



## **MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING** **Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017** **at Bromley Court Hotel**

Those present:

Judy Adcock	Brian Atkinson	Cllr André Bourne
Val Crowdy	Cllr Nicky Dykes	Dolores Ealey
John Ealey	Gloria Fuller	Tony Guyver
Kate Hutton	Andrew Lancaster	Clive Lees*
Karl Martin	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Sharon Miles	Catherine Morgan	Linda Müller
Alan Mullord	Carole Mullord	Beatrice Osborn
Paul Osborne	David Page	Mal Pinson
Mick Pinson	Markku Syvaniemi	Richard Thomas
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Sonja Wainwright
Wendy Watmore	Cllr Stephen Wells	Alan Williams
Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire	H Vaja
Sashi Vaja		

\*Chair

### **1 Apologies:**

Christina Brown	Maureen Johnson	Liz Logan
Christine Richards	Martin Ruddick	Graham Semken
Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey

### **2 Minutes of last meeting:**

Approved. Beatrice thanked Monica Wiltshire for taking the minutes.

### **3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 April 2016 to 6 July 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	£692.02
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£377.56 (deficit)

#### **General Reserve:**

Santander Current Account	£1,193.26
National Savings Investment Account	£8,121.89
Petty cash	£495.32

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,810.47</b>
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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 on placing of trees, walkways etc. Final course of the river now determined. The old Goan ground and cycle path will be affected but not Warren Avenue playing fields. Objections have been raised, regarding the unmade road at end of Ravensbourne Avenue being used for access given the state of road and parking; also about embankments overlooking houses.

**Tree Friends:** Next project is the triangle of land formed by Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue. Julian Fowgies has conducted a site meeting with contractors and has identified 9 jobs such as removing dead trees and a broken branch. This work should be carried out on 20<sup>th</sup> July after which the site will be safe for volunteers to clear ivy, brambles etc.

Regarding the action against the owner who killed the trees at a property in Westgate – he is still abroad.

**2015/16 Community Tree Project:** Now complete apart from a few items like replacing trees that died and loosening ties.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> June which the owner has appealed against. Council also investigating what he has done inside the property.

**14 Highland Road:** this application has been going on for 9 months. Still chasing. Council will take enforcement action.

**2 Ullswater Close:** An application for planning permission for the fencing was refused so it will have to be removed. Enforcement pending. New application to remove 5 trees.

**61 The Avenue and Downs Hill:** The new application for permission to build two detached two storey houses has been approved. Developer has now submitted a new application for flats on same foot print!

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

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

**100 Madeira Avenue:** Outline application submitted for 2 x 3 bedroom houses. Objections being raised as the new development will be considerably longer, will block morning sunlight to 102 Madeira, upper windows looking into house opposite and general over development. Also concern about foundations being dug close to existing properties.

### **b) Lewisham:**

**Premises Licence application:** by Lewisham for events at Beckenham Place Park. Seems very loosely worded and applies to the whole park. Licence committee can add restrictions. People living around the park have raised objections over the numbers (70,000 visitors) and frequency (400 events over 5 years). Lewisham will take account of the views of Bromley residents, though less weight is given to objections from people further away. Euan to reply for RVPS.

Arts & Event forum: Trying to keep numbers of visitors down to 2,000 at any one time. Aware of parking issues and lack of toilets. Want to increase parking but this will take time.

### **c) Beckenham Place Park: (Euan McMaster)**

Minor events are planned. These will be included in the round up newsletter.

## **6 Transport Issues:**

**Crab Hill:** Pay by mobile scheme. Between September and April there has been an average of 14 cars a day using the spaces. The rest of the parking has moved to Ravensbourne Avenue, with the unmade section being full every day. The Council consider a broader analysis is required of the Shortlands area which will take 6 months to complete.

## **7 Environmental Issues:** None this meeting

## **8 Councillors' Update:** Public consultation on Site G open now. Very large development.

Proposal to replace the old DHSS building with a 1200 pupil school, which would be the third tallest school building in the world – concern re traffic. Beckenham high street redevelopment on schedule. Due to finish Aug 2018. Retailers generally happy with more street trees, more space, tables on the pavement etc. The Avenue – some residents want it made up. About third cost would be met by the council, two thirds from free holders (not leaseholders who are applying pressure). Referendum of free holders required. Cladding fire safety tests following the Grenfell fire have not resulted in failures in this area so far.

## **9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBRRF):** AGM was 17/03/17.

Subs reduced to £10. All officers reappointed. Biggin Hill Airport now have a system for tracking aircraft. Shortlands War Memorial will be reconstructed after damage from a car hitting it. Bromley are recruiting 6 additional planning enforcement officers.

## **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.

The Society was sad to record the death of Carol Davidson, a long standing member and Road Rep for Warren Avenue. Ann Freiter is standing down as Road Rep for Ravensbourne Avenue odd numbers. Sharon Miles has volunteered to take on the role.

Concern about youths on motor bikes in Beckenham Place Park. Take photos of licence plates if possible and report to Cllr Bourne.

Foxgrove Club Lewisham did not renew the licence. Premises now being run as a forest school facility for local schools.

Barbara Brown, a long standing member, is moving from Downs Hill to Herne Bay.

## **11 Next meeting:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel**