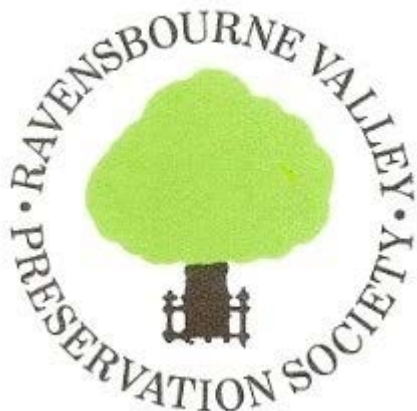


MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 4th May 2017
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Toni Boardman	Val Crowdy	Dolores Ealey
John Ealey	Emma Fagg	Richard Fagg
Tony Guyver	Maureen Johnson	Clive Lees*
Liz Logan	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Mal Pinson	Christine Richards	Pat Semken
Ann Shepherd	Cllr Michael Tickner	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Christina Brown	Carol Davidson	Dweenie Fellingham
Andrew Lancaster	Sheila Mann	Kevin Molly
Beatrice Osborn	David Page	Martin Ruddick
Graham Semken		

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved. One amendment: Page 1 Tree Friends – should read Crab Hill instead of Downs Hill.

3 Finances:

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

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£266.00
NS&I interest	£48.51

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£502.45
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£187.94 (deficit)

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account	£1,248.26
National Savings Investment Account	£8,121.89
Petty cash	£629.94

TOTAL	£10,000.09
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Payment of £3,000 for phase 2 of the tree project with Bromley Council is due this financial year.

4 Community Projects

The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme on the east side of Beckenham Place Park. Exploratory works beneath the surface continue. The next phase will be detailed consultation with residents.

Tree Friends: A second group project worked on clearing ivy and brambles from the Beckenham Place Park fence on to Crab Hill on 19th March. 48 purple sacks were filled on the two sessions. Also litter dumped behind the fence was reported and removed and a section of broken fence reported. The next group project is likely to work in Coniston Road.

2015/16 Community Tree Project: Residents will be visited and asked to take over watering the new trees as the one year maintenance contract is over. A few actions are to be completed before final payment of £3,000 is paid to Bromley Council.

Summer Drinks Party: This will be held on Saturday 29th July 4-6 pm at The Shortlands Tavern to celebrate the society's 30th birthday. RVPS will set aside £50 for drinks and nibbles.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

20 Blyth Road: an onerous enforcement order is in place to be complied with by 24th June. Residents report that a traffic counter has been set up.

14 Highland Road: this application has been going on for 9 months and the owner is doing nothing to meet his obligations.

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 has been withdrawn.

61 The Avenue and Downs Hill: The new application for permission to build two detached two storey houses has been approved.

66 Madeira Avenue and Bromley Avenue: Application to fell the tulip tree was refused.

16 Crab Hill: Application to fell pine trees has been refused.

81 Ravensbourne Avenue: Two 3 bedroom houses were refused but appealed, then separately one 4 bedroom house has been approved.

24 Downs Hill: Application to replace existing house with a new one. 3rd revised plan has taken away the cellar and will build further out into garden. This application will be heard by committee.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: the trees planted in the landscaping scheme to soften the look of the building have died and enforcement action is in progress.

Bromley Court Hotel: a driving school has been approved.

b) Lewisham:

13 Calmont Road: The appeal on the refusal of the application to build a two bedroom, single storey dwelling house on land to the rear failed.

c) Beckenham Place Park: (Euan McMaster)

Planning applications are on-going including the reinstatement of the lake on the west side near the Mansion House and out-buildings. The Mansion House is in use with many artists' studios and health & well-being classes. A Community Event on 29th April launched the new uses of the Mansion House and was very successful with 2,500 people attending throughout the day. Many future events are planned including concerts and the opening of the BMX track and a nature trail, and a weekly food market on Saturdays will continue. There are several forums on which RVPS has representation. There is a great deal of optimism about things moving forward. See links in newsletter for more details or www.beckenhamplaceparkfriends.org.uk and www.lewisham.gov.uk (search Beckenham Place Park). Cllr Tickner expressed some concerns about traffic planning and parking at the event on 29th April.

6 Transport Issues:

Crab Hill: Due for 6 month review since installation of paid parking which has simply relocated parking into Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue. Empty spaces in Crab Hill mean the traffic is dangerously fast. The frequent knocking down of the bollards on the junction of Downs Hill and Crab Hill has been raised again, in addition to the wall of 14 Crab Hill being driven into and knocked down twice. Cllr Tickner suggested RVPS write to Cllr Smith.

7 Environmental Issues:

Litter: Channels in the road are often filled with leaves and rubbish. Raise Fix-my-street and if this fails Cllr Smith can arrange for cleaning to take place on a Sunday when there is less parking. The river bank between Ravensmead Road and Warren Avenue playing fields often has litter on it. Again contact Fix-my-street; an advantage of this is that there is a permanent record of issues raised.

Fly tipping: Regarding the 22 sacks dumped in undergrowth by a pharmacy in South Croydon last November, the driver of the vehicle has been fined £400. Discussion with Cllr Tickner about the need to bring in tougher legislation on environmental crime to give a clear message that this is unacceptable. He urged members to take photos of such incidents and in this case to lodge a complaint with the Chief Executive that this fly tipping was found, reported and no effective action taken. Clive Lees to follow up with Chief Executive, Community Health Care & NHS trust.

8 Councillors' Update: Noting further.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): No report.

10 Any Other Business

An additional Planning Officer and a Road Rep for Warren Avenue are required. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact the Chair.

11 Next meeting:

Thursday 6th July 2017, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel