



# **MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING** **Held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016** **at Bromley Court Hotel**

Those present:

Judy Adcock	Brian Atkinson	Christina Brown
Carol Davidson	Dolores Ealey	John Ealey
Tony Guyver	Maureen Johnson	Clive Lees*
Genevieve Madir	Sheila Mann	Gillian McIntosh
Euan McMaster	Sharon Miles	Cathy Morgan
Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn	Mal Pinson
Mick Pinson	Christine Richards	Pat Semken
Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey	Martin Trodden
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Wendy Watmore
Sarah Whitelaw	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

\*Chair

## **1 Apologies:**

Andrew Lancaster	David Page	Martin Ruddick
Linda Sebbana	Raman Sebbana	

With sadness we record the death of Keith Barrett of Linden Court on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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

Approved. Matters Arising: None

## **3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2016 to 5 May 2016.

Receipts: £130.00 members' subscriptions and £60.10 NS&I interest.

Payments and donations: £614.06

Deficit for the year to date: £423.96

Santander Current Account: £3,885.46

National Savings Investment Account: £8,073.38

Petty Cash £213.44

Total: £12,172.28

RVPS Community Tree Projects (2014/15 & 2015/16) will be paid to the London Borough of Bromley as soon as we are satisfied the work is complete. Total £6,000.

Interest rate change: We received notification from NS&I that the interest rate will decrease from 0.75% gross Annual Equivalent Rate to 0.45% with effect from 01/07/16.

## **4 Community Projects**

**The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme** where in the event of high rain fall, water would be held in Summerhouse Field. We expect consultation on the plans in due course.

**2014/15 Community Tree Project:** The maintenance contract finished in March so neighbouring houses have been asked to water the trees. The vandalised tree outside 39, Farnaby Road has been removed and will be replaced. We have now received the request from Bromley for our contribution of £3000. There are a few items remaining on the snagging list e.g. cages and water bags needed for the replaced trees.

**2015/16 Community Tree Project:** 13 trees in Ravensbourne Avenue, 5 in Warren Avenue and 3 in Farnaby Road have been planted. Snagging list is being followed up so we will hold back the second payment on £3,000 for now. Unfortunately trees cannot be planted in Ravensmead Road because of cables under the pavement.

**Tree Friends:** Mark Byfield Arboriculture Officer led the training on 08/04/16 for a group of 12 volunteers. A second training session will be held on 23/05/16 with 7 signed up so far.

**Litter picking groups:** Monica has 10 litter picking tools available. Wendy Watmore's group have done 5 litter picking sessions. Less litter lying about encourages people to be more tidy. Purple sacks for collection can be put out on the day the street is cleaned or you can ring to arrange collection on 020 8315 0220.

**Madeira Avenue trees:** Tony Guyver will chase up on pruning.

## **5 Planning Issues:**

### **a) Bromley:**

**20 Blyth Road:** Vehicle access into Bracken Hill Lane. A new application is expected. Asking the Council to pursue enforcement action.

**Billingford:** 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 was refused and the subsequent appeal dismissed, particularly on grounds of over looking neighbouring property.

**61 The Avenue:** Application to build a block of flats was refused and the subsequent appeal dismissed.

**19 Ullswater Close:** The appeal was upheld.

**Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road:** The refusal of the application to add an extra room was upheld on appeal.

**Upfield, Hillbrow:** Permission granted for a four storey block of flats and car park for 17 cars.

**4 Oaklands Road:** The application to demolish the house and build flats was previously refused but the appeal was upheld.

**Blythwood Park:** The retrospective application for installation of an over height fence was approved.

**8 Madeira Avenue:** The application for blocks of flats was renewed twice but has run out again so a new application would be required now.

**b) Lewisham:** None reported.

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

Lewisham have been conducting surveys of Park users and talking to local residents. Expression of general approval for the restoration of the buildings and use for small scale events and markets. Further consultation expected in early June on the developed design. Submission for planning approval is planned for August and at the same time presentation of the results of the detailed design work back to the Heritage Lottery Fund. In parallel Lewisham are considering refurbishment of The Mansion; ideas for use include restaurants, function suites, training facilities and rehearsal space. Joint Working Party has no date for the next meeting.

**6 Transport Issues:**

**Crab Hill:** The Council are consulting on a pay and display scheme like at Shortlands Station. Hours Monday to Saturday 08:30 to 18:30. Saturdays aren't an issue though and park users may be deterred. The consultation appears to have gone only to residents of Crab Hill. No dates given either. The meeting expressed concern about parking spilling onto surrounding roads. Ideas and suggestions included canvassing local residents, marking parking bays to reduce inconsiderate parking over driveways, not supporting a restriction on Saturdays, requesting a reduction in the hours (New Beckenham has pay and display up to 09:30) and asking about the availability of residents' permits. It was noted that no parking at all would increase the likelihood of Crab Hill being used as a rat run at dangerous speeds. Is there a possibility of traffic calming measures? Ask someone from the Council to meet local residents. Andrew Storey to follow up.

**7 Environmental Issues:**

**Flooding in Warren Avenue playing fields:** With heavy rain, water comes up from a manhole cover. There are three underground flood water containers which have silted up. As it concerns rain water only and on a field, none of Thames Water, Lewisham or Bromley seem interested in taking action.

**8 Councillors' Update:**

None

**9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):**

Previous meeting was the AGM which summarised issues covered in the preceding year.

**10 Any Other Business**

An additional Planning Officer is required. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact the Chair.

Beckenham Post Office proposed closure: meeting 10/05/16, for details see our website.

Summer Garden Party: Proposal to invite Officers, Road Reps and regular attendees at Members' Meetings. Agreed £50 towards drinks. Shortlands Tavern. Date to be agreed.

Dates for future meetings are 1 Sep 16, 3 Nov 16, 5 Jan 17, 2 Mar 17 (AGM), 4 May 17, 6 Jul 17.

**11 Next meeting:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**