



## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016 AT DORSET ROAD SCHOOL.

#### PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton- in the Chair (RM-B)	
Sally Babi (SB)	Robert Blanks (RB)
Edmund Cavendish (EC)	Jane Cornish (JC) (from 9pm)
Keable (LK)	Rebecca Young (RY)

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Cartwright	Cllr Charles Rideout
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#### APOLOGIES

Laurie Bell (LB)	Astrid Chklar (AC)
Margaret Henderson (MH)	
Bromley SNT	Cllr M Hartley
Cllr J Hills	

#### MRA 16- 217 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of **17<sup>th</sup> March, 2016** were, subject to a minor correction to 208-4, approved as a correct record of proceedings.

#### MRA 16-218 MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere)

**218-1** Action Point 207-2 Road Closures for Remembrance Sunday: In LB's absence LK advised that she would follow on this point.

**218-2** Action Point 208-4 JC to approach known resident of Evans Court as Potential Road Steward. No contact to date, JC will pursue.

**218-3 AGM** It was agreed that the AGM had gone very well. The only 'follow-up' point being the responses to the request for suggestions to improve the Village. A list of the responses was tabled and a copy is attached to these Minutes for the record. DC emphasised that to qualify for funding suggestions can only be for capital items with no ongoing maintenance obligations. One request that could be taken up immediately was for an asphalt path around Foxes Field which DC suggested be linked to making easier access for the disabled. It was also suggested that fencing be put up at the top of the field to deter motorcyclists using it as a shortcut. RB pointed out that he had emailed some requests through to the Councillors on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb but had received no response. DC had no recollection of that request. RM-B agreed to submit a formal request.

## **MRA 16-219 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### **219-1 Bromley and Greenwich Police**

The absence of Police representatives was noted with regret. DC pointed out that our local police contingent had been cut and were now operating out of Bromley where they also returned for lunch. Using public transport meant that for some 3hours per day whilst on duty they were off their Patch.

LK also pointed out that the Police seemed to have stopped issuing their periodic reports. RC advised that he hoped this would start again soon.

### **219-2 Bromley Residents' Federation**

No report had been received from Ross Howie in time for the meeting.

*Post meeting note: RH has advised that there was little to report relevant to Mottingham. Biggin Hill Airport still being the main item on the Federation's Agenda.*

### **219-3 Planning – Bromley**

DC advised that an investigation was underway into the cutting down of trees at the Nursery in Mottingham Lane and a close watch will be made on any further action there.

LK referred to an application for floodlit football pitches at the Bowling club although pointed out that this was outside the MRA's area. DC advised that the application was refused.

DC and EC advised that Eltham College propose to hold a public meeting, probably in September, to enable the school to discuss with local residents suggestions and plans for the school including how to try to curb traffic problems in Mottingham Lane. EC also advised that whilst the 20 year requirement of community access to the Liddell Sports centre had now expired the school planned to continue to make the facility, and associated parking, available to the Community. The centre will also be subject to renovations. This was welcomed by the committee as showing local commitment on the part of the College.

### **219-4 Planning Greenwich**

There were no significant planning applications to report from the Greenwich side although RB reported that surveyors had been seen in Albert Rd where rumours suggested that Palmer's Autos might be proposing to sell their land for housing. DC advised that nothing had been reported to Bromley. It was noted that any such proposal would be welcomed by local residents.

### **219-5 The Festive Lights Committee**

RB advised that there had been no changes to report but that he would start the ball rolling for this year's activity when he returns from holiday in July.

## **MRA 16-220 PORCUPINE PUB**

RB advised that there had been no further movement since the PDC were told by Lidl of their intention to sell. Ted Rowlands has been in contact with both Lidl and some Pub Cos and rumours abound that Lidl are in negotiations. It was pointed out that, because of the ACV status of the pub, Lidl have to notify Bromley of their intention to sell first but DC confirmed that nothing had been received so far. It was suggested that the PDC should ask Lidl for written confirmation of their intentions.

## **MRA 16-221 CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's Report as everything is being covered under other headings.

## **MRA 16-222 TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no Treasurer's Report

## **MRA 16-223 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

RMB advised that Lesley Robins had come forward following the AGM with an interest in the role of Membership Secretary. She had been expected to attend this evening but had not appeared. RM-B will follow up.

## **MRA-16-224 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS**

SB reported a recurrence of Fly-tipping behind the shops again although she thought that it was the shop people dumping stuff when they change residents in the flats above.

Litter was still a problem and EC also drew attention to the lack of bins for dog waste which results in dog walkers picking up the waste but then dropping the bags in the street.

DC drew attention to the landlord separating the leases of the shops from the flats above which will result in much higher shop rentals endangering the viability of the businesses. There was also concern about the effect on Jarmin and Dixon of the national scheme to shut down local pharmacies in favour of the bigger Chains. DC urged the MRA to write to Bob Neill MP to raise objections. RMB will follow up.

SB raised concern about the treatment of one resident of the Care home in West Park who had again been arrested for harassing a young lady. He has severe learning difficulties and means no harm but obviously frightens the ladies he wants to make friends with. It was suggested that John Hills be asked to get Social Services more involved. SB to follow up

## **MRA-16-225 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

RMB advised that he had been liaising with Eltham College Publicity Manager Lizzie Fagg regarding producing the newsletter and tabled an example which looked much more professional and cost about the same if not less than previously. DC suggested that we print a larger amount and put some in the Library. He also suggested that we approach both the Police and Fire service for some content.

At this point both Cllr Cartwright and Cllr Rideout left the meeting noting that DC had a potential conflict of interest in the next item being a Governor of Dorset Rd Infant School.

## MRA 16-226 DRIS

RMB summarised events that had led up the production of a proposed prospectus covering the MRA's suggestions for Educational Provision in North Mottingham a copy of which had been circulated to Committee Members prior to the meeting.

EC and RY asked for clarification on a number of issues that have given rise to the document and suggested some additional comments be included either in the document or in the covering letter when it is sent out. It was agreed that we should continue with the Prospectus and that when finalised it should be sent initially to the Spring Partnership Trust and Governors of DRIS as the parties primarily involved with DRIS.

### Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

### Suggested dates for 2017

Thursday 26 January 2017

Thursday 16 March 2017

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

Thursday 21st September 2017

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

2017 AGM

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

<b>ACTION POINTS</b>	<b>When by</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
<i>218-1 Contact Bromley re Road Closures for Remembrance Sunday</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>218-2 Approach prospective Road Steward for Evans Court</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>JC</i>
<i>218-3 Formal request for village improvements</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>223 Follow-up with Lesley Robins re Membership Secretary post</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>224 Request assistance from John Hills re resident of care home in West Park</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>SB</i>

Item 218-3

Summary of suggestions for improvements to the Village  
from 2016 AGM

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| 1  | Flower/shrub tubs - especially around the village sign near the memorial)  | Supported by Ctee                                |
| 2  | Hanging Baskets  | Happening already ?                              |
| 3  | Benches  | Supported by Ctee                                |
| 4  | Trees (in the ground or in planters)   |  |
| 5  | Monitors (?) at the two village bus shelters (May be the same thing as 9 below)  | Needs to be discussed by Greenwich Council & TFL |
| 6  | Public Toilets (particularly near the Co-op in Kimmeridge Rd)  | Off our patch                                    |
| 7  | An asphalt path right round Foxes field to make walking easier in inclement weather  | Strong support                                   |
| 8  | Restore bus to Grove Park Road as 126 and 124 buses duplicate their runs from Gr.Pk.Stn. to Mottingham Stn.                      | Doubtful   |
| 9  | Bus-arrival indicators at the stops in Court Road and Mottingham Road  | See #5   |
| 10 | More litter bins and polite notices asking people to use them  | Lost cause ?                                     |
| 11 | a Coffee shop where people could relax (not sure what is wrong with the one we have plus the library serves coffee now).         |  |
| 12 | A general tidy-up of the Village/ask shopkeepers to take responsibility for keeping the areas outside their shops clean and tidy | ? Lost cause                                     |