



MINUTES OF RVPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Held on Thursday 1st March 2018** **Bromley Court Hotel**

Members present: Judy Adcock, Bernard Becker, Ian Cassese, Ura Cassese, Mark Duncan, Dick Hamblin, Gail Hamblin, Cllr Will Harmer, Cherill Hicks, Tony Illingworth, Anna Koffer, Clive Lees, Euan McMaster, Karl Martin, Catherine Morgan, Linda Müller, Alan Mullord, Carole Mullord, Beatrice Osborn, Paul Osborne, David Page, Mick Pinson, Marilyn Pinson, Helen Simon, Andrew Storey, Markku Syvanieme, Pirjo Syvanieme, Cllr Michael Tickner, Pat Tucker, Leslie Tucker, Wendy Watmore, Cllr Stephen Wells, Alan Williams, Dave Wiltshire, Monica Wiltshire

Apologies:, Toni Boardman, Cllr Andre Bourne, Delores Ealey, John Ealey, David England, Gillian McIntosh, Cllr Russell Mellor, Christine Richards, Martin Ruddick, Ann Shepherd

- 1 **Chairman's welcome and opening remarks:** Clive Lees welcomed people to the meeting, in particular new members.
- 2 **String Ensemble from St Dunstan's College**
Unfortunately, owing to the inclement weather, the String Ensemble was unable to travel to the Bromley Court Hotel, so the performance was postponed to a future date.

Clive introduced the Officers present.

- 3 **Minutes of last meeting:** Approved.
- 4 **Chairman's report:** Please see written report.

5 **Treasurer's Report:**

For the year ending 31st Dec 2017 income was **£2,383** and expenditure **£1,401**, giving a surplus for the year of **£982**, and a total balance of **£11,170**. There was an increase in receipts of subscriptions but there is a fluctuation from year to year as any late subscriptions are included in the following year's figures. Interest from the National Savings and Investment Account was £48.00. There was a decrease in expenditure as no tree project payment was made this year. We still owe £3000 for the second phase of the tree project and are awaiting an invoice from Bromley Council. We made a donation of £100 towards the maintenance and storage of the Shortlands Christmas lights. We also funded a party at the Shortlands Tavern to thank officers, road reps and regular members. The accounts were audited by Alan Williams and our thanks go to him for taking on the role of auditor. The accounts were signed. The Chair thanked Dave for managing the finances.

6 **Planning Officer's Report:** Please also see written report.

100 Madeira Ave – there was an application for the demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a three storey terrace comprising two three bedroom and one four bedroom houses with integral garages. An appeal against the original refusal was allowed. The reasoning is available on Bromley Council's planning website, via a link on our site.

13 Calmont Road – the application for a single storey building at the rear fronting onto Ambleside for a nursery was refused.

6 Oaklands Road – the application to construct three two bedroom houses on the rear of the car park was refused.

The Chalet in Kirkstone Way is now on the market for £900,000. Concern was expressed that the land may be sold for a big development which would overlook properties in Elstree Hill.

Driving Test Centre at the Bromley Court Hotel has been refused, with not even a temporary extension. The installation of lifts at Shortlands Station was approved today.

We discussed the Mayor's Plan for housing, involving multi-occupancy dwellings with few parking spaces. Concern was expressed about high density and back land development. For example, within ½ mile of a station a developer could put in up to 24 units as a block of flats to replace a small terrace. The councilors will continue to oppose the plan and are working with the GLA rep for Bromley and Bexley. We were encouraged to respond to the consultation.

7 Roads & Traffic: Please also see written report.

Regarding the Crab Hill Parking scheme, a number of residents met Councillor William Huntington-Thresher as parking is in his remit. Councillor Dykes canvassed residents' view before the meeting and was able to highlight the knock on effects. There are 24 pay by mobile bays and 21 free. In November 2016 the average number of cars in the paid spaces was 9, in March 2017 14.5 and currently 16. Shortlands station junction: there is a proposal to review the junction to make improvements for cyclists and pedestrians. Councillor Harmer will keep us informed of progress as it is likely to go through multiple consultation stages and take up to 2 years.

In Copers Cope Ward, Westgate Road is very narrow where it crosses the railway. There is a petition in progress to get the bridge widened for two way traffic.

Ravensbourne Avenue – the residents in the unmade section are looking to introduce their own permit parking; discussion is in progress with Phoenix.

Speeding – Andrew has tried to follow up with the Police and with Councillor William Huntingdon-Thresher regarding Community Speed Watch but has not heard back yet. It is worth contacting Kate Lymer as her remit is public protection and safety.

8 Community Projects and Tree Officer's Report: Please also see written report.

Regeneration of the triangle of land at the junction of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue: the Council removed dead and diseased trees and we are now planting perennials and a small tree with a plan to plant bulbs next autumn. On the Tree Project, Clive Lees and Dave Wiltshire loosened the tree ties. On 20 May, we are getting advice on planting annuals in tree pits. After a working party removed ivy from fences, we received a £50 donation from a resident. In Warren Avenue Playing Fields we have planted 6 oak trees and removed brambles etc from existing trees. Monica thanked all the tree friends.

9 Beckenham Place Park Representative's Report: Please also see written report.

Euan said that he had been ably helped by Liz Logan and Val Crowdy who have been attending meetings and feeding back information for our website and newsletters. Highlights include the start of the re-landscaping and reinstatement of the lake; the new BMX track; the approval for a mounded garden and the planting of 12,000 new trees (some have been felled, either diseased or to change the former golf course sight lines). Many events are planned including festivals, and flower and dog shows. A licence application for events with up to 5,000 people was turned down owing to concerns about parking spilling into local roads. Lewisham Council is now advertising for a contractor to build the new car park. Lewisham will be making a new bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the redevelopment of The Mansion.

10 Membership Secretary's Report: Please see written report.

Membership stands at 40% of eligible households. We would like to increase this but some people may not understand that we are a Residents' Association. 70% of members now take electronic copies of the newsletter, agendas and minutes. Road Reps – four stepped down during the year and have been replaced. Special thanks to Leslie Tucker, a road rep for over 30 years.

11 Determination of subscriptions for 2018-19: As we have a healthy general reserve, the Treasurer proposed maintaining the current subscription rate of £5 (those who are retired or in special financial circumstances may contribute as they are able). Agreed.

12 Appointment of auditor: Alan Williams is happy to continue; proposed by Mal Pinson and seconded by Clive Lees. Approved unanimously.

13 Election of Officers: No nominations were received before or at the meeting for the posts of Chair, Treasurer or Membership Secretary. Those in post are all willing to continue. Beatrice Osborn is standing down as Secretary after a 5 year term. Judy Adcock is willing to take over and had been nominated before the meeting by Clive Lees and seconded by Linda Muller. Beatrice is willing to take over the Vice Chair role from Linda and was nominated by Monica Wiltshire and seconded by Euan McMaster. All agreed unanimously.

14 Chairman's Closing Remarks: Clive Lees thanked the officers for their work, and the many volunteers who help in different ways to run the Society. He also thanked our Councillors for their advice and support. Presentations were made to Leslie Tucker and Beatrice Osborn.

15 Members' meetings continue bi-monthly. The next **AGM** will be Thursday 7th March 2019 (tbc).