

MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING

Held on Thursday 5th July 2018 at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

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| Judy Adcock | Dolores Ealey | John Ealey |
| Andrew Garfield | Kate Hutton | Euan McMaster |
| Linda Müller | Alan Mullord | Carole Mullord |
| Beatrice Osborn* | David Page | Mal Pinson |
| Mick Pinson | Christine Richards | Markku Syvaniemi |
| David Thompson | Averill Trivett | Cliff Trivett |
| Leslie Tucker | Pat Tucker | Wendy Watmore |
| Dave Wiltshire | Monica Wiltshire | |
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*Chair

1 Apologies:

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| Cllr. Andre Bourne | Val Crowdy | Maureen Johnson | Andrew Lancaster | Gillian McIntosh | Sharon Miles |
| Martin Ruddick | Linda Sebbana | Graham Semken | Pat Semken | Ann Shepherd | |

Absence of officers: Clive Lees, Paul Osborne

2 Minutes of last meeting: No report for BPP should have been stated, otherwise approved.

3 Finances: Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1st January 2018 – 5th July 2018.

Receipts:

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| Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date | £250.00 |
| NS&I interest | £38.27 |

Payments:

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| Expenses and donations for the financial year to date | £584.46 |
| Surplus /Deficit for the year to date | £296.19 [deficit] |

General Reserve:

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| Santander Current Account | £1,836.26 |
| National Savings Investment Account | £8,160.16 |
| Petty cash | £877.83 |

Total: £10,874.25

£3000 liability to LBB for 2nd phase of tree project. Dave proposed that the new secretary, Judy Adcock, should be nominated to become a signatory for the Santander account. Leslie Tucker seconded – approved.

4 Community Projects:

The Environmental Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme: Still awaiting planning application.

Beckenham Place Park: Application for licence for whole park. Friends of BPP have made numerous objections. Euan submitted comments, such as suggesting stopping at 10pm rather than 11pm on Sundays. Recent flower and dog show went well. Works on the lake site and outbuildings progressing and due to finish at the end of the year. A weekly event with food stalls, bar and music is being held on Thursday evenings, 5pm-10.30pm by the Mansion House until September 27th.

Community Activities: Tree friends planted flowers in tree pits in Farnaby Rd., Madeira Ave, and Crab Hill on May 20th. Some doing well, but dependent on watering in the recent very dry spell. Next project on 15th July to continue work on triangle of land at junction of Ravensbourne Ave. and Downs Hill.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

4 Crab Hill: Application to build single storey and part first floor rear extension and roof alterations. Tree works to fell a beech, locust and ash to ground level.

Land adjacent to 9 Bracken Hill Lane: Application for 2 storey two-bedroom dwelling house with associated amenity space, landscaping, car parking and access onto Bracken Hill Lane approved. Concern raised about access onto Bracken Hill Lane.

8 Downs Hill: Application for enlargement of existing garage, installation of 5 new roof-lights to rear, south-west and north-east elevations and internal alterations. Neighbours might object.

2 Ullswater Close: Another application for this site for a single storey side extension.

1 Ethelbert Close: (Churchill gardens/quarter): Application for demolition of numerous buildings and redevelopment of site to provide 410 residential units. The society has objected as: overbearing scale and size, unsympathetic to local area, adjacent to conservation area, would adversely affect Churchill Gardens.

Cameron House, Highland Road: Application to fell 3 trees; oak on front boundary, a dead unidentified tree and a large dead oak. All subject to TPO. Monica will review.

61 The Avenue: Application for 2 blocks of 3 flats each. Appeal allowed with conditions.

20 Blyth Road, Blyth Wood Park: Application for change of use of ground and 1st floor sports hall to residential. Appeal inspection due on 3rd August.

94 Ravensbourne Avenue: Appeal in progress (application to build garage adjacent to this property).

Bromley Court Hotel: Appeal in progress (requesting extension for 1 year to continue to use site as DVLA testing centre).

46 Ravensbourne Avenue: Under enforcement as swimming pool/gym building doesn't meet with original plans (2 metres higher and window not in original plan). New application submitted for retrospective planning permission. If refused, LBB may require demolition.

14 Highland Road: Under enforcement for breach of conditions re privacy screening.

20 Blyth Road, Blyth Wood Park: Enforcement due to erection of a fence higher than 2 metres and excavation works to form a vehicular access.

2 Ullswater Close: Under enforcement due to erection of a boundary fence and unauthorised works to trees.

b) Lewisham:

50 Ashgrove Road: Application for construction of 2 two bedroom maisonettes and 2 four bedroom houses. Appeal dismissed as no access for emergency vehicles.

BPP Update: Potential Compulsory purchase of Millwall football ground reported in the News Shopper. This is the football ground bordering Lewisham and Southwark, not the training ground in Calmont Road.

c) Tree issues including replanting of felled trees: None reported.

6 Transport Issues:

Markku Syvaniemi has kindly volunteered to take over as Roads and Transport Officer. He has been in contact with Metropolitan Police about the Community Road Watch Scheme due to concern about speeding in local roads. Volunteers are trained to use a speed gun and monitor in pairs for a 2-hour period. Markku has volunteered and will be looking for more volunteers.

Parking in Crab Hill: Concern continues about speeding and parking. Proposal to add pedestrian crossings in Foxgrove Avenue, Crab Hill and Downs Hill.

7 Environmental Issues: None this meeting

8 Crime:

Cliff Trivett has kindly agreed to become the Crime Officer. There has been a number of opportunist crimes in Calmont Road. Police advised precautions re locking doors, alarms, etc. Cliff has been alerting neighbours and will look into the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. There was a lot of interest in the society so we may get new members.

9 Councillors' Update: No councillors in attendance

10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF):

Royal Bell Hotel has been bought by a developer, who will be submitting plans in the autumn to convert into a new hotel.

11 Possible change to name and logo of society:

Further discussion with views on both sides about whether either/both name and logo should be changed. Example of possible new logo circulated. Dave reports that changing names on bank account is possible. Agreed to leave decision until AGM allowing for more discussion and consultation. Will be put in newsletter so members can start to consider.

12 Annual summer drinks party: Saturday 4th August, 4-6pm at Shortlands Tavern.

13 Any other Business: Members prefer the boardroom seating layout for meetings, so will continue. Concern expressed re Japanese knotweed and how closely monitored with council cutbacks. Shortlands RA has a notice board in Shortlands station. Suggested RVPS does similar to advertise society.

14 Next meeting: Thursday, 6th September 2018, 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel