

MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 1st September 2016
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Chris Adcock	Judy Adcock	Andrew Lancaster
Olivia Livesey	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Prit Panesar
Christine Richards	Graham Semken	Pat Semken
Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey	Cllr Michael Tickner
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Cllr Stephen Wells
Dave Wiltshire*	Monica Wiltshire	

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Christina Brown	Carol Davidson	Tony Guyver
Maureen Johnson	Clive Lees	Linda Müller
Martin Ruddick	Martin Trodden	

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved

3 Finances:

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

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£440.00
NS&I interest	£60.10

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£3,968.05
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£3,467.95 (deficit)

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account	£864.76
National Savings Investment Account	£8,073.38
Petty cash	£205.15

TOTAL £9,143.29

£3,000 has been paid to the London Borough of Bromley for our 50% contribution for the first community tree project (2014/15).

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. No update this meeting.

2015/16 Community Tree Project: Gristwood and Toms are responsible for watering the new trees in Ravensbourne Avenue, Farnaby Road and Warren Avenue, under the 1 year contract until April 2017.

Tree Friends: Nothing to report to the Council in August. September's report to include project trees outside 20 and 39 Farnaby Road (dead), a tight tree tie outside 81/83 Ravensbourne Ave, hanging branch outside 160 Ravensbourne Ave, cutting brambles coming through fence on to Crab Hill pavement from BPP and various follow-ups on stakes and cages. Monica has 2 pairs of loppers, 3 pairs of secateurs, 100s purple sacks and 7 litter pickers if anyone would like to join Tree Friends.

Tree Issues: Need to monitor for replacement trees at **7b Oaklands Road** and **74 Madeira Avenue**. **92 Madeira Avenue:** a tree that was diseased was removed. The Council will replace it. **76 Coniston Road** application to fell a tree refused as it was considered an extreme and unnecessary management option.

Summer Garden Party on 30th July was a success. Four of our Councillors attended and the cheque for the Tree Project was handed over. Particular thanks to the Road Reps who are the Society's unsung heroes.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

20 Blyth Road: No update; still believed to be waiting for repairs/new fencing.

Upfield, Hillbrow Road: A further application has been submitted with further conditions in relation to the application for demolition of the existing four bedroom detached dwelling and the redevelopment to provide 6 two bedroom flats. The required pre-development road condition survey confirms the already poor start of the road so major post development refurbishment is sadly unlikely.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: A decision has been issued regarding planning conditions.

74 Madeira Avenue: Application comprising a revision of the scheme permitted under the original planning application to include two dormer windows to the rear roof slope has now been permitted. Work was stopped as it should not have started without party wall agreements with the neighbours being in place.

14 Highland Road: In response to conditions imposed in relation to planning permission, a minor material amendment has been submitted in order to allow changes to the approved landscaping details, reconfiguration and installation of windows, relocation of refuse and cycle storage areas. The status is Pending Consideration.

4 Oaklands Road: A further application has been made with details of conditions in relation to the original application (which was allowed on appeal).

b) Lewisham: None reported.

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

The JWP after 22 years in existence has been de facto closed. This is frustrating and no thanks were offered for its work. Leslie wrote asking if we could continue to be represented. A new Park Forum may meet once a month to receive progress reports and comment. Leslie recommends that anyone in RVPS who is interested in what happens to the Park and its buildings or has ideas to contribute gets involved. No information yet about when and where the first meeting will take place. Phase 1 scheme for the Park was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 01/07/16. Lewisham are now considering the future use of The Mansion.

6 Transport Issues:

Crab Hill: Chaotic parking. Council alerted to the issue by the number of applications for white bar markings. Council scheme to introduce free and pay by mobile parking bays. Double yellow lines extended at bottom and top to allow lorries to get round. Preferably we don't want to see the pay & display bays empty as it encourages rat running. Concern about the impact on park users and displacement of commuter parking into surrounding roads.

7 Environmental Issues: none this meeting

8 Councillors' Update:

Steve Wells from Copers Cope Road Ward discussed some possible uses of Beckenham Place Park, particularly by younger people.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Proposed new flying hours at **Biggin Hill Airport** have been approved. Bombardier will undertake aircraft refurbishment on the site creating new jobs. **HG Wells Centre** – a revised application has been submitted for a 7, 11 and 12 storey development for community use, office use and 68 flats – less community and office space and more flats than the previous application. Date of next meeting 15th September 2016.

10 Any Other Business

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

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

11 Next meeting:

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