



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 8pm ON 21st JUNE 2018 AT THE CHRIS MUMBRA Y HALL.

PRESENT

Laurie Bell (LB) - in the Chair
Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)
Rebecca Young (RY)

Robert Blanks (RB)
Lesley Robins (LR)

IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Berriman – Mottingham Hall Nursery
Cllr David Cartwright (DC)
Melinda Peach – Mottingham Hall Nursery(MP)

Andrew Pain (AP)
Cllr Will Rowlands (WR)

APOLOGIES

Bromley Police
Cllr. John Hills (JH)

Jane Cornish (JC)
Liz Keable (LK)

Cllr Matt Hartley

MRA 18-316 Mottingham Hall Nursery.

LB began by welcoming Linda Berriman and Melinda Peach, Directors of Mottingham Hall Nursery. Linda Berriman had asked to be allowed to address the committee after raising concerns over comments reported in last year's newsletter. Linda opened her address with a short summary of the history of the Nursery since she had taken over, noting several problems that had been inherited with it. The broad path through the woodlands, (which had triggered the MRA's concerns) had been cut without authority by a 'cowboy' subcontractor who was immediately fired. The woodland area is now being managed by a professional tree care company. The only tree felling that has been carried out since the original path cutting has been essential work to remove dangerous and/or diseased trees and it is their intention to maintain the woodlands for the benefit of the children's education.

The site has been fenced off in an attempt to prevent dumping of rubbish (much of it a danger to the children) noting that the Japanese Knotweed that had been dumped there had cost some £12,000 to remove. A number of changes both inside and out have been made and the nursery is now at capacity until September 2019.

Neighbours and the MRA Exec have been invited to an open day in an attempt to show what has been done and it is hoped that the nursery and associated woodlands will prove to be an asset to the community.

MRA to provide a link on its website to the Nursery.

LB explained that the MRA were concerned about the ‘over development’ of Metropolitan Open Land in the area and had a responsibility to monitor such things and raise objections where appropriate. After a long discussion LB thanked the visitors for their clarification and wished them well. Both Linda Berriman and Melinda Peach then left the meeting.

MRA 18- 317 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 15th March 2018 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

MRA 18- 318 MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS (not covered elsewhere)

318-1 307-1 **Traffic in West Hallowes.** It was noted that traffic counters had been laid in both West Park and West Hallowes by Royal Greenwich Council. There was some concern about the siting of the counters if they were intended to measure traffic speed but RMB advised that having previously discussed this point with installers the counters were only measuring traffic volumes. We await the results.

318-2 307-2 **Local police hub.** Bromley Police had advised that the Community Hall was not suitable for their purposes as a community hub. They therefore still commute backwards and forwards to Bromley. This continues to reduce time actually spent on the Ward.

318-3 307-3 **Additional plaques for the War Memorial.** No further information currently available. The memorial is on a list maintained by Bromley Council but it is still unclear who actually owns it. LB still has in hand.

318-4 307-4A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk – no further information available at this time.

318-5 314-1 Credit Union LB advised that only 12 people had signed up for the Credit Union and that included both himself and LK. There was some concern about the lack of interest as the subject area of Mottingham is considered a prime target area for such an institution. St Edwards to continue to promote and advertise at forthcoming Community Day.

318-6 314-2 Proposed crossing in Grove Park Rd. DC advised that this was a non-starter as it was considered too near the bend and the roundabout. Stopping of traffic at this point would inevitably cause a buildup around the roundabout with consequential problems.

MRA 18- 319 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

319-1 Bromley Police

Unfortunately, again no Police representative was in attendance. LB relayed some statistics from a recent Ward Panel Meeting report which is now available on the MRA website.

319-2 Greenwich Police

Unfortunately, again no Police representative was in attendance.

319-3 Bromley Residents' Federation

Sally Babi had agreed to attend the last BRF meeting but in her absence there was no report of the discussion.

319-4 Bromley Planning

- A) An application for a large shed in the garden of 24 Dorset Rd has gone to appeal. DC asked that the Chairman email him with a formal request to explore the proposal.
- B) RY reported the sudden appearance of an oversized 'shed' in the back Garden of number 47 and asked whether planning permission was required for such a building. LK will be asked to investigate and comment.
- C) It was noted that Eltham College had written to neighbours to advise that their planning application had basically been withdrawn but would be resubmitted in several separate applications. DC advised that this was in part due to concerns raised both by Bromley and the Sport England.
- D) LB read from a written note from LK and advised that a very high wall had appeared in the grounds of 50 Grove Park Rd. apparently with no planning application having been made. LK has written to Bromley Planning. DC and WR asked if they could be copied in on such correspondence so that they could follow it up.
- E) DC advised that Bromley proposed to erect some low barriers around Foxes Field to restrict access to such as motorbikes although pedestrian access will be allowed for.
- F) It was noted that we are still waiting for the promised footpath around Foxes Field.
- G) RB presented a copy of a letter warning of proposed electric cable works to be carried out in Mottingham Lane which will involve width restrictions and Traffic Light Controls for some weeks commencing June 25th. Bizarrely the company have sought approval from LB Lewisham for work to be done in Bromley!

319-5 Greenwich Planning

There were no significant planning issues in the Greenwich side that we are aware of.

319-6 Festive Lights

RB advised that LK had offered to take over his role on the FLC however he had some concerns that LK was already bearing a heavy work load. LK had asked that a meeting of the FLC be called. RB will arrange.

It was noted that although Ross Howie and Jim Heath are happy to organize the purchase of the Christmas Tree this year, they will not be around to erect and decorate it. LB agreed to sort this out and both RB and RMB agreed to help if around at the time. A new tree base is also required.

MRA 18- 320 CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to add that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

MRA 18- 321 TREASURER'S REPORT

LB advised that there had been limited change in the accounts except a few normal expenses around the AGM and the printing of the prospectus and newsletter. The only unusual expenses were £25 for flowers for Margaret Henderson and £140 for the new plaque for the bench in Foxes Field.

MRA 18- 322 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The newsletter is at the printers and will be distributed with subscription sheets shortly. RB asked that the covering note should stress that subs should be collected by September latest.

RMB asked for ideas for the content of the Autumn newsletter. A Tribute to Cllr Charles Rideout was one suggestion.

MRA 18-323 THE PORCUPINE PUB

LB passed on comments from LK to the effect that there had only been 118 responses to the survey producing roughly a 50/50 split. Thus we have no mandate from Residents but will monitor the situation and comment as appropriate when Lidl's application is submitted. It was noted that Lidl were seeking advice from LB Bromley on dealing with the objections that defeated their original application but we were unable to obtain any details.

MRA 18-324 AGM

It was generally considered that the AGM had been a success especially the very enthusiastic presentation from the speaker.

LR noted that most of those attending were members and wondered whether we should in future encourage non-members to attend. DC raised the point that the AGM was a meeting of members but it was noted that we had always welcomed non-members and notices of the meeting were delivered to every household whether members or not. A voting system had been prepared in the event of a close vote where results might be affected by nonmembers.

LR will pursue a possible speaker for next year from Severndroog.

MRA 18- 325 PROPOSED FREE SCHOOL

LB reported on behalf of LK that we had approached 7 of the larger school trusts; 1 had declined, 2 has produced no response and 4 had responded with expressions of interest.

MRA 18-326 DATA PROTECTION/PRIVACY POLICY.

RB drew attention to the previously circulated privacy policy that had been updated to reflect changes in the law and the implementation of the GDPR. The Policy was duly adopted. A copy of said policy is attached to these Minutes.

MRA 18-327 LOCAL ISSUES & MEMBERS' CONCERNS

327-1 DC advised that when canvassing for the recent election he had noticed some very poorly kept front gardens and proposed a 'Make Mottingham Beautiful' campaign encouraging people to smarten up the area. He also noted that in some circumstances the Council was empowered to carry out some work to smarten up front gardens and pass on the charge to the resident.

It was noted that some residents already go out of their way to help keep the area tidy noting one particular 80 year old resident of Court Farm Rd., 'Sally' who has been collecting rubbish for many years. DC asked that RMB write to him formally about this 'Street Champion'. LB to write in support as Chair also.

MRA 18- 328 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

328-1 Tom Biro has reported that the noticeboard in his front garden needs replacing. Although this has been primarily used for the Mottingham Horticultural Society information there is thought that it might have originally been funded by the MRA. It was suggested that we offer to split the cost 50/50 with the MHS. LB will write to Liz Walker of the MHS with the offer.

328-2 The question was raised as to whether the MRA would like a stall at the upcoming St Edwards Church Fair. The conclusion was no as this is out of our area.

328-3 It has been reported that 60 Grove Park Road has a derelict swimming pool that appears to be becoming a health hazard. DC advised that the neighbours should report this to the Council Environmental Health department initially but that he would also take it up.

328-4 It was reported that we had received a request from Plane Hell Action to support their efforts in objecting to the expansion of Heathrow Airport. It was agreed that we had no mandate to do so thus would not adopt this as MRA Policy although details of the Group's aims and efforts have been made available on the website.

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday, 20th September, 2018.

Thursday, 22nd November, 2018.

Meetings for 2019 were agreed to be held on

Thursday 17th January; Thursday 21st March; Thursday 20th June;

Thursday 19th September; and Thursday 21st November

With the 2019 AGM to be held on Wednesday, 24th April, in St Andrews Church Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 21.55.

ACTION POINTS		When by	By whom
318-1	Traffic in West Hallowes	ongoing	RB
318-3	Memorial Plaques -	ASAP	LB/RB
318-4	Identify owner of land adjacent to Green Chain Walk	ASAP	LK
319-4A	Planning application re 24 Dorset Rd. Formally notify DC	Immed	LB
319-4B	Shed at rear of 47 Court Farm Rd. Investigate need for planning permission	ASAP	LK
319-4D	Copy DC and WR on correspondence re planning issues.	ongoing	LK
319-6	Call meeting of FLC	ASAP	RB
319-6	Arrangements re Christmas Tree & new base. Liaise with RH & JH		LB
324	AGM speaker for 2019	ASAP	LR
327-1	Street Champion Sally – Write DC	ASAP	RMB/LB
328-1	Write MHS re cost of Noticeboard	ASAP	LB