7a Bromley Applications:

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 opposed. The application was refused on the grounds that the development was too big. An appeal has been submitted and is in progress.

20 Blyth Road: The owners are asking for vehicular access into Bracken Hill Lane, as part of converting the private leisure centre with a flat on top into a house. Concern from residents in the road of access on a blind bend into a narrow road. Our Councillors will take up the issue if there is sufficient concern. Clive will let them know that 11 residents attended tonight's meeting and others wanted to. There is guidance on how to appeal against planning applications on our web site.

Oak Dene, Oaklands Road: An appeal was submitted which has now been rejected.

River Park Gardens: By the footpath from Ravensmead to Warren Ave Playing Fields there is a boarded up shop, owned by Phoenix Housing. Proposal to demolish and build 9 flats in 3 storeys. Concern about parking issues for Ravensmead and Ravensbourne Avenue. There will be 4 parking spaces but 19 will be lost. Worth checking your lease to see if you have rights to a parking space. The road is owned by the freeholder though Bromley Council do the maintenance. Also concern about the new flats overlooking gardens and rooms and reducing sunlight further.

74 Madeira Avenue: Application for Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement building comprising 5 x 2 bedroom apartments has been refused.

14 Highland Road: the development has not followed the planning consent e.g. there are more windows, no plants, no privacy screenings.

4 Oaklands Road: Application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a 4 storey detached building comprising 11 flats is waiting planning application result.

7b Lewisham Applications: No items.

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

Last meeting was in February. The next meeting will be 13/05/15. Lewisham should have appointed landscape architects to come up with schemes by then.

8 Transport Issues

Valley School: Issue with people parking on the yellow lines outside the zigzag marked areas badly affecting visibility. Suggestions include temporary 20 mph signs, extend zigzags or more yellow lines. No progress with Bromley Council yet.

Crab Hill: Cars parking very close to junctions and over driveways. Would it be possible to add double yellow lines to allow cars to pass each other? Via the Council website it is possible to apply for a white bar marking across a dropped curb access, the application costing £50.00. This has no legal standing but does discourage parking.

Warren Avenue speeding: The Council won't add speed humps but could consider 30mph or Watch Your Speed signs.

9 Councillors' Update:

No Councillors available to attend, owing to the General Election.

10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): Minutes of March meeting included the Tree Preservation statement which has gone to LAs and Insurance Companies and news that the Biggin Hill Airport application for extended hours has been approved. Also noted that Bromley's planning department has half the staff it had a couple of years ago and gets 80 items a week to deal with. Plans for Site G are being reconsidered for residential development rather than retail.

11 Bromley Safer Neighbourhood Board: nothing to report.

12 Any Other Business

Madeira Avenue: Concern about the safety of the retaining wall.

Meeting dates for September 15 to July 16 agreed

Clive said **thank you** to the officers and other volunteers for all the work they are doing.

13 Next meeting:

Thursday 2nd July 2015, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel