



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16th MARCH 2017 AT CHRIS MUMBRAY HALL.

PRESENT

Laurie Bell (LB)- in the Chair (RM-B)
Sally Bettesworth (SB) Robert Blanks (RB)
Edmund Cavendish Astrid Chklar (AC)
Jane Cornish (JC) Liz Keable (LK)
Rebecca Young (RY)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr John Hills

APOLOGIES

Richard Mainwaring-Burton Lesley Robins (LR)
Cllr David Cartwright Cllr Charles Rideout

MRA 17- 260 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of **26th January 2017** were approved as a correct record of proceedings subject to a correction in the third paragraph of item 17-258 where the words 'a mould' be replaced by the word 'moss'.

MRA 17-261 MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere)

- 261-1** 250-1 Bromley Police Travelling arrangements: LB advised that the Sergeant is taking the matter up with his superiors but there is little chance of any change.
- 261-2** 251 School Proposal: LK advised that she was still awaiting data from Bromley Council.
- 261-3** 254 MRA Website: it was noted that the new website is now up and running, being constantly updated and receiving a significantly increased number of 'hits'.
- 261-4** 258 Traffic In West Hallows: Cllr JH advised that Greenwich did not intend to do anything at this time having pointed out that no-one has been killed. It was agreed that a petition from local residents might be more persuasive. RB agreed to pursue.
- 261-5** 258 Infant playground: LK advised that she had inspected the playground but the problem appears to have been caused by the heavy rain but seems ok now. It was however noted that the child friendly surface does by its nature appear quite slippery.

MRA 17-262 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

262-1 Bromley Police

Although there was no Police representative present LB advised that CAP meetings were being held every 10 weeks. LB also noted that from Bromley Police's latest newsletter they were prioritising Theft, Burglary and Motor vehicle crime. It was suggested that a copy of said newsletter be circulated with the minutes. It was also mentioned that there had been some very successful Police raids in the area during the past couple of months

262-2 Greenwich Police

In the absence of Greenwich Police, Cllr Hills advised that crime in the Coldharbour and New Eltham ward is still the lowest in the Borough. There have been three drugs raids recently two of which were successful. The next CAT meeting is scheduled for 21st April.

262-3 Bromley Residents' Federation

No report had been received from Ross Howie however it was noted that the BRF's AGM was being held this same evening 16th March. From the Minutes of recent meetings it appears that the Federation is still concentrating on issues around Biggin Hill Airport. LB will ask RH if he wishes to continue with BRF.

262-4 Planning – Bromley

LK reported that the application for telephone mast near the War Memorial was rejected. An application to replace the building next to the Chantry was also turned down but will be going to appeal.

A watch is being kept on Mottingham Hall Nursery although one large tree they wish to remove has been confirmed to be diseased so will become, if it is not already, dangerous. Bromley have no power to prevent cutback of undergrowth.

It was noted that Eltham College's planning application has not yet been published on Bromley's planning portal.

RY referred to rumours about a Micro-pub in the old Etiquette Hairdressers shop. It was confirmed that the Manager of the Royal pub had been heard to suggest this but no planning application has yet been received by Bromley. It was also noted that a liquor licence would be required thus we should have adequate notice of any such plans.

262-5 Planning Greenwich

RB advised that there were no significant planning applications showing on Greenwich's planning portal although Cllr JH advised that the application to expand the Treetops Nursery in West Park will be going forward for consideration next month.

LK advised that she had submitted objections to the plans to redevelop the garage block in Porcupine Close (behind the Post Office) on the grounds that the proposed flats were too small plus no provision appears to have been made for refuse bins etc.

SB queried the appearance of a large green 'telephone' terminal box by the Star supermarket in Court Rd. Cllr JH will investigate however it was noted that BT do not need planning permission for such boxes.

262-6 The Festive Lights Committee

RB advised that accounts had been submitted to Bernie Hawes for auditing. The final accounts showed an amount of £2448.21 to be carried forward for next year.

MRA 17-263 CONSTITUTION/BALLOT PROCEDURE

RB drew attention to the draft AGM notice submitted for the following item which incorporates the proposed draft change to the Constitution required to formalise a grace period of membership to follow the 31st March year end.

Attention was also drawn to a draft Ballot procedure circulated prior to the meeting. After some discussion the procedure was adopted by the Committee.

MRA 17-264 AGM

There were no comments made regarding the draft Notice for the AGM although Cllr Hills agreed to check the section re Coldharbour and New Eltham Police as no response had been received to our request for an update.

All duties leading up to and during the AGM had now been allocated to volunteers. It was agreed that Officers should attempt to meet prior to the Meeting to run through the AGM procedures etc.

AC advised that, after some thought, she had decided not to stand for re-election this year. Other commitments would limit her ability to make an adequate contribution.

It was confirmed the meeting would be asked to appoint Lex Huxley as the Association's Auditor for a further year. *(Post meeting note: it was subsequently agreed to stay with Bernie Hawes who has audited the accounts for many years except when unavailable when Lex Huxley steps)*

MRA 17-265 CHAIR'S REPORT

LB reported on behalf of the Chairman that he had met with Council representatives regarding Village improvements particularly the path around Foxes Field where the Council were just awaiting confirmation of the required funding. It was also reported that the new gates to the field were now in place as was the new bench. Committee members were asked to help track down the commemorative plaque from the old bench so that it could be affixed to the new one.

MRA 17-266 TREASURER'S REPORT

LB advised that there had been little change to the financial position noting that there were still a few streets to be collected. Given the healthy finances it was agreed that no increase in subscriptions called for.

MRA 17-267 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

LK referred to the Job descriptions for the Membership Secretary, Section Leaders and Road Reps that had previously been circulated. All comments would be taken on board and LK

needed to discuss with officers the link between the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer to complete the circle particularly for audit purposes.

RB advised that Lynn Seymour (LS) had been unable to collect subscriptions this year having been ill over Christmas. The papers had been returned to the section leader. LS had also decided to give up the role due to lack of available time to do it justice.

MRA-17-268 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS

Concern was expressed once again about the group of teenage cyclists running amuck in the area. Given their habit of playing 'chicken' with motorists it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. RB undertook to draw the matter to the attention of the Police.

MRA-17-269 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business the meeting was drawn to a close at 21.50.

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 22nd June 2017
Thursday 21st September 2017
Thursday 23rd November 2017

2017 AGM
Wednesday 26th April

ACTION POINTS	When by	By Whom
<i>261-4 Traffic in West Hallows – survey residents</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>262-3 BRF Representation – sound out RH</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>LB</i>
<i>264 Officers' meeting prior to the AGM</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>OFFICERS</i>
<i>265 Locate commemorative plaque for Bench in Foxes Field</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>ALL</i>
<i>268 Notify Police re dangerous cyclists</i>	<i>End March</i>	<i>RB</i>