

MINUTES OF RVR MEETING

Thursday 1st September 2022 (Bromley Court Hotel)



Present:

Peter Saunders (Chair), Clive Lees (Planning Officer), Dave Wiltshire (Treasurer), Monica Wiltshire (Street Friends Coordinator), Linda Müller (Membership Secretary), Nicholas Ansdell-Evans (Transport Officer), Euan McMaster (Newsletter Editor), Jacqueline St. Quinton (Secretary), Andrew Lancaster, Paul Osborne, Cllr Graeme Casey, Cllr Sam Webber, David Page, Graham Pyefinch, Philip Johnson, Cllr Aisha Cuthbert, Cllr Felicity Bainbridge, Jane Doherty, Cllr Adam Grant, Cllr Michael Tickner, Mike Ricketts, Bill Mitchell, Marilyn Pinson, Michael Pinson, Richard Hodgkiss, Terry Richardson, Sharon Richardson, Richard Fagg, Chris Porter, Wendy Watmore, Sara Mittica, Fabio Gervasoni, John King, Steve Hadley, Bernie Hales, [Val Crowdy](#), [Jane Willocks](#), [Val Wilson](#)

1 Apologies, acceptance of apologies, absence of Officers

Apologies received from: Beatrice Osborn, Emma Fagg, Dolores & John Ealey, Cllr Chloe-Jane Ross (Lib Dem - Beckenham Town & Copers Cope Ward), Cllr Will Connolly (Lib Dem - Beckenham Town & Copers Cope Ward), Mike Baker, Alan & Carol Mullord, David MacKenzie

2 Approval of minutes of last meeting and discussion of matters arising

The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

3 Finances

The Treasurer presented the finance report, highlighting the main bulk of the society's income (member subscriptions) as follows: £615 (normal expectation), of which £205 from Road Rep collection; £410 by direct debit; and £25 paid by cheque directly to the Treasurer. Expenditure was higher than usual due to (a) supporting Jubilee street parties; (b) purchasing a projector and screen; the Bromley Court Hotel bill for our meetings; (c) funding the nets project and (4) funding the RVR Summer Party. The report was noted and no issues were raised.

4 Community Projects/Issues

a) Update on community activities

The Street Friends Coordinator's report was presented by Monica Wiltshire – as follows:

- We met on Thursday 21st July 10.00 am and worked on a different area cutting brambles and nettles from the Goan field pathway and litter picking on Calmont Road
- Our next date is Monday 5th September when we will do more of the same as well as cutting back overgrowth on the green metal frames in Warren Avenue Playing Fields and Millwall Football Club in Calmont Road
- Our numbers have been a bit low recently so I am hoping more people will join us in this valuable work, I was pleased it was advertised in the round-up newsletter.
- If you or anyone you know would like to join the group, please let me know and I will add you to the contact list.
- I have been invited to a Street Friends quarterly meeting by Veolia/LBB. I thought this would be useful to get more ideas for our work. I will be looking for a volunteer to join me/substitute for me at the meetings.
- I have delivered nets to 9 interested members.
- I shall be discussing recycling box nets at the road reps meeting on 8th September in case we get funding from Veolia to continue this project – in which case we will need the road reps help. We will know if our application was successful in November.

b) Use of reserves to purchase bench(es)

The provision/funding of a bench in BPP will need to be discussed further.

c) Beckenham Place Park update

The BPP rep (Liz Logan) reported on the Zoom meeting re. Krankbrother Ltd staging Naked Festival 10th Sept and Hospitality in the Woods 17th-18th Sept – as follows.

Ticket sales: the free tickets scheme for residents has now ended, but tickets still available on their website.

Access: Parking will be discouraged: entry gates will be those along Southend Road for arrivals at Beckenham Hill Station, and Foxgrove Road for those at Beckenham Junction. **Health & Safety:** The company has liaised with Police & Local Authority; they have public liability insurance; the security company Showsec have their own insurance and public liability insurance. **Environmental impact:** The ancient woodland will be out of bounds and this part of the park will be fenced off. The company has addressed

	noise complaints from last year by ensuring that all stage sets face inward, and they have checked decibel levels.
5	Planning Issues
	<p>79 Coniston Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for 7 bedsits has been refused – that for the outbuilding is permitted. There are 3 enforcement issues against this property relating to (a) external render unfinished at the rear of the building; (b) unauthorised works; (c) no soakaway or permeable materials used for driveway <p>Land behind 21 Bromley Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application now permitted – details to be resolved. <p>2 Warren Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd application appealed. 3rd application – awaiting decision. <p>65 Farnaby Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd attempt to get retrospective permission for very large decking. A salutary lesson for all: check regulations before you build! <p>Romany Ridge and 15 Hillbrow Road It is rumoured that extensive building is being proposed for this area.</p> <p>2 Bromley Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application refused: an appeal has been lodged.
6	Transport Issues
	<p>Nicholas Ansdell-Evans reported on road and traffic matters – as follows:</p> <p>Shortlands: junction plans yet to be crystalised but may include (a) a zebra crossing in Station Road; (b) light phases to be controlled by TFL.</p> <p>Unadopted section of Ravensbourne Ave: LBB Council has proposed a parking scheme, but this would have to be funded by residents. Proposals include narrowing the road to prevent parking on the side that has houses together with waiting restrictions on the opposite side.</p> <p>Community Road Watch: This is run by Bromley Police but involves residents measuring speeds. Only 2 sessions per month at present across the borough as police numbers have been cut. Volunteers required to join community effort on this (Richard Fagg indicated his willingness to participate in this). Areas of concern include <i>Warren Ave, Ravensbourne Ave, Downs Hill, Bromley Hill, Bromley Avenue, Hillbrow and Calmont Roads</i>. Raising awareness of other poor motorist behaviour: e.g. inconsiderate driving which may force someone to enter a yellow box and the latter is penalised for it. Suggestions from attendees include (a) challenging a penalty, and (b) the installation of cameras.</p> <p>Shortlands and Park Langley Safer Neighbourhood Ward Police Panel (this is separate from official police monitoring): This panel sets the agenda for ward policing and determines police priorities about speeding, as Graham Pyefinch explained. Graham Pyefinch is the Chair of Shortlands/Park Langley Safer Neighbourhood Team. Terry Richardson who already attends the meetings offered to become the official RVR rep – to be discussed at the forthcoming Road Safety Group meeting.</p> <p>RVR Road Safety Working Group: next meeting on 7th Sept – Cllr Adam Grant to attend.</p> <p>Parking issues: <i>Downs Hill</i> and <i>Ravensmead Ave</i> have similar problems with inappropriate parking for commercial vehicles. Cllr Bainbridge pointed out that commercial activity is not permitted in conservation areas. If such parking prevents access by emergency services, then action can be taken.</p> <p>Terry Richardson asked if there was any update on the proposal to block the Park Road junction with Southend Road. Nicholas promised to ask our councillors for the status of the proposal.</p>
7	Any Other Business
	<p>Regarding the pitfalls of unauthorised building, Richard Fagg raised the point of advice to new applicants prior to their submitting plans that result in rejection. Cllr Grant indicated that he would be willing to discuss with prospective applicants; he also said that the LBB official pre-planning service will restart soon. Bromley, like other councils, is struggling to recruit planning officers.</p> <p>Open meeting on the Future of Shortlands Village 19th Nov – 10.30am to 12.30pm To take place at Harris Primary Academy in Mays Hill Road. Shortlands Residents' Association (SRA) has invited RVR to co-organise this event. Mike Ricketts from SRA informed us that the meeting will address a wider brief than planning. Sharon Richardson will represent RVR.</p> <p>Queensmead Playground Regeneration The proposal for RVR to contribute £500 (matching SRA's contribution) to the project was put to the vote and agreed by all.</p>

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The question of RVR representation requires further discussion.

RVR Summer Party

The Membership Secretary reported that this event was a success – this is based on the feedback from attendees and the hosts. A highlight of the afternoon was the delightful music from 3 of our members who are professional musicians. Flowers were sent to the hosts and musicians with our thanks.

8 Input from Councillors

Cllr Graeme Casey: Bromley planning department has a shortage of qualified staff to address applications – this may result in difficulties, e.g. Hillbrow building applications.

Cllr Michael Tickner: is chasing Bromley Council to pressure Thames Water to resolve issues/delays e.g. burst pipes etc. At present, the fines incurred by Thames Water are small and do not appear to be an incentive for the company to get on with these jobs quickly. The problems are being fixed slowly but consumers will probably end up bearing the costs.

9 Next meeting – Thursday, 3rd November 2022 at 8pm a Bromley Court Hotel

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.