



## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 8pm ON 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 AT THE CHRIS MUMBRAY HALL.

#### PRESENT

Liz Keable (LK) – - in the Chair  
Robert Blanks (RB)  
Lesley Robins (LR)

Sally Babi (SB)  
Jane Cornish (JC)  
Rebecca Young (RY)

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Will Rowlands (WR)

Carol Borhani (CB)

#### APOLOGIES

Laurie Bell (LB)  
Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)  
Cllr Mat Hartley  
Cllr Roger Tester (RT)

Edmund Cavendish (EC)  
Cllr David Cartwright (DC)  
Cllr. John Hills (JH)

The Chairman welcomed Carol Barhani to the meeting as a potential new member of the Executive Committee.

#### MRA 19- 359 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

#### MRA 19- 360 MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS (not covered elsewhere)

**360-1** 351-1. **Additional plaques for war memorial.** In the absence of LB this item was carried over until the next meeting.

**360-2** 351-2 **A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk** – LK advised that attempts to contact the staff at the Riding School for the disabled, who rent the adjacent land, had been unsuccessful and asked if anyone could provide/obtain more up to date contact details.

**360-3** 357-2 **Sinking pavements in West Park** JC confirmed that these appear to have been marked for attention but have not been fixed as yet.

**360-4** **Traffic in West Hallowes** RB advised that he had received some more information from Cllr Hartley re the traffic survey however it still only showed the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of traffic. It was interesting to note that this measure for traffic in West Hallowes approximated 25-31 mph but in West Park it was nearer 36 mph.

It was also interesting to see that some 2000 vehicles per day travelled north along West Hallowes toward the A20 as compared to between 50 and 95 vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. Some concern was expressed that closing the access to the A20 in West Hallowes might push traffic along Luxfield which would have to be taken into account. RB confirmed however that Greenwich had refused to accept our recommendations and were proceeding with introducing a 20mph speed limit and speed humps/cushions in the area. *(Post meeting note: Cllr Hills has reported that 3 out of six residents at his recent surgery complained about the proposed solution to the West Hallowes problem. The comments have been passed on to Cllr Hartley)*

## **MRA 19- 361 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**361-1 Bromley Police**            There being no Police representative present there was little to report however LK advised that she was aware of 3 burglaries in Mottingham Lane and more in Grove Park Road. *(Post meeting note: Eltham College has also lost all portable equipment from their groundsman's shed and will be consulting on new fencing along the Grove Park Road side after Easter)*

*(Post meeting note: LB has advised that he has resigned from attending any further CAP meetings considering them to be a waste of time given the absence of any Local Policing in the area.)*

**361-2 Greenwich Police**        There was no information available.

### **361-3 Bromley Residents' Federation**

SB advised that she had not been able to make the recent meeting thus there was nothing to report.

### **361-4 Bromley Planning**

LK reported that the application for 47 Court Farm Rd had been refused.

*(Post meeting note: Re 50 Grove Park Road – the retrospective application was approved.*

WR advised that Eltham College were still awaiting a decision regarding their signs on the corner of Mottingham Lane/Grove Park Rd noting that they had been the cause of at least two accidents over recent months. Concern was expressed that the College had not yet removed the signs. Previous information was that retrospective approval for the signs had been refused. *(Post meeting note: The two side signs will be removed and replaced by temporary signs on the fences to advertise specific events.; the college is still awaiting approval from Bromley for the main sign. The new spectator stand at the Old Elthamians ground was approved. )*

The MRA had filed objections to a proposal to increase numbers attending the Mottingham Hall Nursery purely on the grounds that it would only exacerbate already unacceptable traffic congestion in Mottingham Lane.

LK advised that she had recently attended a meeting dealing with a licensing application by the Pizza shop in Mottingham Road. The original request to extend opening hours to 3 or 4 am was amended at the meeting to 1 or 2 am however it was still rejected.

LK had also recently attended a Bromley Planning meeting where it was advised that the target for new housing in the borough had been increased from 600 to 1400 unit per year half of which would have to be on small plots of 10 units or less. It was noted that such developments would only put greater pressure on infrastructure already under strain. Planning rules are also to be relaxed again to permit back garden developments, an easing of environmental rules and the allowance of more conversions to HMOs and flats.

### **361-5 Greenwich Planning**

There were no significant planning issues in the Greenwich side.

### **361-6 Festive Lights**

RY confirmed that the accounts had been audited and produced by Bernie Hawes. A copy of said accounts are attached to these minutes for reference as Appendix A.

Concern was expressed that the annual appeal generated only sufficient funds to cover the regular annual cost of the motifs and Christmas tree. The suggestion that the Holly tree between the Methodist Hall and flats be lit had to be rejected as the tree was not strong enough to leave lights up all year and the cost of removing them and re fitting them each year would not be sustainable. The cost of replacing the lights on trees by Porcupine Close needed further funding. CB suggested that the Brownies/Guides might be able to come up with some fund raising ideas. RB also agreed to include an appeal in the AGM Notice.

### **MRA 19- 362 CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

### **MRA 19- 363 TREASURER'S REPORT**

RB reported on behalf of the Treasurer that there had been no further expenditure since the January meeting. A few further subscriptions had been received although membership has dropped somewhat to 830 with just a couple of returns still to come.

### **MRA 19- 364 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Updated Road sheet data was circulated with the Notice. A copy is attached as Appendix B

LR suggested that we need a membership drive to attract newcomers to the area to join the MRA. It was agreed that we needed to consider different ideas as to how to increase membership. One suggestion was increased use of Social Media however we may need some more 'tech savvy' help in this area.

It was also suggested that we might provide the local Estate Agents with welcoming information to give out to new house purchasers. JC noted that St Andrews was planning a summer garden party at which we might consider having a stall to advertise our presence.

## **MRA 19-365 THE PORCUPINE PUB**

There has been little or no further progress although rumours abound. There is still no record of a planning application being filed. WR advised that in his view Lidl did not expect to win approval from Bromley but hoped to win on appeal. LK showed photographs of a 40ft 6 axle delivery truck leaving Lidl in Bellingham and noted that such a vehicle would never be able to negotiate through the village let alone into and out of the Porcupine site. Another photo showed that even a normal local Bus coming from Grove Park Road had to cross into the oncoming lane when negotiating the memorial roundabout.

LK advised that a meeting with Bob Neill MP scheduled for tomorrow March 29<sup>th</sup> had been postponed due to the Brexit Debate and vote in the House.

## **MRA 19-366 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

JC advised that the Church carpark will be closed for repairs from April 29<sup>th</sup>. CB, who lives opposite the Church kindly offered to allow the speaker to park on her drive as he had equipment to bring over.

The 'Consent to act' form was circulated and signed by all members present. RB will obtain email consent from the Chair and Deputy Chair.

The notice for the AGM was discussed and it was agreed that we should aim to have it ready for distribution to the Road Reps by April 8<sup>th</sup> to allow them time to deliver to residents. RB will prepare a draft and seek out updated information to be included.

## **MRA 19-367 LOCAL ISSUES & MEMBERS' CONCERNS**

**367-1** JC raised the issue of recent flooding around the Memorial. It was noted that both Bromley and Greenwich Councillors had quickly arranged for the drains to be cleared as soon as they were made aware of the problem.

**367-2** RB noted that the flower bed outside the library was in a sorry state especially as compared to those in Chislehurst and Dunkery Road. WR noted that Bromley have a policy to provide new flower tubs etc. but that not the ongoing maintenance and this may apply to the beds as well. Chislehurst may be maintained by the local traders or the very active Rotary club and the one in Dunkery is sponsored.

**367-3** A question was raised about the Thai Massage parlour in Court Rd as it seems to have a very 'large and imposing' doorman. It was noted that a previous attempt to run a brothel had been nipped in the bud. LK will raise the issue with Cllr Hills.

## **MRA 19- 368 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Dates of future Meetings. It was agreed that meeting dates for 2020 will be put on the agenda for the June meeting.

**Dates of the remaining 2019 meetings are:**

Annual General Meeting -Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Executive Committee meetings:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June;

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September; and

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

There being no other business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 21.45.

ACTION POINTS		When by	By whom
<b>360-1</b>	<b>351-1. Additional plaques for war memorial.</b>	ASAP	LB
<b>360-2</b>	<b>351-2 A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk</b>	ASAP	LK
<b>367-3</b>	Raise concerns re the Thai Massage parlour with Cllr Hills	ASAP	LK

**Appendix A**

**Mottingham Festive Lights Committee  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For the year to 31st March 2019**

2018 £	Income	2019 £
1465.00	Donations	1745.00
550.00	Residents	520.00
500.00	Traders	500.00
<u>2515.00</u>	Resident Association	<u>2765.00</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
(99.99)	Christmas Tree	(144.98)
	Printing	(110.00)
<u>(2400.00)</u>	Festive Lights	<u>(2400.00)</u>
(2499.99)		(2654.98)
<u>15.01</u>	<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>110.02</u>

**Balance Sheet  
As at 31st March 2019**

2018 £		2019 £
2463.22	Balance at Bank	2573.24
2448.21	Balance at 1st April 2018	2463.22
	Add	
<u>15.01</u>	Surplus for the year	<u>110.02</u>
2463.22		2573.24

I have reviewed the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019 and have found it to be correct in accordance with the supporting records given to me.

*B. J. Hawes* FCA 3/3/2019.

## Appendix B

Road	Sheet number	Returned?	Members 2017-18	Members 2018-19
Albert Road	35	Yes	16	13
Avondale Road	60	Yes	21	17
Beaconsfield Road ODD 1-75				
Beaconsfield Road EVEN 2 -70	33	yes	9	8
Beaconsfield Road EVEN 72-112	35	yes	7	6
Bill Hamling Close	62	yes	5	4
Birbetts Road	63	yes	9	8
Bowmead	64	Yes	3	2
Carters hill Close	12	yes	16	19
Cedar Mount	21	yes	8	10
Chapel Farm Road EVEN 10-56	68	yes	11	3
Chapel Farm Road EVEN 58-100	69	yes	7	4
Chapel Farm Road ODD 1-51	70	yes	13	5
Chapel Farm Road ODD 53-99	71	yes	8	6
Clarence Road	1	yes	4	3
College View	15	Yes	9	9
Court Farm Road ODD 1-45, and Court Farm Road - EVEN	19	Yes	29	27
Court Farm Road ODD 47-103	20	yes	24	20
Court Road EVEN 202- 256	41	yes	14	15
Court Road EVEN 258 - 286	42	yes	6	7
Court Road ODD 201-281	39	yes	24	26
Crossmead EVEN	1	yes	5	4
Crossmead ODD	2	yes	7	5
Devonshire Road	62	yes	12	13
Dorset Road EVEN	23	yes	9	11
Dorset Road –Teign Mews	23	yes	3	3
Dorset Road ODD	24	yes	12	10
Dorset Road – Scotts Terrace	24	yes	2	2
Downleys Close	43	yes	5	5
Elmhurst Road EVEN	1 (?)	yes	16	18
Elmhurst Road ODD	31	yes	20	23
Grove Park Road EVEN 2-50	10	yes	22	24
Grove Park Road EVEN 52-114	11	yes	18	18
Grove Park Road ODD 1-59	16	yes	17	17
Grove Park Road ODD 33, 61-81	17	yes	6	5
Hall View	17	yes	6	4
Hartsmead Road ODD				
Hartsmead Road EVEN				
Highcombe Close EVEN	25	yes	11	15
Highcombe Close ODD	26	yes	15	16
Hinton Close	9	yes	7	8
Kippington Drive	17	yes	8	8
Lavidge Road EVEN	66	yes	13	13
Lavidge Road ODD	67	yes	10	10

Road	Sheet number	Returned?	Members 2017-18	Members 2018-19
Layzell Walk	15	yes	8	8
				<b>452</b>
				<b>c/f 452</b>
Leysdown Road EVEN 2-66	44	yes	23	16
Leysdown Road EVEN 68-92	45	yes	13	10
Leysdown Road ODD 3-71	47	yes	24	24
Lulworth Road	32	yes	14	10
Luxfield Road	7	yes	21	18
Margaret Gardner Drive	65	yes	5	10
Ministry Way	48	yes	5	7
Model Farm Close	61	yes	24	12
Mottingham Gardens	18	yes	18	18
Mottingham Lane EAST side	13	yes	13	16
Mottingham Lane WEST side	14	yes	32	32
Mottingham Lane, Colview Court	22	yes	2	5
Mottingham Road EVEN 100-154	56	yes	15	14
Mottingham Road EVEN 2-56	57	yes	12	10
Mottingham Road ODD 127-167	58	yes	6	5
Mottingham Road ODD 169-203	59	yes	11	9
Mottingham Road ODD 1-95	50	yes	18	17
Porcupine Close	38	yes	9	7
Portland Crescent	36	yes	1	7
Portland Road	37	yes	1	12
Sidcup Road EVEN 456-504	5	yes	7	7
Sidcup Road EVEN 522-542	71	yes	3	2
Silverdale Drive	51	yes	6	6
Sycamore Close	40	yes	7	9
The Crossway	51	yes	13	14
West Hallows EVEN	3	yes	26	24
West Hallows ODD	4	yes	22	20
West Park EVEN	8	yes	19	22
West Park ODD	1	yes	14	16
				<b>831</b>

**Approximately 70 down from last year?**

**(subs still to be received from Beaconsfield 1-75 and Hartsmead.**