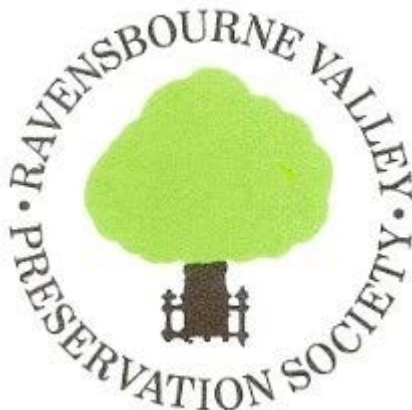


MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 7th January 2016
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Judy Adcock	David Ash	Jenny Ash
Brian Atkinson	K Barrett	Christina Brown
Val Crowdy	Carol Davidson	Heather Dovey
Mark Duncan	Tony Guyver	Cllr Will Harmer
Maureen Johnson	Anna Koffer	Andrew Lancaster
Clive Lees*	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Cathy Morgan	Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn
David Page	Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson
Christine Richards	Graham Semken	Pat Semken
Ann Shepherd	Karen Summers	Stephen Talbot
Richard Thomas	Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker
Wendy Watmore	Sarah Whitelaw	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

* Chair

1 Apologies:

Chris Adcock	Cllr Nicola Dykes	Martin Ruddick
Cllr Rutherford		

2 Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

Matters Arising: For the AGM it was agreed to ask Max Ball Managing Director of the Bromley Court Hotel to present on the history of the Hotel (approximately 30 minute presentation).

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2015 to 7 January 2016.

Receipts: £2388.50 members' subscriptions and £59.65 NS&I interest.

Payments and donations: £1721.20

Surplus for the year to date £726.95

Santander Current Account: £4,169.21

National Savings Investment Account: £8,013.28

Petty Cash £428.75

Total: £12,611.24

£3000 for the Farnaby Road project not yet paid. This will be paid in March 2016 in agreement with Bromley Council. Also stage 2 of the Tree Project will cost a further £3000, to be paid at a later date. Petty cash transfer of £400 to the Santander Account.

End of year audit signed off 06/01/16. This is earlier than in previous years owing to the accounts being available electronically. Subscriptions for the year mostly received.

4 Community Projects

The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme where in the event of high rain fall, water would be held in Summerhouse Field. Final decision in February/March. If approved, public consultation on the detail in summer 2016.

Trees: The ones planted last winter, residents will need to take over watering from March 2016. The Downs Hill trees have not yet been replaced.

Future trees: Survey with Julian Fowgies is now complete. Monica now surveying residents in Ravensbourne Avenue, Ravensmead Road, Warren Avenue and Farnaby Road. Potential for 30 new trees.

Those who have volunteered to be Tree Friends will have a training session on Fri 8th April 3pm in Ravensbourne Avenue on how to look after the new trees and street trees in general.

Sadly a London Plane tree in Foxgrove Avenue was felled though in a healthy condition.

The request to fell pine trees at 16 Crab Hill for reasons of subsidence was considered at committee on 30/12/15 but the outcome is not yet known.

The issue of three trees in Madeira Avenue that are not being maintained and where it is not clear who is responsible for them was raised with the Council who did inspect the trees and will consider whether the road needs to be closed for pruning.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

20 Blyth Road: The application for vehicle access into Bracken Hill Lane was rejected. Enforcement action on hold awaiting appeal.

74 Madeira Avenue: New application submitted for a pair of semi detached houses. A local resident has put in an objection. The Chief Planner had recommended permission. In the meantime the current property appears to have been let.

4 Oaklands Road: Waiting for details of an appeal. The Council have announced an informal hearing. Accepted in principle.

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.

124 Madeira Avenue: Application to build a single storey rear extension refused. Appeal dismissed, on grounds of overlooking a neighbour who had in fact supported the application.

River Park Gardens: The application for 9 flats in 3 storeys was turned down as too big.

19 Ullswater Close: Now at appeal.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: Trying to vary the terms of first consent. Gone to appeal.

The Chalet, Kirkstone Way: Neighbours of this property thanked Councillors and the Society for forcing something to happen. Hoarding has been erected. The property has been declining over 9 years. The Council can only insist that it is secured on safety grounds. Possible to raise concerns if there is an infestation of rats. Councils cannot generally interfere with private property.

Blythwood Park: After installation of an over height fence they have been asked to apply for planning permission. It seems to have a new gate as access to 20 Blyth Road.

34 Beckenham Lane: A large advert for a removal firm was put up without permission. The chair applied to the Council to get it removed.

7 Oaklands Road: the flats are now being refurbished and sold lease hold which reduces the likelihood of demolition.

b) Lewisham: None reported.

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

Leslie has had a report from the project manager at Lewisham Alison Taylor (who has taken over from Gavin Plaskitt). There was supposed to be a decision by the Mayor and Council on 7 Dec whether to go ahead but it was postponed pending consideration of a 5,000 signature petition by golfers. Open meeting 14 Jan in the Town Hall in Catford at 7pm. Friends of BPP will present. Public consultation in February. Leslie had copies of the plans.

6 Transport Issues:

Bakerloo Line extension from Elephant & Castle to Lewisham via Old Kent Road. Further extension to Hayes still a possibility but a tunnel between Beckenham Junction and Bromley has been ruled out owing to cost.

Valley School traffic issues – thanks to Cllr Harmer for his support. Flashing sign will be installed for start and end of school day.

7 Environmental Issues:

Fly tipping in Elstree Hill of items such as arm chairs and mattresses. The Council say it is not their responsibility as it is an unadopted road, though the residents pay full rates. Councillor Smith still considering Council Policy.

Street sweeping standard is low. People are reminded to use Fix My Street to report issues. Warren Avenue Playing Fields flooding from a man hole – Thames Water will inspect.

8 Councillors' Update:

The Council Budget is under severe pressure. The statutory services such as care for the disabled and elderly have rising demand. Bromley needs to deliver 650 new homes a year while trying to retain the character of the area. There are various plans for the town centre in order to be in a good position to compete with Croydon.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

From the minutes of the meeting 19th November noted that debate about Biggin Hill Airport extended hours continues and that Bromley is planning to outsource the 8 core libraries with the 6 smaller ones to be run by the community.

10 Any Other Business

AGM Vice Chair required. Planning - additional support required.
The Chair thanked the Councillors for their work.

11 Next meeting:

AGM Thursday 3rd March 2016, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel