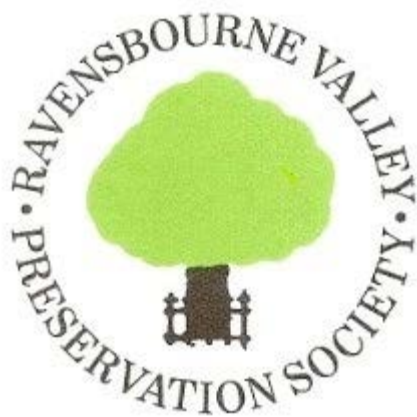


MINUTES OF RVPS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 7th March 2019

at Bromley Court Hotel



Members present:

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| Judy Adcock | Jenny Ash | Dave Ash |
| Margaret Chambers | Susan Coleborn | Heather Dovey |
| Ron Dovey | Mark Duncan | Dolores Ealey |
| John Ealey | Julie Fitton | Tony Illingworth |
| Maureen Johnson | Wally Johnson | Mark Kyriakides |
| Clive Lees * | Euan McMaster | Karl Martin |
| Bill Mitchell | Catherine Morgan | Alan Mullord |
| Carole Mullord | Beatrice Osborn | Paul Osborne |
| David Page | Marilyn Pinson | Mick Pinson |
| Pearse Reynolds | Christine Richards | Ann Shepherd |
| David Skinner | Markku Syvaniemi | Cllr. Michael Tickner |
| Leslie Tucker | Dave Wiltshire | Monica Wiltshire |

*Chair

Apologies:

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| Cllr. André Bourne | David England | Martin Ruddick | Graham Semken |
| Pat Semken | Cllr. Stephen Wells | Wendy Watmore | Alan Williams |

Absence of officers: Linda Müller

1 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks:

Clive Lees welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular new members.

2 Big Band from St Dunstan's College:

Clive Lees introduced Mr. Dominic Oldfield, Director of Music and the Big Band from St Dunstan's College. We then enjoyed a delightful performance of a variety of popular old favourites including; Georgia On My Mind, I Heard It Through the Grapevine, It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing) as well as some solo performances.

3 Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

4 Chairman's report:

Please see written report.

5 Treasurer's Report:

For the year ending 31st Dec 2018 income was **£2,464** and expenditure **£1,194**, giving a surplus for the year of **£1,270**, and a total balance of **£12,440**.

The income from subscriptions remains in line with those received in 2017. Interest from bank accounts was reduced to £38. Expenditure included £128 for community project payments towards the cost of plants for Elstree Hill, plants and compost for planting tree pits and daffodil bulbs for the Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue 'Triangle'. Gifts totalling £76 were made to Leslie Tucker and Beatrice Osborn in recognition of services to RVPS and to St Dunstan's College musicians for their preparation time. £3,000 was being held for LBB for the outstanding tree project payment and has since been paid. The accounts were audited by Alan Williams and our thanks go to him for continuing to fulfil this role. The accounts were signed. The Chair thanked Dave Wiltshire for managing the finances.

6 Planning Officer's Report:

Please see written report.

7 Roads & Traffic Report:

Please also see written report.

In addition to the written report it was noted that it had been announced this week that Transport for London (TfL) has allocated initial funding to Bromley Council under the Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme for the Shortlands Station area, in order that detailed plans can be prepared.

8 Community Projects and Tree Officer's Report:

Please see written report.

9 Beckenham Place Park Representative's Report:

Please see written report.

- 10 Membership Secretary's Report:** Please also see written report.
Attention was drawn to the graph showing the membership numbers, which remains fairly constant at about 40% of eligible households. Approximately 70% of members now take electronic copies of the newsletter, agendas and minutes, which is a substantial saving to the society, both in terms of money and road rep. time to deliver these by hand.
- 11 Determination of subscriptions for 2019-20:** 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 in this role and was re-appointed unanimously.
- 13 Resolution to change the name and logo of the Society:** There were views expressed both in favour and against changing the current name and logo of the Society and a concern that it would be breaking links with the past, but recognising a need to attract younger members.

The motion to change the name of the Society to 'Ravensbourne Valley Residents' (RVR) with the proposed new logo was moved by Heather Dovey with Leslie Tucker against. These were put to a vote separately. The motion to change the name was passed by a majority of 18 to 9 with some abstentions. The motion to change to the proposed new logo was rejected by a large majority. It was suggested that we keep the existing logo, simply replacing the current name with 'Ravensbourne Valley Residents'. Although this proposal (to use the old logo, but incorporating the new name) had a lot of support, as this was not an option on the agenda it could not be adopted and it was agreed to put this proposal to a vote at the next meeting.

- 14 Election of Officers:** No nominations were received before or at the meeting for the posts of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary or Secretary. Those currently in these posts are all willing to continue. Clive Lees, having served 5 years as Chairman, must step down per the Constitution, but offered himself for re-election. This was nominated and seconded before the meeting by Monica Wiltshire and Dave Wiltshire. Clive left the room while the vote was held and was re-elected unanimously.
- 15 Chairman's Closing Remarks:** Clive Lees thanked the officers for their work, the many volunteers who help in different ways to run the Society. The last year has seen the society taking on more community projects which are helping to enhance the environment throughout the area. He also thanked all of the Councillors for their continuing advice and support.

Cllr. André Bourne has been working with Lewisham council on the issue of the fence that was erected on the boundary of Goan fields blocking access to walkers. Lewisham Council is prepared to take legal action so that access is restored. The original document signed by residents regarding the existence of the path is not adequate so a more comprehensive legal document is being put together which residents will be asked to sign in due course.

Cllr. Tickner gave further details on the proposed Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme. TfL has selected 11 boroughs to receive funding and each borough was then asked to choose one of their proposed schemes for funding. Bromley Council has chosen the Shortlands Station area scheme to be funded. Initial funding from TfL will allow more detailed plans to be developed which, if accepted by TfL, will result in the grant of sufficient funding to allow the development. This will be a multi-million pound investment - the biggest in 30 years. Plans will include a radical upgrade of the village and shops along with a complete re-design of Shortlands Station forecourt. There have been some quite radical suggestions incorporating the surrounding roads which include closing some roads and doing away with some traffic lights, using mini-roundabouts instead.

- 16 Members' meetings** continue bi-monthly. The next **AGM** will be Thursday 5th March 2020 (tbc).