



## **MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING** **Held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017** **at Bromley Court Hotel**

Those present:

Val Crowdy	Dolores Ealey	John Ealey
Gloria Fuller	Arthur Green	Conchi Green
Kate Hutton	Maureen Johnson	Andrew Lancaster
Jonathan Lancaster	Clive Lees*	Karl Martin
Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster	Bill Mitchell
Linda Müller	Beatrice Osborn	Paul Osborne
David Page	Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson
Chris Porter	Christine Richards	Graham Semken
Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey
Markku Syvaniemi	Elizabeth Tarrant	Leslie Tucker
Pat Tucker	Sonja Wainwright	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

\*Chair

### **1 Apologies:**

Christina Brown	Tony Guyver	Sharon Miles
Martin Ruddick	Richard Thomas	

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

Approved. One correction under item 3 Finances: Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 4 April 2016 1 Jan 2017 to 6 July 2017.

### **3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 Jan 2017 to 7 September 2017.

#### **Receipts:**

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£631.00
NS&I interest	£48.51

#### **Payments:**

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£1049.10
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	-£369.59 (deficit)

#### **General Reserve:**

Santander Current Account	£1,468.26
National Savings Investment Account	£8,121.89
Petty cash	£228.29

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**TOTAL** £9,818.44

Subscriptions will be coming in over the next couple of months.

Payment of £3,000 for phase 2 of the tree project with Bromley Council is due this financial year pending the invoice from Bromley Council.

### **4 Community Projects**

**The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme** on the east side of Beckenham Place Park. Further ground investigations to check for contaminated ground where the banks will be built.

**Tree Friends:** Successful work on the triangle of land formed by Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue. Weeds were cleared and perennial plants donated by the Tree Friends were planted. Our banner was on display while the work was in progress.

**2015/16 Community Tree Project:** Tree ties – Clive Lees and Dave Wiltshire loosened the tree ties as the Council weren't doing them. Dead trees: one from the first project in Farnaby Road and four from the second in Ravensbourne Avenue will all be replaced. Some other possible sites for new trees being investigated. Possible funding from The Mayor of London.

**Next projects:** Warren Avenue Playing Fields – clearing overgrowth round new trees.

**Shortlands Golf Club:** overhanging fir trees; the Council have been contacted

**Summer Drinks Party:** This was held on Saturday 29th July at The Shortlands Tavern. As the weather was wet, it was a bit of a squash in the upstairs room but enjoyable. We could meet again at Christmas.

## **5 Planning Issues:**

### **a) Bromley:**

**20 Blyth Road:** an onerous enforcement order is in abeyance while the owner is appealing.

**14 Highland Road:** Enforcement action where original plans not adhered to. Council has now threatened court action.

**2 Ullswater Close:** Application to remove 5 trees – allowed to fell all but one. New application on fencing so enforcement in abeyance.

**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! Ongoing.

**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. Appeal in progress.

**Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road:** trees were removed that shouldn't have been so there is a requirement to replant.

**100 Madeira Avenue:** Outline application submitted for 2 x 3 bedroom houses. Now gone to appeal.

### **b) Lewisham:**

**Premises Licence application:** by Lewisham for events at Beckenham Place Park. Rejected as conditions not met. Meeting on 14/09. Asked to resubmit taking account of noise, timing of events, consulting residents. Any objections have to be resubmitted too.

**50 Ashgrove Road** application for industrial site refused

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

As part of Open House London on 17/09 there will be various activities in The Mansion and park including tours of the Stable Block. Beatrice will be one of the guides and will do the 11a.m. tour in sign language.

## **6 Transport Issues:**

**Crab Hill:** Pay by mobile scheme. Successful change to free parking on Saturdays. Uptake is increasing. Five cars were ticketed today. Still issues with parking in surrounding streets, which impedes traffic flow. On the unmade section of Ravensbourne Avenue the residents are looking to introduce parking restrictions on one side, which they can enforce as it is a private road.

General discussion on **speeding traffic:** Lewisham have 20mph zones. Bromley could be asked to consider but enforcement would be needed.

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

**8 Councillors' Update:** None this meeting.

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

The September meeting did not happen as the committee was locked out of the church where we normally meet. One member wondered what proportion of eligible people are members of their Residents' Association. (For RVPS it is about 1/3 of households.) The new noise and track keeping system at Biggin Hill Airport has resulted in one pilot being banned and several others being fined or cautioned. Date of next meeting 21/09/17.

## **10 Any Other Business**

One member interested in being an additional Planning Officer.

Clive has taken on being Road Rep for Warren Avenue.

There will be a vacancy for Secretary from next year's AGM.

AGM initial discussion about entertainment/talk.

Ravensbourne River – concern raised by one member about plants growing where Farnaby Road crosses the river. It is the Environment Agency's responsibility and they do not consider the plants are causing a problem at the moment.

Fix My Street – an example of how well the system can work. Lorries delivering paving bricks to the block of flats at the junction of Highland Road and Beckenham Lane damaged the tarmac on the pavement. Reported Tuesday, acknowledged Wednesday, repaired Thursday.

## **11 Next meeting:**

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