



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

Those present:

Christina Brown	Tony Guyver	Kate Hutton
Anna Koffer	Clive Lees*	Gillian McIntosh
Euan McMaster	Sharon Miles	Linda Müller
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Mal Pinson
Mick Pinson	Christine Richards	Graham Semken
Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker	Wendy Watmore	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Brian Atkinson	Carol Davidson	Dolores Ealey
John Ealey	Andrew Storey	

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved with correction to date of next meeting (from September to July).

Matters Arising: see 20 Blyth Road below.

3 Finances:

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

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date £130.00

NS&I interest £60.10

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date £708.06

Surplus/Deficit for the year: £517.96 (deficit)

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account £3,815.46

National Savings Investment Account £8,073.38

Petty cash £204.44

TOTAL £12,093.28

An invoice has been requested so we can pay £3,000 for the first community tree project and we have asked if the £3,000 for the second tree project can be paid on completion of the one year maintenance contract i.e. April 2017.

4 Community Projects

The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme where in the event of high rain fall, water would be held in Summerhouse Field. Public consultation expected soon.

2014/15 Community Tree Project: The oak trees are now looking well established. Water bags and cages to be fitted outside 77 & 36 Downs Hill. Once this is done we can pay £3,000 so we have asked for an invoice and are considering a photo opportunity for the handover. Discussion on the idea of inviting someone from the Council to the Summer Garden Party and seeing if the local press are interested.

Tree Friends: Mark Byfield Arboriculture Officer led further training on 23/05/16. We now have a database of 20 people. Monica is sending a monthly list of things to be done to the Council and they respond with what they will do. Monica had lots of contacts about a tree knocked down in Ravensbourne Avenue. She has loppers and litter pickers if anyone would like to join Tree Friends or Street Friends. Please report any vegetation overhanging the pavements; the Council will contact the property owners to cut it back.

7b Oaklands Road: Planning application to remove a yew tree subject to a TPO objected to on the grounds that there was no sketch available to show the location of the tree and it wasn't diseased or dangerous.

76B The Avenue: replacement tree planned but leaning over. (Post meeting update: tree now upright.)

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

20 Blyth Road: Residents could chase up the enforcement requiring repair to the wall and making it safe.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: A number of issues not yet decided. Application to determine various conditions

14 Highland Road: Still chasing for follow up on where the development did not follow the planning consent.

b) Lewisham: None reported.

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

Leslie reported receiving a letter from Lewisham saying they are considering closing the JWP and creating a new steering group of key stakeholders, invited from local organizations who are committed to developing the Park as a community asset. They also propose a Park Forum of a broad section of users and potential users for the Steering Group to use to sound out ideas and receive views. A reply is requested by 25th July. We feel RVPS should continue to have a voice. Leslie will reply on this basis.

There has been progress on the plans, copies of which were circulated at the meeting. These more detailed plans have to be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund by 01/08/16. The planning application is expected in September. Planning permission could be granted in Jan 2017, with tenders in the autumn and work starting on site in Feb 2018 completing in spring/summer 2019.

In parallel consultants will be sought for Phase 2 covering the Mansion and other buildings.

Anyone interested in getting involved, contact the Chair or Leslie.

6 Transport Issues:

Crab Hill: A meeting was held by the Council with residents and a number of ideas were discussed such as creating a lay-by for vehicles dropping people off at the station. Double yellow lines would improve visibility but might encourage rat running. The issue of large vehicles avoiding the low bridge at Shortlands was also discussed.

7 Environmental Issues: none this meeting

8 Councillors' Update: none this meeting

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Beatrice reported that there is a new Planning Officer, Andrea Stevens, who seems very knowledgeable and proactive. We are welcome to contact her for advice or to flag any issues of wider concern to other RAs. A number of nominations for designation of Local Green Space are being considered. They also objected to the proposed closure of Beckenham Post Office. Date of next meetings 21st July, 15th September 2016.

10 Any Other Business

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

Summer Garden Party: 4pm to 6pm Saturday 30th July at The Shortlands Tavern. Officers, Road Reps and regular attendees at Members' Meetings are invited.

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

The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting is on 21st July – leaflet available for anyone interested.

Elstree Hill: continuing issue of fly tipping which the Council will not deal with owing to the road being unadopted (though residents pay the same Council tax).

11 Next meeting:

Thursday 1st September 2016, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel