



MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING Held on Thursday 4th January 2018 at Bromley Court Hotel

Those present:

Judy Adcock	Toni Boardman	Mark Dempsey
Dolores Ealey	John Ealey	Cllr Will Harmer
Kate Hutton	Maureen Johnson	Clive Lees*
Karl Martin	Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster
Bill Mitchell	Catherine Morgan	Beatrice Osborn
Paul Osborne	Mal Pinson	Mick Pinson
Christine Richards	Graham Semken	Pat Semken
Ann Shepherd	Andrew Storey	Cllr Michael Tickner
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Wendy Watmore
Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire	

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Sharon Miles	David Page	Martin Ruddick
Peter Saunders	Abderrahman Sebbana	Linda Sebbana
Markku Syvaniemi	Richard Thomas	

2 Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

3 Finances: Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2017 (i.e. full year).

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£2,335.00
NS&I interest	£48.51

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£1,104.10
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	£982.41 (surplus)

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account	£2,056.26
National Savings Investment Account	£8,121.89
Petty cash	£992.29

TOTAL	£11,170.44
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Accounts complete and being audited. Outstanding payment of £3000 to Bromley Council.

4 Community Projects

The Environment Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme on the east side of Beckenham Place Park. The final plans are now being worked on with a planning application expected in May.

Tree Friends: Lots of the replacement trees have been planted, all with watering bags, stakes and cages. It was noted that where trees have been felled with permission requiring a replacement tree, planning enforcement is weak so if anyone knows of any cases where a replacement has not been planted, please let the Councillors know.

Next projects: Farnaby Road – planning to put annual plants around the tree bases and also on the triangle of land at the junction of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

8 Highland Road: An application to replace garages with a building. Various objections were registered including references to back land development, TPOs, being out of character, lack of space for car parking and manoeuvring, building right to the boundary edges. Refused.

6 Oaklands Road: Application to build three houses in the car park. Objections have been registered.

20 Blyth Road: Permission refused on 07/12/17 to change use from a gym to dwelling space and change access to Brackenhill Lane. Enforcement orders not yet acted on as the case will go to appeal again. Extremely complex situation. Cllr Harmer spoke at the review meeting.

14 Highland Road: Permission has now been granted regarding windows, privacy screens and a bike shed. Privacy screens are subject to specific conditions.

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.

61 The Avenue and Downs Hill: The new application for permission to build two detached two storey houses has been approved. Developer then submitted a new application for flats on same foot print! Appeal not yet accepted. Expect decision later in January.

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 originally refused but allowed on appeal. There is now an additional application to change details.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road: Trees were removed that shouldn't have been so there is a requirement to replant. Failure to provide soft landscaping which Clive is still chasing up on.

Upfield: now has some landscaping.

100 Madeira Avenue: Outline application submitted for 2 x 3 bedroom houses. Awaiting outcome of appeal.

Shortlands Golf Course: (Mark Dempsey from Shortlands Residents Association (SRA) attended and gave an update.) Application to extend licensing. Quiet residential area backing onto Ravensbourne Avenue and Meadow Road. SRA supported residents in objecting. A compromise has been reached to extend up to midnight and for a few specific events. The General Manager is looking at ways to increase revenue and attract new members. Local people would prefer a golf course to a housing development.

Westgate Road – 3 Scots pines were deliberately killed. Replacement tree order (specifying mature trees) and fine now issued. If not done, the council will put a charge on the property which will make it difficult to sell.

b) Lewisham:

13 Calmont Rd Nursery in back garden. Refused again. Now an application for a development.

c) Beckenham Place Park: (Euan McMaster)

Retrospective application for artists' studios in the Mansion. Mounded garden application looks like a good scheme., on the area currently being used for burning waste. A third plan for the Stable Block has been approved. All details on our website. Professional dog walkers will be limited to three dogs per person. Work to make the lake will begin in April. Works closer to mansion will begin in the autumn. Tree work has started and continues in January. Noted that there is a tree near the lake site planted for RVPS – preservation order possible. Lots of activities planned including taking part in Open House again in September. The park is much busier. Events licence will be resubmitted with reduced scope. Parking – Bromley Council to request Westgate Road residents' parking restrictions.

6 Transport Issues:

Madeira Avenue and Highland Road – proposal to increase the double yellow lines.

Ravensbourne Station parking – a review was promised 6 months after the scheme was started in Sept 16. Many issues with the scheme. Councillors are continuing to push for the review.

Community Speed Watch scheme (see <http://communityspeedwatch.co.uk/> and <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/safety-and-security/road-safety/community-roadwatch>) The Traffic Officer is looking into this. Residents can get training to use a speed gun and the Police will send a warning letter with repeat offenders being prosecuted. The Vehicle Activated Sign has a short term effect, then needs relocating. Humps and chicanes are not favoured. Parked cars work well in slowing traffic.

7 Environmental Issues: None this meeting.

8 Councillors' Update:

Beckenham town centre work is half complete. Businesses are generally happy.

Westmoreland Road: proposal for a 10 storey school rejected. Bizarre application for a 22 storey block at Bromley North which the applicants consider will have no environmental impact.

Draft London Plan requiring Bromley to build 1400 homes a year (currently 640). Opportunity to respond online.

Shortlands Station junction review – various options are being considered to improve safety.

Application to extend the temporary permission for the Driving Test Centre in the Bromley Court Hotel.

Shortlands village former shops have been bought by a developer. Expect application for retail and flats.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Items from the meeting 16 Nov 17: Application for ANPR at Beckenham Waitrose car park permitted. Application to install lifts at Shortlands Station awaiting decision. Thameslink new timetable from May 2018. Date of next meeting 18/01/18

10 Any Other Business

AGM – St Dunstan's College have been asked to provide musical entertainment.

11 Next meeting:

AGM Thursday 1st March 2018, 8 p.m. at Bromley Court Hotel