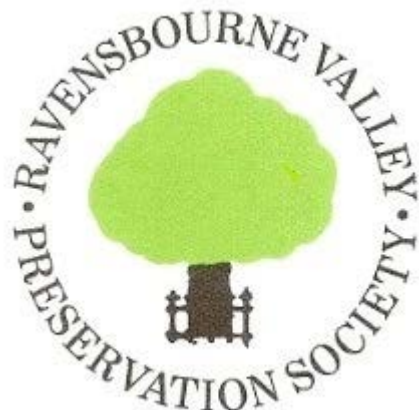


# **MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING** **Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019** **at Bromley Court Hotel**



Those present:

Judy Adcock	Ian Cassese	Ulla Cassese
Margaret Chambers	Dolores Ealey	John Ealey
Maureen Johnson	Wally Johnson	Andrew Lancaster
Clive Lees *	Edna McMaster	Euan McMaster
Karl Martin	Bill Mitchell	Beatrice Osborn
Paul Osborne	Christine Richards	Quinton Schönknecht
Ann Shepherd	Markku Syvaniemi	Liz Tarrant
Leslie Tucker	Dave Wiltshire	Monica Wiltshire

\*Chair

## **1 Apologies:**

Paul Minton	Catherine Morgan	Alan Mullord	Carole Mullord	Mal Pinson
Mick Pinson	Martin Ruddick	Linda Sebbana	Alan Williams	

**Absence of officers:** Linda Muller

## **2 Minutes of last meeting:** Noted that 'Approved' was omitted, otherwise approved.

## **3 Finances:**

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date	£2,426.00
NS&I interest	£38.27
<b>Payments:</b>	
Expenses and donations for the financial year to date	£1,194.25
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	£1,270.02 (surplus)
<b>General Reserve:</b>	
Santander Current Account	£6,449.42
National Savings Investment Account	£5,160.16
Petty cash	£830.88
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£12,440.46</b>

£3,000 has been transferred from the NS&I account to the Santander current account in anticipation of paying £3000 to LBB for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the tree project. £600 has been transferred from petty cash to the Santander current account. The 2018 accounts are currently with our Auditor.

## **4 Community Projects:**

### **Beckenham Place Park (BPP):**

*Events:* Regular activities continue and details can be found on The Friends of Beckenham Place Park website. A report of the birdwatching walk that took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November can also be found on the website.

*Works:* A revised plan has been submitted relating to the rebuilding and change of use of the stable block, gardener's cottage, Southend Lodge and the Gatehouse. Further plans submitted for remediation of problems encountered during the excavation of the lake. The lake is partially filled and due to be finished in May.

### **Community Activities:**

The Tree friends planted 4 bags of daffodils on the triangle site at the corner of Ravensbourne Avenue and Downs Hill on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. No further work is planned for this site. New projects may focus on tree pits.

## **5 Planning Issues:**

### **a) Bromley**

**20 Blyth Road, Blyth Wood Park:** Two appeals. The one against enforcement for a wooden fence higher than 2 metres has been dismissed. Owner to remedy within two months. Second appeal 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 and associated replacement fencing has been allowed.

**Bromley Court Hotel:** Appeal to extend temporary use as DVLA testing centre until 31/03/19. Appeal allowed with conditions – no operation on Sunday and must finish on 31/03/19.

**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.

**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 extended to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Questionnaire on the council website.

**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. Before Planning Committee tonight.

**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. Applications refused on multiple grounds: loss of architectural heritage, cramped overdevelopment which would have an adverse effect on privacy of occupants in neighbouring properties, poorly identifiable entrance approach, lack of car parking on site and suitable delivery arrangements, absence of up to date Flood Risk Assessment.

**The Royal Bell:** Restore and extend with 9-storey building to allow 50 hotel rooms. Application approved on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018, but no documents yet as Council officers need to put in a number of conditions.

b) **Lewisham:** No applications or appeals to report.

c) **Tree issues:** None reported.

## **6 Transport issues:**

There have been long-standing issues with parking and speeding in the vicinity of Ravensbourne Station since a paid parking scheme was introduced. With recent developments, more people are using Beckenham Place Park thereby increasing traffic. This route is also now used as an alternative way to Beckenham rather than going via Shortlands Village, again increasing traffic. At the last meeting Cllr. Tickner requested that the RVPS submit recommendations for improvement to LBB for consideration. Following a survey of households in the area a draft document with recommendations for the Ravensbourne Station area was provided with the agenda. These recommendations were all discussed individually and those which were unanimously agreed will be put forward to LBB in a revised document.

Some members felt that the survey should not have been confined just to the Crab Hill/Downs Hill area as issues with parking and speeding exist in other areas. Members were reminded that the issues in this area have been discussed at meetings for more than two years and to date, issues in other roads/areas had not been brought to the meetings. It was felt that the introduction of parking restrictions in one area has a knock-on effect in other areas. A significant issue in making very local decisions is the possible future development of the Shortlands Station area by LBB. All residents/members had been able to take part in an initial consultation about this and indeed some RVPS officers had done so. Until that is settled it is difficult to know what the effect will be on surrounding areas.

**7 Environmental Issues:** Snow friends - a number of people have volunteered, but more needed.

## **8 Crime:**

Cliff Trivett has not found anyone within the local police force who is willing to liaise with the society, so is giving up this role. We would like to thank him for all the hard work he put in trying to develop this role.

**9 Councillors' Update:** No councillors present.

## **10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):**

Tri-borough policing plan is due to start on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Bromley is in a Borough Command Unit with Croydon and Sutton. Response teams will be retained for each borough, but everyone will be based in Bromley unless cost free premises are found in other areas. Recently retired police officers have been asked to return to work to relieve shortages. Police are undertaking a 'Close Pass' exercise to raise awareness amongst motorists of leaving adequate space when passing a cyclist. Police officer on a bicycle pulls over any motorist travelling too closely and issues a warning. Thefts reported following pictures of new acquisitions being put on social media as the home address may have been posted in the past.

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

## **12 Any Other Business:**

We were saddened to hear of the death of Brian Sanders, past treasurer and life member of the society. Leslie Tucker will write to his widow on behalf of the society.

**13 Next meeting:** AGM: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 8pm at Bromley Court Hotel