



# MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2017 AT CHRIS MUMBRAY HALL.

## PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton- in the Chair (RM-B)	
Laurie Bell (LB)	Sally Bettesworth (SB)
Robert Blanks (RB)	Astrid Chklar (AC)
Jane Cornish (JC)	Liz Keable (LK)

## IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Charles Rideout

## APOLOGIES

Edmund Cavendish (EC)	Rebecca Young (RY)
Cllr David Cartwright	Margaret Henderson (MH)
Cllr John Hills	Lesley Robins (LR)

## MRA 17- 248 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of **24th November, 2016** were approved as a correct record of proceedings subject to a correction in the second part of item 229-1 which should now read:

*“Thanks to those who attended and to LK who alerted the Chislehurst Society to Bromley Council’s proposed Road Closure charges which were subsequently revoked following local pressure.”*

## MRA 17-249 MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere)

- 249-1** 16-238- 1 Car parking charges for Mottingham Village. The data collected during October and November was submitted to Cllr Smith following which there has been no further action.
- 249-2** 16-238-2 Village improvements. The Chairman advised that he has recently met with Representatives from Bromley Council and its subcontractors regarding the proposed footpath round Foxes Field and received a positive response although it will likely be hard standing, which is harder wearing, rather than tarmac. There was also no objection to a planter on the traffic island outside the BP Garage funds permitting. The Gates to Foxes Field are being replaced and it was confirmed that the demolished Bench inside the gates would also be replaced by Bromley Council.

## **MRA 17-250 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### **250-1 Bromley Police**

Although there was no Police representative present LK submitted a table of Crime committed in the Mottingham and Chislehurst ward during December which showed a relatively high incidence of Burglary and Theft, however it was unclear how many occurred in the Association's catchment area.

LB advised that he had also taken up the matter of the local officers having to travel back and forth to Bromley resulting in them only being on 'their patch' 60% of their time on Duty. Sgnt. Phillips is looking into this.

### **250-2 Greenwich Police**

In the absence of Greenwich Police and Cllr Hills no report was submitted.

### **250-3 Bromley Residents' Federation**

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

### **250-4 Planning – Bromley**

LK advised that she had raised the concern over the state of the Boundary wall at Palmers garage with Bromley Planning but as approval had already been granted the only recourse would be via the Building Inspector. However, an additional application has now been made for additional housing so we will raise the issue in response to that.

LB drew attention to a notice on a lamp column stating that an application for a new telephone mast has been submitted however Cllr CR advised that he did not think it had. RM-B advised that he had met with Cllr DC regarding this proposal and toured the Village looking for a more appropriate site given that there was a clear need for improved mobile coverage in the area.

The open meeting held by Eltham College on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was discussed an appreciation expressed for Mr Sanderson's efforts in attempting to ease the traffic problems around the School. Cllr CR advised that Bromley Council were now awaiting a detailed planning application on the subject.

### **250-5 Planning Greenwich**

The application to build an additional dwelling next to No 10 West Park has been approved.

An application to convert the 1x3bedroom flat above 288 Court Road into 3x1 bedroom flats was, after some discussion , consider not to be objectionable.

### **250-6 The Festive Lights Committee**

RB advised that, as per the accounts previously circulated, this year's donations had totalled £2482.50 which, added to the amount brought forward and after expenses of £2499.99 left an amount of £2448.21 to be carried forward to next Christmas.

It was hoped that, funds permitting, the tree lights along by Porcupine Close could be upgraded next year now that some of the smaller trees had grown in size.

The Chairman asked that the minutes record a vote of thanks to the Festive Lights Committee for its work.

#### **MRA 17-251 NEW SCHOOL' PROPOSAL**

No formal responses had been received from the Borough Education Depts. nor the Spring Partnership Trust to the Prospectus distributed last year. 4 other trusts had responded and we had met with two of them. We did however meet with representatives from Greenwich Education Department who were very helpful and acknowledged the need for additional school capacity in the area. They also provided the name of another Trust we might approach. LK is now undertaking the updating of the statistics/data and a redraft of the proposal.

#### **MRA 17-252 PORCUPINE PUB**

Lidl have confirmed that they have received a number of offers for the Porcupine site which they are now considering. It is believed that most if not all the bids include either retaining the Porcupine or building a smaller pub on the site.

It was noted that a Committee similar to the PDC had been set up to try to preserve the Dutch House Pub in Mottingham Lane.

It was also noted that the new Neighbourhood Planning Bill currently going through Parliament now contains a clause that will prohibit the conversion or demolition of pubs without prior planning permission.

#### **MRA 17-253 AIRCRAFT NOISE**

RM-B confirmed that he has emailed seeking further information: however it is understood City Airport will be reviewing the issue next year. LB noted that approval had been given to expand the airport and include a taxiing runway which will enable a faster turnaround and thus increase capacity.

#### **MRA 17-254 CHAIR'S REPORT**

Much of the Chair's report is being covered elsewhere in the meeting however RM-B did advise that the website was now up and running and additional information was being added e.g. local planning applications. a few suggestions were made for inclusion in the Calendar which RM-B will follow-up .

#### **MRA 17-255 TREASURER'S REPORT**

LB drew attention to the accounts previously circulated a copy of which is attached to these minutes for reference.

#### **MRA 17-256 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

RM-B referred to subscription information previously circulated noting that although we still had some 14 roads to collect we were on target to match last year's figures.

## **MRA-17-257 CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS**

The Secretary drew attention to the established practice of providing a grace period during which Association Membership continued until such time as residents either renewed or decided not to. Whilst this has not posed a problem in practice the slippage that has crept in to the collection of subscriptions he felt that it was time to regularise matters and thus proposed a change to the Constitution to formally provide for a grace period of 6 months for Members to renew their Membership. This was agreed by the Committee and the Secretary will draft some wording to be considered at the March Executive meeting with a view to submitting it to the Members at the April AGM.

The Secretary also suggested that the process for collecting subscriptions be speeded up to collect as many as possible within the 6 month grace period. He suggested that the News Letter should be produced by the end of June each year and should contain a report on the AGM. It could then be distributed and subscriptions collected over the July - August period when evenings are lighter and residents are more likely to answer the door.

The Secretary also drew attention to the fact that, although the Constitution provided for the calling of a Ballot there were no procedures in place hold one. A ballot would involve a number of potential problems and it was suggested that an appropriate procedure be drawn up and adopted in order to avoid potential problems in the future. This was agreed and the Secretary was tasked with drawing up such procedure for consideration at the March meeting.

## **MRA-17-258 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS**

It was noted that we had received an email via the website asking whether the Association had considered any lobbying regarding the deteriorating rail service from Mottingham. RM-B will respond.

The Secretary reported a suggestion that the traffic problem in West Hallowes could be resolved by closing the access to the A20 at the bottom of the road whilst continuing to allow access from the A20. He agreed to discuss the proposal with Cllr Hills.

AC reported that she had noticed over the Christmas period that the playground surface in the Infant playground in Foxes Field was becoming dangerous being covered in moss that made it particularly slippery. LK agreed to take a closer look and Cllr CR will take the matter up with the appropriate department.

## **MRA-17-259 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Secretary raised the issue of the forthcoming AGM and who we should approach for a speaker. He also advised that he would be seeking volunteers to undertake the usual AGM activities at the March Executive meeting.

Possible speakers were noted as Liz Horsman, Chris from the Library, a retired Officer of the Queen's Protection Squad. Topics carried forward include Hall Place in Bexley and Scadbury Park.

RM-B pointed out that when he took on the role it was to be for one year only and he gave notice of his intention to resign the post at or before the next AGM.

## Dates of Future Meetings

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>250-1 Bromley Police travel arrangements</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LB/Bromley Police</i>
<i>251 School Proposal – redraft of prospectus</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK</i>
<i>254 Website - Update</i>	<i>Continuing</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>257 Constitutional Matters – Draft proposed changes and new procedures</i>	<i>16 March</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>258 West Hallows Traffic – contact John Hills</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>258 Infant Playground –dangerous surface</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LK/Cllr CR</i>

**Mottingham Residents Association**

P&L 2016/17

**Opening balances @ 1/4/16**

Barclays 1473.22  
Nationwide 12000

**Total 13473.22**

**Expenditure**

National Trust & AGM Speaker 100  
St Andrews Church 90  
Dorset Road School Room Hire 151.58  
Xmas tree 99.99  
Eltham College printing 159.6  
Printing Progress 194.4  
Keegan & Pennykid 176  
Remembrance Wreath 25  
LBB Residents Federaton  
Festival Lights 500  
Flyer printing 40  
Porcupine Development Committee 500

**Total Expenditure 2036.57**

**Receipts**

AGM Raffle 94  
Nationwide Interest  
AGM Refreshments 26.41  
Subscriptions 1870  
Donations 2.1

**Total Income 1992.51**

**Closing balances @ 21/11/16**

Barclays 1429.16  
Nationwide 12000

**Balance remaining 13473.22 11436.65 13429.16 13429.16**