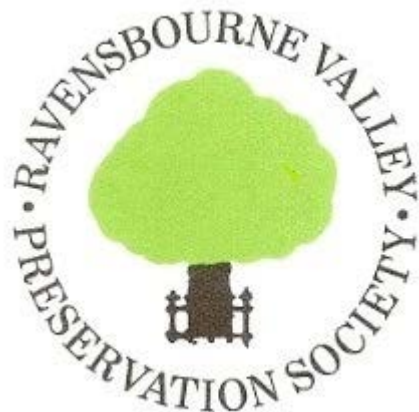


MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING

**Held on Thursday 1st November 2018
at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

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| Judy Adcock | Toni Boardman | Val Crowdy |
| Andy Dawson | Tony Guyver | Cllr. Will Harmer |
| Linda Harvey-Shipp | Kate Hutton | Tony Illingworth |
| Maureen Johnson | Anna Koffer | Jon Laidlaw |
| Clive Lees * | Liz Logan | Euan McMaster |
| Bill Mitchell | Catherine Morgan | Linda Muller |
| Beatrice Osborn | Paul Osborne | David Page |
| Marilyn Pinson | Mick Pinson | Christine Richards |
| Valentino Rivolta | Quinton Schonknecht | Graham Semken |
| Pat Semken | David Smart | Andrew Storey |
| Markku Syvaniemi | Cllr. Michael Tickner | Leslie Tucker |
| Wendy Watmore | Cllr. Steve Wells | Dave Wiltshire |
| Monica Wiltshire | | |

* Chair

1 Apologies:

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| Christina Brown | Dolores Ealey | John Ealey | Andrew Lancaster |
| Gillian McIntosh | Sharon Miles | Martin Ruddick | Ann Shepherd |

Absence of officers: Cliff Trivett

2 Minutes of last meeting:

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1st January 2018 – 1st November 2018.

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| Receipts: | |
| Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date | £1,716.00 |
| NS&I interest | £38.27 |
| Payments: | |
| Expenses and donations for the financial year to date | £956.42 |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year: | £797.85 (surplus) |
| General Reserve: | |
| Santander Current Account | £2,886.26 |
| National Savings Investment Account | £8,160.16 |
| Petty cash | £921.87 |
| Total: | £11,968.29 |

Judy Adcock is now a signatory for the Santander account. £3,000 is being withdrawn from the NS&I account to pay LBB for 2nd phase of tree project.

4 Community Projects:

The Environmental Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme:

This scheme has now been abandoned due to the cost. Other options are being considered.

Beckenham Place Park (BPP):

Liz Logan - representative on Nature, History and Interpretation forums. Full report on RVPS website.

Events: Numerous successful events held, including Open House event, flower/dog show, family film festival, school holiday activities, guided bike rides, BMX club, weekly BPP parkrun. Numerous forthcoming events planned. See Lewisham website or Friends of BPP group for details.

Works: Car park due to be finished by next June. Lake: asbestos removed, filling due to start after Christmas. Stable yard homestead restoration due for completion in May. New clock tower on roof, but original clock too badly damaged to be used. Mound - still being considered.

Volunteering: Numerous opportunities including Wednesday morning woodland management tasks, Christmas decorations, help run BMX club, become a forum or committee member. See full report.

Community Activities:

Daffodil planting on the triangle of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue postponed until 3rd December due to bad weather. Several new trees have been planted by LBB.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley

Bromley Court Hotel: Details of access, appearance and landscaping submitted for the planning application approved in 2015, as well as alterations to existing access and increased parking provision.

10 Highland Road: Application for the demolition of existing garages to rear of property and erection of a single 3-bedroom house. Many residents have objected (backyard development and issues with access road). A petition has also been submitted.

87 Beckenham Lane: Application for the demolition of existing retail and residential building and erection of a 4 storey plus basement building comprising ground and basement retail unit and 6 upper floor residential flats. Many objections due to size and scale of building and difficulties with parking. It is also a listed building.

20 Blyth Road, Blyth Wood Park: Two appeals, one against enforcement for a wooden fence higher than 2 metres and excavation works for vehicular access. Second against refusal for change of use of ground /first floor from sports hall to residential for a 4-bedroom dwelling, new vehicular access onto Bracken Hill Lane.

Bromley Court Hotel: Appeal to extend temporary use as DVLA testing centre until 31/3/19.

46 Ravensbourne Avenue: Withdrawn from Planning Committee by Chief Planner for technical reasons. Environment Agency concerned about impact of flooding. Shortlands Golf Club raised objections. Under enforcement due to over height pool/gym building.

1 Ethelbert Close: Application for 410 residential units. We have objected. Decision due in the New Year.

Site 10 Draft Local Plan (formerly Opportunity Site G): Extending from Bromley South station to Churchill Gardens. Consultation on masterplan for development to include 1230 residential units, offices, retail and transport interchange. Questionnaire on council website. Members' view is that it is far too massive.

The Royal Bell: Restore and extend with 9-storey building to allow 50 hotel rooms, minimum for hotel to be viable. Site has been empty for 15 years and needs millions spent on it. No other buyers in prospect.

74 Ravensbourne Avenue: Application for permitted development certificate for loft conversion refused as it doesn't comply with all the limitations and conditions of the General Permitted Development Order. Under enforcement due to over height pool/gym building.

b) Lewisham:

50 Ashgrove Road: Revised application for 2 two-bedroom maisonettes and 2 four-bedroom houses approved but with numerous conditions.

c) Tree issues:

Cameron House, Highland Road: Application to fell three trees under TPOs has been withdrawn.

6 Transport issues:

Speed monitoring:

Markku has attended 6 monitoring sessions so far. Recent session in Chislehurst recorded 180 vehicles going over 40mph in a 30mph area. There is a lot of speeding, but only funding for monitoring once a week.

Parking in Crab Hill:

Cllr. Tickner trying to get scheme reviewed. Cllr. Huntington-Thresher asking for suggestions. These were already supplied at a meeting in February with RVPS representatives. Andrew Storey will send a copy.

7 Environmental Issues: None reported.

8 Crime: No report, but Cliff has done a print-out of the analysis of crime in the area.

9 Councillors' Update:

Bromley Council is exploring ways to improve the area around Shortlands Station to make it easier for residents to access public transport and to walk and cycle around the area and to make it a more desirable area in which to live. The project is to include surrounding roads, schools and pedestrian crossings. This is a large project which can't be done piecemeal. The council is keen that residents lead the suggestions. Applications to secure funding under TfL's Liveable Neighbourhood scheme to be submitted in November. Everyone encouraged to complete the Better Villages survey and engage with the consultation. Plans will be drawn up by the spring and go out to consultation again.

LBB still needs to find savings. It is a debt free borough which has stood the council in good stead.

20mph zone not practical around Valley Primary School, but other options could be considered.

Bullers Wood boys' school revised application- public inquiry due in November.

Inquiry re application for 10 storey SHaW Futures academy at Westmoreland Road to be held on 18th November. Bromley South development progressing – Vue cinema complex will be opened by Christmas.

10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Aggravated burglaries: A few incidents recently where perpetrators force their way into a property whilst the owner are present, grab things and run off (usually on a moped or motorbike). Advised to be wary when opening doors to strangers, especially in crash helmets, until they have identified themselves.

11 Possible change to name and logo of society: This will be done at the AGM.

12 Any Other Business: More volunteers needed to become snow friends for the forthcoming winter. Council provides shovels and salt. Anyone who is interested please contact chairman, Clive Lees.

13 Next meeting: Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 8pm at Bromley Court Hotel