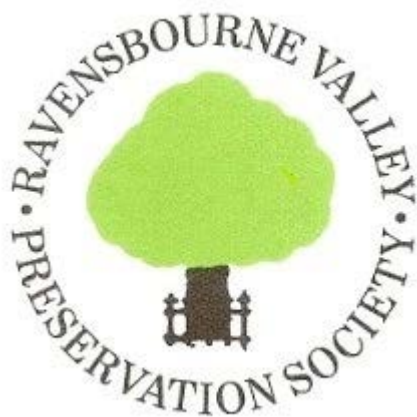


MINUTES OF RVPS MEETING
Held on Thursday 6th September 2018
at Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

Ian Cassese	Urara Cassese	Val Crowdy
Mark Duncan	Dolores Ealey	John Ealey
Tony Illingworth	Maureen Johnson	Anna Koffer
Clive Lees *	Gillian Lees	Karl Martin
Gillian McIntosh	Euan McMaster	Alan Mullord
Carole Mullord	Paul Osborne	David Page
Marilyn Pinson	Ian Rodgers	Markku Syvaniemi
David Thompson	Averill Trivett	Cliff Trivett
Leslie Tucker	Pat Tucker	Harsha Vaja
Sashi Vaja	Cllr. Stephen Wells	Dave Wiltshire
Monica Wiltshire		

*Chair

1 Apologies:

Mick Pinson	Christine Richards	Linda Sebbana
Ann Sheppard	Michael Tickner	Wendy Watmore

Absence of officers: Judy Adcock, Linda Muller, Beatrice Osborn

2 Minutes of last meeting: Approved.

3 Finances:

Dave Wiltshire gave the Treasurer's report from 1st January 2018 – 6th September 2018.

Receipts:

Members' subscriptions for the financial year to date £600.00

NS&I interest £38.27

Payments:

Expenses and donations for the financial year to date £689.46

Surplus/Deficit for the year: £51.19 [deficit]

General Reserve:

Santander Current Account £2,086.26

National Savings Investment Account £8,160.16

Petty cash £872.83

Total: £11,119.25

Work is in progress for Judy Adcock to be a signatory for the Santander account. Outstanding £3,000 liability to LBB for 2nd phase of tree project. We hope to have this paid by the November meeting.

4 Community Projects:

The Environmental Agency Flood Alleviation Scheme: Project on hold while a cheaper alternative is investigated. This would mean the river would not meander through the Goan field, about which interest has been shown of late. However the Environment Agency says it is a flood plain and needs to stay as such. Lewisham continue to consider an official right of way for the footpath through the Goan field.

Beckenham Place Park: There are minor amendments to the design of the lake due to the finding of asbestos in the ground. Digging a metre deeper to allow for more dredging will delay finish to middle of next year. Lake will be filled from a bore hole 76 metres deep. New paths have been created and work on outbuildings is in progress. The application for premises licence was granted. There have been many successful events over the summer including jazz and food market evenings. The Mansion House is being used for weddings. There is new signage around the park and by the Mansion regarding event dates.

Community Activities: Nine tree friends did a tidy up on the triangle of land at the junction of Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Ave. on 15th July. Another possibility for a project is to plant the land just off Ravensmead Road leading to Warren Avenue Playing Fields. It is thought the land belongs to Phoenix Housing Association. Julian Fowgies, Arboricultural Manager has left LBB. His successor is Hugh Chapman.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

10 Madeira Ave: Revised application for garden annexe permitted.

Trees, Coniston Road: Demolish existing dwelling and build a three storey terrace of 5 dwellings. Refused due to scale, parking, traffic and loss of protected trees.

5 Madeira Ave: Two storey side extension and roof conversion. Refused due to scale and bulk.

Opportunity Site G: Now called Site 10 extending from Bromley South station to Churchill Gardens. Redevelopment 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: Keep part of the façade and extend with 9 storey 50 bed hotel. The intention to convert the former Town Hall into a hotel has been dropped. LBB sold premises for commercial office space. This makes the Royal Bell more valuable as a hotel site.

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

94 Ravensbourne Avenue: Appeal for garage dismissed – out of character of the locality.

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.

1 Ethelbert Close: Application for 410 residential units. We have objected

4 Crab Hill: Tree works approved.

2 Ullswater Close: Single storey side extension approved.

b) Lewisham:

50 Ashgrove Road: Revised application for 2 two bedroom maisonettes and 2 four bedroom houses.

c) Tree issues:

Cameron House, Highland Road: No objections by LBB.

4 Crab Hill: No objections by LBB.

6 Transport Issues:

Speed monitoring: Markku attended with Metropolitan Police and noted 18 cars speeding using a speed gun. Area covers Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst and Orpington. Markku has put forward Crab Hill and Farnaby Road for monitoring so far. If you want to get involved contact Markku.

Parking in Crab Hill: Now under remit of Cllr Kate Lymer who is the portfolio holder for public protection, safety and enforcement. Cllr Wells will discuss need for a re-think of the parking scheme with her.

7 Environmental Issues:

Scheme in place to address whole problem of pinch point from Farnaby Road to Downsbridge Road and traffic lights at Ravensbourne Avenue, Station Road and Bromley Road, to include removing traffic lights and putting in mini roundabouts and new paving. To invite Cllr. Will Harmer to next meeting to report.

8 Crime:

Cliff is liaising with police in Bromley and Lewisham on crime figures and general advice. It is important to report any crimes and get a crime number otherwise it mitigates potential resources. A member described a recent experience of identity fraud using mail from an external mail box. For example, bank statement or hospital appointment letters have all the information needed for identity fraud.

9 Councillors' Update:

Cllr. Wells reported that LBB along with Croydon and Bexley now have borough wide injunctions for travellers. LBB supports 20 mph zones around schools. The case relating to 3 Scots Pines in Westgate Road felled without Planning Permission will be heard at Croydon County Court on 17th September.

10 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): No report

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

12 Any Other Business:

- David Page suggested the annual round up newsletter be delivered in May/June along with subs collection thus avoiding dark nights.
- Concern that cases of Japanese Knotweed are not being recorded by councils.
- Commendation to LBB Trading Standards and Rob Vale's team.
- Cllr Wells urged people to report fly tipping. The case of 5 un-roadworthy trucks in Copers Cope Road each carrying 40 tons of compressed demolition waste cost £100,000 to remove.

13 Next meeting: Thursday 1st November 2018 at 8pm at Bromley Court Hotel