



## MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING Held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Bromley Court Hotel

Those present:

Judy Adcock	David Ash	Brian Atkinson
Toni Boardman	Christina Brown	Carol Davidson
Dolores Ealey	John Ealey	Tony Guyver
Anna Koffer	Andrew Lancaster	Clive Lees*
Gillian McIntosh	Catherine Morgan	Beatrice Osborn
David Page	Christine Richards	Graham Semken
Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey
Richard Thomas	Leslie Tucker	Cllr Stephen Wells
Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire	

\*Chair

### 1 Apologies:

Cllr Nicola Dykes	Cllr Will Harmer	Tony Illingworth
Euan McMaster	Maureen Roger	Linda Müller
Cllr Michael Rutherford	Pat Tucker	Wendy Watmore

### 2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved. One update: the overhanging trees in Calmont Road have now been pruned by Millwall Football Club.

### 3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2016 to 5 January 2017.

#### Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£2,057.60
NS&I interest	£60.10

#### Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£4,480.81
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£2,423.21 (deficit)

#### General Reserve:

Santander Current Account	£1,440.76
National Savings Investment Account	£8,073.38
Petty cash	£673.89

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,188.03</b>
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Alan Williams, retired Finance Director for Hays Storage, has agreed to take over from Pura Atkinson as Auditor for RVPS for the 2017 accounts. The Society thanked Pura (and her husband Brian) for all her dedication and advice in reviewing and approving the RVPS accounts. The 2016 accounts are being prepared for audit.

### 4 Community Projects

**The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme** where in the event of high rain fall, water would be held in Summerhouse Field. Exploratory digging works to survey the soil. There is potentially contaminated ground as the area was filled with bomb damage material from WWII.

**Tree Friends:** Project this Sunday 08/01/17 with 11 people coming to cut back ivy and brambles growing through the Beckenham Place Park fence onto Downs Hill and to tidy up the triangle of ground at the junction of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue.

**2015/16 Community Tree Project:** Replacement tree in Madeira Avenue has not yet been planted. It will be planted as part of Phase 3 in Jan to Mar 17.

Three pine trees in **Westgate Road** were deliberately damaged. The owner, currently in France, has been served with a notice that the trees' death will incur an order to replace with specific species and size. Noted that the Council don't seem to have a follow up system.

**4 Oaklands Road:** The beech tree under a TPO was not being protected during the demolition of the house. Photos were sent to the Council.

**Local Green Spaces:** This is a new designation to protect open spaces. Two proposed parcels of land were Shortlands golf course and Warren Avenue playing fields but these were not agreed, partly because our Society did not comment in favour. This is because we were unaware of the

proposed designation. These two green spaces are of value to the houses that back on to them and are important for wildlife providing continuous green space. The playing fields are clearly very valuable to many. We can still write to the Council to say we support the designation.

**Warren Avenue playing fields:** The Probation Service has been organising people doing community service to tidy up Warren Avenue playing fields, cutting back brambles etc.

## **5 Planning Issues:**

### **a) Bromley:**

**20 Blyth Road:** The wall appears to be deteriorating. Cllr Harmer reported he was still chasing for an update. A question will be asked at the Development Control meeting in 3 weeks' time.

**14 Highland Road:** Still conditions not complied with.

**2 Ullswater Close:** An application for planning permission for the fencing was refused so it will have to be removed.

**6 Oaklands Road:** Application to develop the back of the car park with 3 houses. The plans show very short gardens so they will back onto existing properties in Spencer Road and overlook Ashcroft Court in Oaklands Road. They do have narrow rear windows. There are a number of mature trees on the site, a lime tree and a horse chestnut. The application has already been reduced from 4 houses to 3. There will be limited parking for these houses as well as reducing the parking available to the existing development. Concern that cars will spill out onto Oaklands Road which is already crowded. Generally the Council say back land development should be resisted. Ask the councillors to "Call it in".

**61 The Avenue and Downs Hill:** Large triangular site. The application for permission to build two blocks of four flats has now been replaced by an application to build two detached two storey houses.

**66 Madeira Avenue and Bromley Avenue:** Application to fell the tulip tree. A number of RVPS members have objected.

**81 Ravensbourne Avenue:** The application for permission to build 2 three bedroom semi-detached dwellings has been rejected on the grounds that the development would be too cramped.

### **b) Lewisham:** None reported.

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

The £4.9m Heritage Lottery Grant has now been approved. Work could start in 2018. Euan McMaster is attending the first meeting this evening of the Nature, History and Interpretation forum. Cllr Wells (Copers Cope Ward) said there was some concern about the possible number of events planned and the impact on local residents. The Festival of Light on 04/12/16 had more visitors than expected which caused traffic issues. Travel and parking plans should be part of event approval.

## **6 Transport Issues:**

**Crab Hill:** Since the introduction of the pay-by-mobile parking on Crab Hill, very few of the parking spaces are being used. There will be a review by the Council after six months' operation.

## **7 Environmental Issues:**

**Fly tipping:** Council officers are pursuing the pharmacy in South Croydon, from whence 22 sacks of waste originated, though not getting a response.

## **8 Councillors' Update:**

Updates from Cllr Will Harmer by email: There is an appeal public hearing for the **Conservative Club site** in Elmfield Road next week. The developer is proposing a very tall building which would overlook nearby residents so we are in opposition until the developer comes up with a more reasonable scheme. We've had enforcement action taken against the development at the former Mr. Paine's house with regards to the **protection of the trees** - this ensured that the key trees at the back have been protected.

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

At the last meeting on 21/11/16 Cllr Stephen Carr, leader of Bromley Council, spoke on the Council's budget. Funding from Government continues to reduce so ways to cut expenditure further have to be sought. In passing the contribution of Friends Groups was praised.

## **10 Any Other Business**

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

**AGM:** There will be a string ensemble from St Dunstan's College and a speaker from Trading Standards.

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

## **11 Next meeting:**

**AGM Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**