

**MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**  
**at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

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| Jenny Ash        | Christina Brown    | Carol Davidson  |
| Rosalind Denton  | Heather Dovey      | Tony Guyver     |
| Clive Lees*      | Gillian McIntosh   | Euan McMaster   |
| Linda Müller     | Beatrice Osborn    | Eddie Ozdemir + |
| David Page       | Graham Semken      | Andrew Storey   |
| Leslie Tucker    | Wendy Watmore      | Dave Wiltshire  |
| Monica Wiltshire | Cllr Stephen Wells |                 |
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\*Chair

+Observer

**1 Apologies:**

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| Chris Adcock            | Brian Atkinson   | Sarah-Jane Durman    |
| Cllr Nicola Dykes       | Cllr Will Harmer | Cllr Russell Mellor  |
| Marilyn Pinson          | Mick Pinson      | Martin Ruddick       |
| Cllr Michael Rutherford | Peter Saunders   | Cllr Michael Tickner |
| Pat Tucker              |                  |                      |

**2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved.

**3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2015 to 2 July 2015.

Receipts totalled £267.50 comprising members' subscriptions.

Payments totalled £724.19 in expenses and a donation.

Santander Current Account: £3,376.22

National Savings Investment Account: £8,013.28

Petty Cash £97.75

Total: £11,487.25

£3000 for the Farnaby Road project not yet paid.

Reporting is now financial year to date rather than the previous 2 months.

**4 Garden Party**

The Chair reported that he is investigating The Shortlands Tavern as a venue for about 25 people – road reps, officers, regular attendees, councillors, spouses and partners in recognition of their efforts and to get to know each other better. Date in August to be finalised. Agreed unanimously expenditure of up to £250.

**5 Society Logo**

Following the request at the last meeting for ideas for a new logo, the Chair passed round some suggestions submitted by members. There were variations on trees, the river, hills and leaves. The logo needs to work on a variety of media and in a range of sizes. We can also add a strap line. Clive will do some more work, based on feedback at the meeting, to come up with a short list.

**6 Community Projects**

**New trees in Farnaby Road:** This is looking a lot more positive as, after some tender loving care, only one tree has died and this was due to vandalism. Monica will have an assessment meeting with Julian Fougies at Bromley Council on 26 Aug. She will also discuss ideas for future projects. We've learnt a lot from this project which would be used in any future ones. Agreement in principle to explore planting trees in Ravensbourne Avenue, Warren Avenue and Madeira Avenue.

Beckenham Lane traders led by the HomeZone estate agent are planning to pay for **Christmas Lights**. The initial cost would be £10,000 with £2,000 annually to put up, take down and store the lights. Shortlands RA have contributed £750. Agreed by majority vote to contribute £500, for this year only.

## **7 PLANNING ISSUES:**

### **a) Bromley Applications:**

**20 Blyth Road:** Linda arrived from the Council Planning Meeting to announce that the application for vehicle access into Bracken Hill Lane had been rejected. The Chair commended the residents' campaign and thanked Councillors for their support.

**River Park Gardens:** By the footpath from Ravensmead to Warren Ave Playing Fields there is a boarded up shop, owned by Phoenix Housing. The application to demolish it and build 9 flats in 3 storeys has not yet been dealt with by the Council.

**74 Madeira Avenue:** Application for Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement building comprising 5 x 2 bedroom apartments has been refused. Now at appeal but no details yet.

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

**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. Further documents are required which is taking a long time.

**Billingford:** A new planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of two/three storey block comprising 4 x two bedroom and 1 x one bedroom flats. Neighbours to the site present at the meeting expressed their concerns about increased traffic on a narrow unmade road, being overlooked and the impact of the size of the development. The owner of Billingford was also present at the meeting as an observer. The Councillors will recommend the application goes to a meeting.

### **b) Lewisham Applications: No items.**

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

After the meeting date was moved three times it was finally held in May. Gavin Plaskit did not attend but submitted a written report: A series of surveys – trees, ecology, topographical, services, buildings – should have been completed by now. Work appears to be behind the published plans.

## **8 Transport Issues**

**Valley School:** Issue with people parking on the yellow lines outside the zigzag marked areas badly affecting visibility. Councillor Angus Culverwell Traffic Engineer with interest in schools visited to see the problems. Yellow lines will be repainted. Camera car for zigzag lines will turn up periodically. Other suggestions are for a flashing warning sign programmed to turn on and off (cost £5000); an additional crossing attendant, speed advisory signs and naming and shaming parents within the school. Incidentally the illegal stopping does slow the traffic down, so speeding is not an issue. Railings to prevent vehicles encroaching on the pavement are not favoured as they can trap cyclists.

## **9 Councillors' Update:**

Councillor Wells from Copers Cope Ward attended the meeting and said he was very aware of losing modest sized houses to developments of flats while the demographics indicate more families with young children looking for houses, rather than one bedroom apartments. Some developers now looking to replace one large house with 3 or 4 small houses. Bromley are required to build 641 dwellings per year.

## **10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):**

Minutes of the most recent meeting not yet received. Date of Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

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

## **12 Any Other Business**

**Madeira Avenue:** Concern about the safety of the retaining wall. Tony Guyver took this to Councillor Rutherford at his surgery in June but not heard back yet.

Sarah-Jane Durman suggested by email holding a local garage sale. Members were happy for her to organise one if she wishes.

## **13 Next meeting:**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**