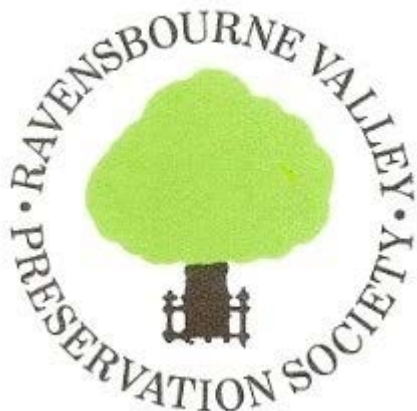


**MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016**  
**at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Judy Adcock	Christina Brown	Carol Davidson
Dolores Ealey	John Ealey	Tony Guyver
Kate Hutton	Maureen Johnson	Anna Koffer
Clive Lees*	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Sharon Miles	Catherine Morgan	Beatrice Osborn
David Page	Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson
Leslie Tucker	Wendy Watmore	Cllr Stephen Wells
Sarah Whitelaw	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

\*Chair

**1 Apologies:**

Brian Atkinson	Cllr Will Harmer	Linda Müller
Martin Ruddick	Andrew Storey	Cllr Michael Tickner
Pat Tucker		

**2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved, with the addition that Wendy Watmore had sent her apologies.

**3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2016 to 3 November 2016.

**Receipts:**

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£1,597.00
NS&I interest	£60.10

**Payments:**

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£4,090.92
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£2,433.82 (deficit)

**General Reserve:**

Santander Current Account	£1,516.76
National Savings Investment Account	£8,073.38
Petty cash	£587.28

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**TOTAL** £10,177.42

1. Shortlands Christmas lights £100 contribution
2. RVPS insurance renewal £134.50
3. Review NS&I Investment Account in view of next Tree Project payment of £3,000 due April 2017 and reduction of interest rate from 0.75% to 0.45%.

**4 Community Projects**

**The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme** where in the event of high rain fall, water would be held in Summerhouse Field. 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. 2014/15 tree ties now too tight (which is a good sign as it means the trees are growing.)

**Tree Friends:** The tree outside 20 Farnaby Road is not dead after all. Crab Hill; planning to cut back brambles etc from Beckenham Place Park in January. Coniston Road communal area: Council happy for us to tidy up; also planned for mid January. There was a suggestion that people on community service could tidy up the Goan ground but it is in private hands.

**Tree Issues:** **2a Downs Hill** Request to fell pine trees was refused. **Calmont Road** Trees overhanging from the Millwall ground – Jessica Newman the Club secretary has been contacted about getting them pruned. Beckenham Place Park has plans to plant new trees and remove a few – see our website. **20 Blyth Road** the large lime tree has had its roots undermined but assessed by Christopher Ryder that it is not damaged enough to be at risk of falling. In Westgate Road three protected pines have been ring barked so will die. Bromley Council is expected to take legal action.

## 5 Planning Issues:

### a) Bromley:

**71 Ravensbourne Avenue:** Application to build two semi detached houses and knock a garage down. The meeting considered that this would probably be an improvement.

**20 Blyth Road:** No news.

**14 Highland Road:** An application to regularise the failings against the original planning consent (landscaping details, reconfiguration and installation of windows, relocation of refuse and cycle storage areas) was considered to be one of the worst applications ever seen being factually incorrect in several particulars.

**2 Ullswater Close:** Application to build a porch. Temporary fencing was not approved so will have to be removed.

### b) Lewisham: None reported.

### c) Beckenham Place Park: (Leslie Tucker)

Alison Taylor from Lewisham Council attended a meeting held hosted by Friends of BPP to answer any queries and give an update. Sadly a minority caused a disturbance trying to reopen the debate about the golf course which made the meeting largely impossible as she was unable to get across much information. There are three Forums being established – Nature, History and Interpretation; Events and the Arts; Education and Schools. The first one will meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and Euan has volunteered to attend. Attendance is by invitation. The meeting noted that not everyone in RVPS individually supports the Council's plans but that RVPS is seeking to support the plan that is going ahead and to make it the best it can be.

Cllr Wells reported that he has an up coming meeting with Alison Taylor around funding for restoration of The Mansion and how they will ensure an ongoing revenue stream.

## 6 Transport Issues:

**Crab Hill:** (update from Andrew Storey by email) Since the introduction of the pay-by-mobile parking on Crab Hill, the clear marking of free spaces and the addition of more double yellow lines, the traffic is flowing more freely. However this appears to be because few cars are using the pay bays. This has led to an increase in parking on Ravensbourne Avenue and Downs Hill. Euan reported that he had had a number of emails from people concerned about this, citing churned up grass verges, blocked drive ways and issues with large vehicles manoeuvring. There will be a review by the Council after 6 months.

**Thameslink Services consultation** on timetable changes from May 2018 is currently in progress.

TfL are proposing quiet **cycle ways** in the area, separating cyclists from other traffic.

## 7 Environmental Issues:

**Fly tipping:** 22 sacks of waste turned out to be from a pharmacy in South Croydon. An inspector from the Council came and took photos. Two days later they were removed. Cllr Wells said that he would raise the question of prosecution.

**Bridge Cafe** in Shortlands is now open in the premises previously occupied by The Only Way is Kent. The rear of the site is untidy with rubbish from the previous occupants. We were recommended to raise the issue initially with the Council.

## 8 Councillors' Update:

Updates from Cllr Will Harmer by email: **The Shopping Centre Intu** has been sold and will be renamed. Bromley will be consulting on the **budget** – we are encouraged to comment. Beckenham shopping centre will have a refurbishment, starting in January.

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

**Libraries:** Bexley have pulled out of jointing running the back office functions and Community Link have pulled out of running voluntary libraries as it wasn't possible to agree a contract. Other organisations are interested.

## 10 Any Other Business

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

**AGM speaker:** various ideas were discussed including our London Assembly member Gareth Bacon, someone from Millwall, someone from the Beckenham centre refurbishment, music provided by a local school.

The Residents' Association Planning Seminar is on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Dates for future meetings are 2 Mar 17 (AGM), 4 May 17, 6 Jul 17.

## 11 Next meeting:

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**