

MINUTES OF RVR MEETING Held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at The Bromley Court Hotel



Those present:

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| Judy Adcock | Toni Boardman | Christina Brown |
| Andy Dawson | John Ealey | Tony Guyver |
| Tony Illingworth | Maureen Johnson | Anna Koffer |
| Clive Lees * | Liz Logan | Karl Martin |
| Linda Müller | Carole Mullord | Beatrice Osborn |
| Mal Pinson | Mick Pinson | Andrew Storey |
| Markku Syväniemi | Leslie Tucker | Wendy Watmore |
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*Chair

1 **Apologies:**

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| Dolores Ealey | Wally Johnson | Catherine Morgan | Alan Mullord | David Page | Martin Ruddick |
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Absence of officers: Euan McMaster, Paul Osborne, Dave Wiltshire, Monica Wiltshire

2 **Minutes of last meeting:**

Item 8: Parisa Wright requested that the following sentence 'Valley School is one of the most polluted schools in the borough according to levels of pollutants measured by LBB in 2016' be replaced with 'Based on the monitoring that has taken place in the area (Bromley Air Quality Audit 2017) and modelling used by The Times from 2016, the pollution levels at Valley School's roadside are concerningly high.' The change was approved by members. Minutes otherwise approved.

3 **Finances:**

The Treasurer's report from 1st January 2019 – 5th September 2019. (Read by secretary).

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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 | £3,994.02 |
| Surplus/Deficit for the year: | £3,793.12 (deficit) |
| General Reserve: | |
| Santander Current Account | £2,939.42 |
| National Savings Investment Account | £5,216.05 |
| Petty cash | £491.86 |
| Total: | £8,647.33 |

The payment of £3000 to LBB for phase 2 of the tree project has now been cashed.

4 **Community Projects:**

a) **Next social event:**

Following the success of the Summer Drinks Party there was general approval for another social event before Christmas. Chairman will send out details.

b) **Community Activities:** (Monica's report was read by the Chairman).

Recycling box nets: 200 nets were bought at a cost of £240 and will be distributed to road reps. to offer to members at subscription collection /newsletter delivery time, initially in four roads.

Tree friends: Unfortunately, the two planned sessions to clear around the silver birch trees in Warren Ave. Playing Field (WAPF) had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness and bereavement.

TPOs: Individual or blanket TPOs in the area were done in the 1960s, so anything planted since then is not covered. Chris Ryder, Principal Tree Officer at LBB, said that the whole area is in need of a TPO review and he is hoping to secure a tree surveyor for a fixed term period to assist.

Noise: Karl Martin raised concerns about noise pollution, such as that caused by motorbikes. He offered to be a contact point to record concerns and liaise with appropriate authorities. General discussion about current issues. Members in favour of creating new post - possibly 'Environment at RVR'. Chairman will organise a new email address and circulate.

5 Planning Issues:

a) Bromley:

2 Ullswater Close: Application to alter boundary fence.

10 Highland Road: Demolition of existing garages to the rear of 10 Highland Rd. and the erection of a single three-bedroom house. Approved. New application for changes aimed at turning house into a highly energy efficient house achieving an EPC A rating.

2A Downs Hill: Appeal against enforcement notice for unauthorised construction of a pitched roof car port.

Land rear of 48 Farnaby Road, entrance in Madeira Avenue: Erection of a detached two-bedroom dwelling facing Madeira Ave. on land formerly the rear garden of 48 Farnaby Rd. Appeal against refusal 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 is closed and we're awaiting a decision.

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.

Matilda House and St Michaels Heights: New builds in Hillbrow Rd. Under enforcement as properties have not been landscaped as required.

b) Lewisham:

The Mansion, Beckenham Place Park: Retrospective temporary change of use of Beckenham Place Mansion, BPP from use class D2 to mixed uses including artist studios, yoga/fitness centre, private hire space, business uses and use of two first floor units as residential accommodation for caretakers.

26 Hillbrow Road: Demolition of current dwelling and construction of a one storey building and 3 two storey buildings comprising 3 x self-contained flats and 1 x one-bedroom house. LBB objects - overdevelopment of the site and would have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties within the LBB.

c) Tree issues:

The Chalet, Kirkstone Way and Trees, Coniston Road: Chris Ryder has visited these sites. A number of TPOs already exist and he can't justify any more.

6 Transport issues:

Video of two motorbikes (with visible registration plate numbers) recorded travelling at speeds of 70-80 mph on Warren Ave. handed to police - no feedback yet. Speed check monitoring due in Ravensbourne Ave. in September. Most speeding occurs very early morning or late evening. There is a plan to change parking arrangements in Crab Hill, possibly by adding chicanes. Let Markku know if any other roads would benefit from new parking arrangements, but he warned that money was tight. Pedestrian crossings for Ravensbourne Ave. and Crab Hill have been suggested several times, but no action to date. Clive has put forward RVR ideas for upgrading Ravensbourne Station - feedback expected in October.

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

Andrew Storey is a governor at the Valley School and updated the meeting on the concerns around air quality. The school is now taking professional advice. Monitoring of air pollution around the school is now taking place to obtain up-to-date data. Sensors have been placed in classrooms and the playground and once the results are available an action plan will be formulated. Five classrooms face the road and the school tries not to use these as far as possible.

Bromley council has voted to be carbon-neutral by 2029. Emphasis should be on education about how we all could do more to help meet the target. Enforcement for anti-idling in place.

8 Councillors' Update: No councillors present.

9 London Borough of Bromley Residents Federation (LBBRF): July meeting-nothing to report.

10 Any Other Business:

Picturehouse cinema: Now open and very impressive. Half-price tickets on Monday night.

Westmoreland Road: Application for 10 storey school refused as it would block view of Keston Ridge.

Goan ground: New owners have agreed to take down some of the fence on WAPF end to restore access.

BPP: Taking part in the London Open House on 22nd/23rd September, including tours of the Homestead.

BPP parkrun: Depending on a risk assessment, the start is due to be re-sited to the Mansion House.

11 Next meeting: Thursday 7th November, 2019 at 8pm at the Bromley Court Hotel