

MINUTES OF RVR MEETING

Held on Thursday 2nd May 2019

at The Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

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| Judy Adcock | Val Crowdy | Parisa Danvers |
| Dolores Ealey | John Ealey | Tony Illingworth |
| Maureen Johnson | Wally Johnson | Anna Koffer |
| Clive Lees * | Liz Logan | Euan McMaster |
| Karl Martin | Bill Mitchell | Catherine Morgan |
| Beatrice Osborn | David Page | Mick Pinson |
| Chris Porter | Quinton Schönknecht | Markku Syväniemi |
| Lesley Tucker | Wendy Watmore | Dave Wiltshire |
| Monica Wiltshire | | |

* Chair

1 Apologies:

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| Dweenie Fellingham | Alan Mullord | Carole Mullord | Marilyn Pinson |
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Absence of officers: Linda Müller, Paul Osborne

2 Minutes of last meeting: Approved

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1st January 2019 – 2nd May 2019.

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| Receipts: | |
| Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date | £145.00 |
| NS&I interest | £55.89 |
| Payments: | |
| Expenses and donations for the financial year to date | £3,497.03 |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year: | £3,296.14 (deficit) |
| General Reserve: | |
| Santander Current Account | £3,289.42 |
| National Savings Investment Account | £5,216.05 |
| Petty cash | £638.85 |
| Total: | £9,144.32 |

The payment of £3000 to LBB for phase 2 of the tree project has been paid. Cheque not presented to date. Santander Bank account name changed to Ravensbourne Valley Residents (RVR). Insurance has also been changed to RVR. Name change documentation received from National Savings - to be completed.

4 Community Projects:

a) Beckenham Place Park (BPP):

Events: Peckish Place Park: regular Thursday evening event over the summer (4pm-10pm) starts on May 9th, featuring food, drinks, inside workshops and activities. Launch event to encourage residents to come and see the renovations - Saturday 20th July. Naked City Festival: Saturday 27th July, 12 noon-10.30pm. Lewisham has applied for a licence for a ticketed event with capacity for 7000 people.

Works: Car park delayed due to drainage. Homesteads, cottages and courtyard buildings should be finished in May. Process to find tenants for café, education centre and cottages underway. New paths due for completion mid-June. Mound is going ahead. FBPP awarded £25k to open up the historic pond opposite the Mansion.

Greener & Cleaner Bromley (& Beyond): Parisa Wright, one of our members, gave a talk about a Facebook group that she has set up which has over 1600 members. The purpose of the group is to reduce pollution, encourage recycling and reduce waste. The group swaps ideas on eco-friendly measures and aims to work with local schools and organisations to promote eco-friendly projects, such as make-do and mend, tree planting around schools and litter picking. They have a meeting with LBB next week to discuss issues around re-cycling. Would like to hear from members who are interested in participating/ working together on projects.

b) Community Activities:

Adopt a Tree Pit scheme initiated. There have been 2 tree friend sessions-weeding and tidying tree pits plus a mailshot of leaflets explaining scheme. We hope to get more people to participate. A trial using nets to cover recycling boxes to reduce litter on bin collection days is in progress. Comments and results of the trial will be discussed at the next meeting and a decision made as to whether to fund nets for each member household.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley

9 Farnaby Road: Application for conversion of a semi-detached house to three self-contained 2-bedroom flats together with a lower ground and ground floor rear extension plus front porch extension. Approved.

The Chalet, Kirkstone Way: Demolition of existing building, erection of two semi-detached houses with 3 bedrooms, open living area and external patio. (Outline application for access, layout and scale). A number of neighbours have objected. Would overlook other properties - neighbours should raise as an objection.

Trees, Coniston Road: Demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage and erection of a three-storey terrace of five dwellings (2x4 bedrooms and 3x3 bedrooms). Appeal in progress.

5 Madeira Avenue: Part first floor/part two storey side extension, loft conversion with rear dormer, associated decking/steps to rear, and detached garage to side. Appeal in progress

1 Ethelbert Close: Application for 410 residential units. We have objected. Council is still consulting.

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 extended to 30th July 2019. Questionnaire on the council website.

Bromley Court Hotel: Details of access, appearance and landscaping for the outline component of hybrid planning permission, plus alterations to the existing access and increased parking provision (total 92 spaces).

10 Highland Road: Demolition of existing garages to the rear of 10 Highland Road and the erection of a single three-bedroom house. Approved.

Land rear of 48 Farnaby Road: Application for erection of a detached two-bedroom dwelling facing Madeira Avenue on land formerly the rear garden of 48 Farnaby Road. Refused. Land now up for sale.

46 Ravensbourne Avenue: An application intended to regularise the situation was withdrawn from Planning Committee by Chief Planner for technical reasons. Under enforcement due to over height pool/gym building. Our Chairman has complained as enforcement not moving forward.

b) Lewisham:

c) Tree issues:

61 The Avenue: Application to fell Ash trees. Chris Ryder asked to inspect trees and confirmed diseased and dying, so no objection.

6 Transport issues:

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods event to take place on 3rd June in the Library, promoting safer, quieter, low-traffic neighbourhoods. Markku will be attending. There is still a problem with large trucks and vans trying to turn at the junction of Crab Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue. A new road layout is being planned. LBB says signage is appropriate, but we disagree. LBB has surveyed and approved a plan for parking in the Ravensbourne Station area, but not yet shared with us. Another speeding car overturned in Farnaby Road last week.

7 Environmental Issues: Climate change and our response to it.

As the UK government has now announced a climate change emergency, we are keen to promote local initiatives, in particular how we can involve younger people. Any ideas welcome. Will also check what local councils are doing. In Scandinavia there is a big annual family litter picking event after the snow melts. Could organise something similar locally.

8 Councillors' Update: No councillors present.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Biggin Hill Airport museum now open. Small, but well received. Exhibits will rotate. 8-10 new cycle routes being developed in Bromley, part-funded by TfL. New Picturehouse cinema in High Street will open soon.

10 Proposal to continue to use existing logo of the Society, subject to changing the wording to reflect the agreed new name of the Society – see above example.

Leslie suggested making the tree on the logo larger as lettering now less. Members happy in principle with new wording on logo. May add a strap line - will be discussed at the next meeting.

11 Discussion of practicalities regarding new name; e.g. email addresses, website name, etc.

List with required changes will be circulated to officers and brought to next meeting.

12 Any Other Business:

Parking meter charges in Ravensbourne Avenue and Shortlands Station have increased. Suggested reducing plastic waste by not having small packets of biscuits at our meetings. Will discuss with BCH.

13 Next meeting: Thursday 4th July, 2019 at 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel