

# **MINUTES OF RVR MEMBERS' MEETING**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (Bromley Court Hotel)



In attendance:

Peter Saunders	Beatrice Osborn
Dave Wiltshire	Jacqueline St. Quinton
Monica Wiltshire	Nicholas Ansdell-Evans
Linda Muller	Birgitta Ansdell-Evans
Carole Mullord	Andrew Lancaster
Christina Brown	Tony Guyver
Mike Baker	Martin Poupard
Paul Osborne	Susie Valenzuela
David Page	Andrew Garfield
Emma Fagg	Stella Garfield
Cllr Julie Ireland (Bromley Town)	Cllr Graeme Casey (Bromley Town)
Cllr Aisha Cuthbert (Shortlands/Park Langley)	Cllr Felicity Bainbridge (Shortlands/Park Langley)

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies, acceptance of apologies, absence of Officers</b>
	Apologies for absence received from Clive Lees, Euan McMaster, Mick and Mal Pinson, Jaki Moody, Margaret Brearley, Chris Porter, Richard Fagg, Dolores & John Ealey, Chris Scully, Jane Willcocks, Councillors Will Connolly, Sam Webber, Adam Grant, Chloe-Jane Ross
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of minutes of last meeting and discussion of matters arising</b>
	The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising from these.
<b>3</b>	<b>Finances</b>
	<p>Income for 2022 to date @ £545 (normal for this time of our financial year) – details as follows: £205 from Road Reps, £315 electronic payment direct to Santander and £25 cheques directly to the Treasurer.</p> <p>Payments (expenses &amp; donations) are higher than normal @ £1,666: these include £400 supporting two Jubilee Street Parties and another request for support currently to be agreed.</p> <p>Other expenditure includes (1) the purchase of a projector and screen for future RVR meetings @ £175, and (2) payment for Bromley Court Hotel facility @ £105.</p> <p>The RVR General Reserve: (1) Santander Current Account @ £4,146; (2) National Savings Investment Account @ £5,296 and (3) Petty cash @ £500.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Community Projects/Issues</b>
<b>a)</b>	<b>Update on current RVR community activities</b>
	<p><b>Tree Friends:</b> Next work date: 21<sup>st</sup> July. The plan is to work on the Goan field pathway clearing nettles and brambles and litter picking and trimming in Calmont Road.</p> <p><b>Litter: Nets Project</b> – in addition to those who have already registered their interest, members can continue to indicate their interest via their Road Reps.</p> <p><b>Veolia</b> (Bromley) support the RVR litter initiative and have invited RVR to apply for a grant towards this task – potentially up to £1000.</p>
<b>b)</b>	<b>Future RVR community initiatives and activities</b>
	<p>(1) Park bench purchase for areas beyond the Mansion House where there are no (or scant) facilities for people to enjoy the Park.</p> <p>(2) Well-being of members: A proposal was submitted by Richard Fagg on the involvement of a company specialising in support for people needing support with physical and mental or emotional issues. The costs involved were deemed too specialised and too high for RVR to take this up.</p> <p>(3) However, RVR can support the well-being of its members by providing information that may be of interest or useful to them. Such information can include references in the RVR Newsletter to (1) events held at</p>

	<p>Beckenham Place Park (e.g. Mindfulness Walk and fun runs for adults &amp; children); (2) a link to resources on the Bromley website under 'Talk Together Bromley' (<a href="https://www.talktogetherbromley.co.uk/">https://www.talktogetherbromley.co.uk/</a>). This is a free NHS evidence-based talking therapy service for people aged 18 years and over, who are anxious, stressed, have low mood or suffer from depression.</p> <p>(4) A garden party will be planned for this summer – an opportunity for a social gathering but also to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RVR.</p>
<b>c)</b>	<b>Beckenham Place Park &amp; Mansion House/Homestead</b>
	<p>The BPP continues to hold community activities and events. Among these were park runs, litter-picking, the growing of vegetables by the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce from the Community Garden was donated to the Downham Gleaning Pantry to assist struggling families.</li> <li>• Activities run by the Field Studies Council have added to conservation endeavours such as the butterfly project, bat walks and birdwatching.</li> <li>• The results of a photography competition were shown in January and a film about the park by Renegade Productions is currently in progress.</li> <li>• Events can be viewed by following this link <a href="https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events">https://beckenhamplacepark.com/events</a> . Briefly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Mansion House hosts fitness, yoga and Pilates classes, as well as sewing and drawing/painting regularly. Additionally, music concerts and weddings receptions are held.</li> <li>– A regular Sunday church service – Grace Church - was set up last September.</li> <li>– The Homestead café continues to be a good meeting place.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>RVR – local issues</b>
	<p><b>Constituency Boundary:</b> Boundaries changed in the May 2022 Local Elections. Four of Bromley current councillors were present at our meeting and indicated that they were pleased to have been invited. These councillors are listed above among the attendees. A list of L.B. Bromley Councillors can be found here: <a href="https://directory.londoncouncils.gov.uk/directory/bromley/councillors/">https://directory.londoncouncils.gov.uk/directory/bromley/councillors/</a></p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Planning Issues</b>
	Below is a summary of Clive Lees' PowerPoint presentation.
<b>a)</b>	<b>Bromley applications</b>
	<p><b>2 Bromley Avenue:</b> This development has been appealed.</p> <p><b>6 Oaklands Road:</b> The development at the rear of the existing property has been given permission.</p> <p><b>65 Farnaby Road:</b> retrospective permission for some very large decking has been refused, though an appeal is possible.</p> <p><b>61 The Avenue:</b> LBB are investigating (1) whether the grass area of this property intrudes onto the carriageway, and (2) the failure to replace dead saplings – this indicates a breach of conditions</p> <p><b>76A The Avenue:</b> The replacement of house by a block of flats was refused. The decision was appealed and may result in a revised application.</p> <p><b>The Chalet, Kirkstone Way:</b> An untidy site – second enforcement case on this matter. It is not known who the owner is. Not much seems to be happening but perhaps the S215 notice will result in some action.</p> <p><b>27 Oaklands Road/top of Coniston Road:</b> (bottom of the garden of 27 Oaklands Road/top of Coniston Road). A query was raised at the meeting regarding a garage transformation into an office or possible extended accommodation – questioning if this was a permitted development.</p> <p><b>Shortlands Station:</b> Permission has been granted subject to the approval of materials. RVR are campaigning for the highest quality façade: for example, a slide for this item showed clearly the aesthetic difference that can be achieved through well-chosen bricks.</p> <p><b>Shortlands Village Conservation Area – Enforcement Cases pending consideration:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) 76 Beckenham Lane, Bromley BR2 0DW – Unauthorised building works.</li> <li>(2) Capital House, 55 Beckenham Lane Bromley BR2 0DA – Unauthorised window adverts: adverts removed.</li> <li>(3) 58A Beckenham Lane Bromley BR2 0DQ – Unauthorised adverts for Gas Safe company: adverts removed.</li> <li>(4) 58 Beckenham Lane, Bromley BR2 0DQ – Unauthorised adverts to rear/side of the property boundary: application to be submitted.</li> </ol>
<b>b)</b>	<b>Lewisham applications</b>

	<b>79 Coniston Road:</b> RVR has objected to two applications for this site.
<b>7</b>	<b>Update from the Councillors</b>
	<p>We welcomed four Councillors (see list of Attendees) at our meeting.          We heard from Aisha Cuthbert (Portfolio Holder for Sustainability, Green Services &amp; Open Spaces) Her responsibilities include waste, recycling, street scene (including trees), carbon management, air quality, parks and open spaces. She updated us about taking care of trees planted by L.B. Bromley.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to care for new trees by helping with the watering of saplings. Cllr Cuthbert has produced a video on how to water the new trees  <a href="https://youtu.be/15SiHFoigCo?list=TLGGpW_AXzaMduowMjA4MjAyMg">https://youtu.be/15SiHFoigCo?list=TLGGpW_AXzaMduowMjA4MjAyMg</a> .</p> <p>She also reminded residents of the 'Fix my Street' (<a href="https://www.fixmystreet.com">https://www.fixmystreet.com</a>) – this is a L.B. Bromley resource for notifying the Council about problems in their area – e.g. fly tipping, broken paving stones, and street lighting.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Roads &amp; Traffic Issues</b>
	<p>Our Representative on this matter (Nicholas Ansdell-Evans) reported the discussions of the RVR Road Safety Working Group (RSWG) on 29<sup>th</sup> June. He enumerated existing concerns and indicated how residents might help. He offered some specific suggestions and would welcome feedback from members.</p> <p>His full document can be found in the Download area of the RVR Website – titled <b>Road Safety Working Group Discussion Document</b>. See  <a href="https://www.ravensbournevalley.org/resources/August_2022_Uploads/RSWG%20Discussion%20document.pdf">https://www.ravensbournevalley.org/resources/August_2022_Uploads/RSWG%20Discussion%20document.pdf</a></p> <p>Please send your feedback to <a href="mailto:roadsandtransport.rvr@outlook.com">roadsandtransport.rvr@outlook.com</a></p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
	<p><b>RVR newsletters:</b> The RVR Editor (via the RVR secretary) flagged that he has requested material for the next newsletter but had received none. He would welcome contributions that would make the publication more interesting and appealing to readers.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – at the Bromley Court Hotel</b>

The meeting closed at 9:45pm