



## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chair: Laurie Bell email: chair@yourmra.org

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting at 8.00pm on

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020, over ZOOM

### Minutes

**Apologies:** None

**In attendance:**

<b>L Bell (in the chair) (LB)</b>	<b>Sally Babi (SB)</b>
<b>Robert Blanks (RB)</b>	<b>Carole Borhani (CB)</b>
<b>Astrid Chklar (AC)</b>	<b>Ian Conway (IC) (Part)</b>
<b>Jane Cornish (JC)</b>	<b>Liz Keable (LK)</b>
<b>Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RMB)</b>	

**In view of the current Covid situation, the fact that this is the first attempt at a virtual meeting and the first meeting since January it was decided not to invite non committee members to this meeting. Copies of the Minutes will however be circulated to the normal recipients.**

**MRA 20-406-Minutes** of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 were approved as a correct record

**MRA 20-407 -Matters arising.** RB confirmed that Cllr Tester had responded with the cost of installing the road Humps in the West Park/West Hallows road calming scheme. It is however clear that the volume of traffic using West Hallows as a route to the A20 (as promoted by most sat nav systems) has not reduced. RB will follow up with Councillors to find out the Council's current views.

**MRA 20-408 DRIS.** There has been little change since January although milk and parcel deliveries have been stopped. The garden however has not been tended and is in a mess. It is understood that formal amalgamation of Dorset Rd pupils into Castlecombe is under consideration by the Regional Schools Commissioner and Head Teachers Board. LB confirmed that if this happens the site reverts to LBB who have indicated that the proceeds of any sale will most likely be passed to the Academy Trust although LBB will be free to use the site or the proceeds of sale as they please. Concern was raised as to what might happen to the site and LB was asked to write to LBB and request that the MRA have some input into any decisions.

**MRA 20-409 -The Porcupine Update.** The letter of 6 August circulated by LBB was seriously delayed in the post and not received by many residents thus the 20 August deadline for responses was unrealistic. Mention was made of a second letter extending this deadline to 27<sup>th</sup> August. It was noted that the PDC has submitted a lengthy response to the uploaded information. Confusion remains as to LBB's position given that the planning dept. admitted concerns over the Government's recent Covid advice that the width of pavements should not be reduced but in fact expanded where possible to make it easier for pedestrians. LB will contact Bromley Planning to see if we can find out their position on this.

**MRA 20-410- Committee Membership/workload** LB noted that, although we have two recent additions to the Executive Committee, we have also lost two. Edmund Cavendish has nominated James Martin the Deputy head of Eltham College Senior school as his replacement and LB will be in touch with him about joining. LB will also speak to the occupant of 2 Mottingham Rd who has shown interest in local activities. AC offered to provide some names of potential Exec members. It was also suggested that the next newsletter focusses on recruitment of Road Stewards and Committee members. LB will work with RMB to compile a paper looking at the Committee structure and workload.

**MRA 20-411-Chair's Report** LB advised that we should now have two PCs and a PCSO on the Bromley side. There was also an indication that the SNT meetings would be resurrected although nothing has happened as yet probably due to the Covid situation. It was also reported that Bromley Police had finally accepted that the BP garage was a crime hotspot and have instructed BP to increase their security in an effort to reduce the crime levels. LB will offer Police an MRA representative for future CAP meetings if they agree to provide crime information, or attendance, for our meetings.

**MRA 20-412-Treasurer's Report** Accounts (copy attached for reference) were circulated with the Notice. There has been little or no activity since the start of lockdown and the accounts show a healthy balance.

**MRA 20-413-Alternative methods of paying subscriptions** Considering the difficulties in collecting this year's subscriptions it was suggested and agreed that they be waived but that we increase the subs for 2021-22 to £3.00. LB will continue to explore alternative ways of accepting payment of subscriptions.

**MRA 20-414-Membership Secretary's Report** There was nothing further to add

#### **MRA 20-415-Representative Reports**

- 415-1 Planning, Bromley Increased activity in home extensions but nothing particularly controversial.
- 415-2 Planning, Greenwich As with Bromley, an increase in applications for home extensions. One unusual application is to remove the Telephone Kiosk at the bottom of Court Rd which has not been working for some time.

- 415-3 Festive Lights LK had sought guidance on what we should do this year given the insistence by Bromley that all decorations be removed immediately after Christmas. It was agreed that we should put out the usual appeal for funds but, due to our financial planning we had sufficient funds to meet this year's lights subject to costs and what we do about replacing the lighting strips removed by Bromley. LK will arrange to collect the old strips which are being held by Bromley. The FLC will approach Festive Decorations for indicative pricing for alternative options.

**MRA 20-416-Matters arising,** 1) Efforts to find someone to repair the Village sign had come to nothing. RB advised that he would look out the details of the original fabricator to see if they could help. LB will speak to shop where sign is being held.  
2) LB will contact Revd Welch about Remembrance Service

**MRA 20-417 -Date and format of Next Executive Meeting(s),**

24<sup>th</sup> Sept, Given that restrictions on physical meetings was unlikely to change in the near future it was agreed that we should proceed with the next meeting on Zoom. CB offered to assist LB

26<sup>th</sup> November:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45



<b>Mottingham Resid</b>	P&L 2019/20					
<b>Opening balances</b>	Barclays	£	1,723.14			
	Nationwide	£	14,020.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>15,743.64</b>			
<b>Expenditure</b>						
	St Andrews Church Mtg hire x 4		£	120.00		
	Membership Cards		£	75.00		
	Keegan & Pennykid, Insurance		£	191.37		
	Remembrance Wreath		£	20.00		
	Festival Lights		£	500.00		
	Letter printing re DRIS		£	120.00		
	Bromley Residents Federation		£	10.00		
	Gift - Flowers R Young		£	34.95		
	Funeral flowers - R Young		£	59.95		
	AGM Speaker & Donation		£	75.00		
	AGM Equip cost		£	22.65		
	AGM notice Printing		£	120.00		
	AGM Raffle costs		£	30.00		
	AGM Hall Hire		£	60.00		
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>1,438.92</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>						
	AGM Raffle (net)			£	80.00	
	Nationwide Interest			£	14.68	
	AGM Refreshments			£	22.30	
	Subscriptions 2019/20			£	2,035.00	
	Donations			£	12.50	
	adv subs			£	7.50	
	<b>Total Income</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>2,171.98</b>	
<b>Closing balances @</b>						
	Barclays				£	1,492.02
	Nationwide				£	15,014.68
					£	(30.00)
	<b>Balance remaining</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>15,743.64</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>14,304.72</b>	<b>£</b> 16,476.70
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					<b>£</b>	<b>16,476.70</b>