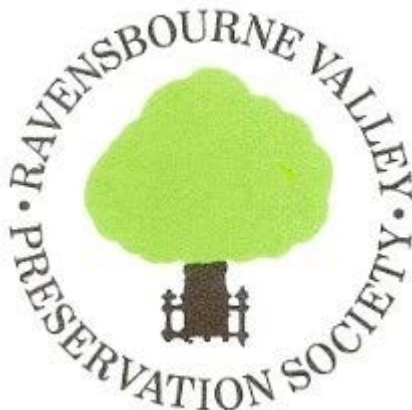


MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 5th November 2015
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Chris Adcock	Judy Adcock	Jenny Ash
Brian Atkinson	Val Crowdy	Carol Davidson
Tony Guyver	Anna Koffer	Gillian McIntosh
Euan McMaster	Linda Müller*	Beatrice Osborn
David Page	Christine Richards	Martin Ruddick
Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

* Chair for this meeting

1 Apologies:

Christina Brown	Cllr Nicola Dykes	Clive Lees
Marilyn Pinson	Mick Pinson	Peter Saunders
Richard Thomas	Wendy Watmore	

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2015 to 5 November 2015.

Receipts totalled £2270.50 comprising members' subscriptions.

Payments totalled £1593.05 in expenses and donations.

Surplus for the year to date £677.45

Santander Current Account: £3,779.36

National Savings Investment Account: £8,013.28

Petty Cash £828.75

Total: £12,916.28

£3000 for the Farnaby Road project not yet paid. This will be paid in March 2016 in agreement with Bromley Council.

£500 contribution paid towards the Shortlands Christmas Lights.

Many thanks to the Road Reps for their excellent job in collecting the subscriptions.

4 Community Projects

The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme is likely to go ahead, though the cost benefit analysis is still in progress. Public views will be sought in the next few months. If it does not go ahead, Heritage Lottery funding could be used instead.

New trees: Monica conducted an end of season assessment with Julian Fowgies of Bromley Council. The trees are a bit smaller than they should be as they had to be replanted. The two that died will be replaced under the contract, which runs until the end of March 2016. After that residents will need to take over watering. "Please water me" signs will be installed. Tree Friends will be provided with a toolkit and training in basal pruning – contact Monica for further information.

Regarding future new trees, Monica has drafted a letter of intent to clarify roles and responsibilities of the Council and RVPS, learning from the issues experienced. This was circulated at the meeting. Sites for new trees in Ravensbourne Avenue, Ravensmead Road and Warren Avenue are being assessed against service maps and sight line requirements. Cllr Colin Smith has agreed the Council's funding of £3000. A further donation from RVPS of £3000 was approved unanimously at the meeting.

There is another insurance led demand to fell several trees, in the back garden of 16 Crab Hill. The planning meeting is on 14 Nov. It is important to ask for appropriate analysis to show whether the trees are causing the issue.

Tony raised the issue of three trees in Madeira Avenue that are not being maintained. It is not clear who is responsible for them as the land appears to belong to nobody. Tony will continue to investigate.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

20 Blyth Road: The application for vehicle access into Bracken Hill Lane was rejected. Waiting for details of an appeal.

74 Madeira Avenue: Application for Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement building comprising 5 x 2 bedroom apartments had been refused. An appeal has been held and a verdict is awaited.

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. Expecting a new planning application to regularise the situation.

4 Oaklands Road: Application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a 4 storey detached building comprising 11 flats had been refused. Waiting for details of an appeal.

Billingford: The new planning application 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 has been refused. Waiting for an inspector to visit.

61 The Avenue: New application to build a block of flats had been refused. Still waiting for details of an appeal.

Bromley Court Hotel: planning application for various changes including a small number of additional rooms has been approved by Bromley.

124 Madeira Avenue: Application to build a single storey rear extension refused. Appeal in progress.

River Park Gardens: By the footpath from Ravensmead Road 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 still not yet been decided on by the Council.

19 Ullswater Close: Application for the demolition of the existing garage to the side and the construction of a three storey 3 bedroom house and associated parking has been refused.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: The second, bigger application (increasing from 9 to 10 two bedroom apartments) has been refused.

The Chalet, Kirkstone Way: Attempts are being made to contact the Trustees as there are trees causing a wall to fall down.

b) Lewisham: None reported.

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

Various surveys have been in progress, to inform the landscaping proposals. The scheme should be presented in Jan/Feb. BPP Friends are expected to organise an open day. In early summer 2016, the scheme will be further explained and consulted on.

6 Transport Issues: No new issues.

7 Councillors' Update: No Councillors present.

8 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

From the minutes of the meeting 17th September noted that Bromley has been set a target of 641 new housing units per year (compared to Lewisham and Greenwich which each have a target of 2000). Date of Next Meeting: 19th November 2015

9 Any Other Business

There is a vacancy for a **Road Rep** for Farnaby Road (1 – 81). There was a volunteer at the meeting.

Fly Tipping Shortlands Golf Course A resident reported a large bag which had been dumped but by the time the Council attended it has gone.

It was noted that the **Shortlands Christmas Lights** are up and looking good.

AGM Suggestions for the first part of the Annual General Meeting included a talk on the allotments adjacent to Valley School, a musical evening with pupils from St Dunstan's College and a talk on the history of the Bromley Court Hotel by the new manager. The last suggestion received enthusiastic support from the members present.

10 Next meeting:

Thursday 7th January 2016, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel

****Note that our usual room will be unavailable. Please ask at Reception for directions.****