



MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING **Held on Thursday 2nd November 2017** **at Bromley Court Hotel**

Those present:

Judy Adcock	Colin Brook	Vivienne Brook
Christina Brown	Dolores Ealey	John Ealey
Gloria Fuller	Tony Guyver	Cllr Will Harmer
Kate Hutton	Deb Jasper	Bill Jasper
Maureen Johnson	Anna Koffer	Clive Lees*
Karl Martin	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Sharon Miles	Catherine Morgan	Carole Mullord
Beatrice Osborn	Paul Osborne	David Page
Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson	Markku Syvaniemi
Richard Thomas	Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker
Harsha Vaja	Rupal Vaja	Wendy Watmore
Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire	

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Cllr Andre Bourne	Val Crowdy	Linda Müller
Christine Richards	Linda Sebbana	Abderrahman Sebbana
Graham Semken	Pat Semken	Ann Shepherd
Andrew Storey		

2 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved. One correction: date of next meeting should read Thursday 2nd November 2017.

3 Finances: Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 Jan 2017 to 2 Nov 2017.

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date £2,074.00

NS&I interest £48.51

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date £1,104.10

Surplus/Deficit for the year: £1,018.41
(surplus)

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account £2,348.26

National Savings Investment Account £8,121.89

Petty cash £736.29

TOTAL £11,206.44

Subscriptions still coming in, over half received before this evening.

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 owing to the dumping of bomb damaged material in the former watercress meadows.

Tree Friends: 172 Ravensbourne Avenue – large tree felled, presumed unsafe. It will be replaced. 6 Crab Hill – tree destroyed by a car accident. Foxgrove Road, near letter box – tree and lamp post damaged by traffic accident. Replacement trees for 62.64 Warren Avenue and 11 Downs Hill.

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

Goan Playing Field: recently fenced off. Possibility of seeking formal recognition of a foot path. Matthew Wales, the manager of Homezone in Beckenham, is collecting donations of £100 to fund a solicitor to assist.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

Paul taken over as Planning Officer. Thanks to Richard.

20 Blyth Road: an onerous enforcement order is in abeyance while the owner is appealing. Sycamore tree over hanging, dead elm tree. Unauthorised access – appealed the appeal. Another planning application has been submitted. Residents will continue to oppose. New application shows structure without permission as an existing structure!

14 Highland Road: Enforcement action where original plans not adhered to. New application to say they don't need to do the soft landscaping. Clive has objected.

Shortlands Golf Course: Licence application to extend hours to 3a.m. Nothing about noise or public safety. Hearing 14th Nov 10a.m. Bromley Council also objected. Cllr Rutherford will also object. Already allowed 10 late nights a year anyway.

2 Ullswater Close: Application to remove 5 trees – allowed to fell all but one as they are not in good condition. Replace with two trees. New application on fencing so enforcement in abeyance.

1 Ullswater Close: extension allowed as no perceived detriment to the area.

28 Downs Hill: work finally started. Presumably to original plan for a single house.

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! Appeal not yet accepted.

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 was heard by committee and refused. Appeal in progress. Inspector visit believed to be this week.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: trees were removed that shouldn't have been so there is a requirement to replant. Failure to provide soft landscaping. Promised new trees at the front this winter.

Upfield similar.

100 Madeira Avenue: Outline application submitted for 2 x 3 bedroom houses. Now gone to appeal. 24th Nov deadline by when to object.

The Trees: anticipate planning application. Elderly owner has died and the property has been inherited by sons. TPOs in place on the trees.

b) Lewisham:

13 Calmont Rd Nursery in back garden. Refused. New application awaiting decision.

c) Beckenham Place Park: (Euan McMaster)

Open House London weekend 17 Sep was very successful. Application for west side approved including lake, Stable Block, bigger car park. Some conditions. Residents of Westgate Road have raised issues of parking; Lewisham have promised to consult. Competition to refurbish the squirrel – winning design circulated. Children's activities committee: BMX park is proving successful. Proposal to dredge the pond - £40k needed, appeal launched. Lighting in the park for evening events. Tenders going out now. Work should start March/April next year. RHS Flower Show is a possibility. Minutes of all the groups will be uploaded to the website.

6 Transport Issues:

Crab Hill speeding. Clive wrote to Cllr Tickner following a serious road traffic accident. Bromley do look at where there are accidents and are still looking at Farnaby Road. This is the third accident in a year where cars have crossed the pavement. 14 Crab Hill have had their wall knocked down twice. Cllr Harmer will raise again.

7 Environmental Issues: None this meeting.

8 Councillors' Update:

Cllr Stephen Carr stood down as chair and Cllr Smith took over. Budget: need to make £20m savings over next 3 years. Bullers Wood School for Boys is expanding as the Council are short of places. Farnaby Road investigating speeding with the police but difficult to know what would be effective. Town Centre planning: expecting 22 storey building application at Bromley North. Likely to be opposed as does not comply with planning policy. Part rent, part buy ok but issue is the scale. Churchill Square (Opportunity Site G) consultation open. Significant development of 14 storeys but lower than Churchill Theatre. Opportunity Site B Bromley & Sheppard's Colleges low density housing development, style of mews houses rather than big block of flats. Site of old DHSS/DWP building: application for school 10 storeys high for 1300. Not a good place to put a school – traffic, no outside play. Empire Cinema taken over by Cineworld with restoration plans. HG Wells Centre sold; tall building for flats and community space granted on appeal.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Covered under item 8. Query about emergency vehicles using sirens at night: Police in Bromley have a protocol only to use sirens at night when other traffic is visible or approaching a large junction. Date of next meeting 16/11/17.

10 Any Other Business

There will be a vacancy for Secretary from next year's AGM. AGM: Clive investigating musical entertainment. Possibility of drinks party at the Shortlands Tavern one Sat p.m. around Christmas.

11 Next meeting:

Thursday 4th January 2018, 8p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel