



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chair: Laurie Bell email: chair@yourmra.org

Virtual Executive Committee Meeting at 8.00pm on

Thursday 24th September 2020, over ZOOM

MINUTES

Apologies: **Richard Mainwaring-Burton**

In attendance: **L Bell (in the chair) (LB)** **Sally Babi (SB)**
Robert Blanks (RB) **Carole Borhani (CB)**
Astrid Chklar (AC)

Cllrs David Cartwright (DC), John Hills (JH) and Roger Tester (RT)

MRA 20-418-Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th August 2020 were approved as a correct record

MRA 20-419 -Matters arising.

419-1 West Hallowes. RB confirmed that the figures provided worked out to £4000 per road hump but that traffic in West Hallowes was now almost back to its worst now that people are back to work. RT advised that he is again pursuing the matter with RGBC who had promised to revisit the issue if the road calming measures did not deal with the problem.

419-2 Village Sign LB confirmed that he had taken possession of the damaged sign, sent photos to the suppliers and was awaiting their response. It appears that the sign has broken at the welded seam and it was agreed that the other sign should also be inspected ASAP.

419-3 Remembrance Day Service Churches Together are currently awaiting guidance and a decision is not expected until mid October although it expected to hold some sort of service. LB has reminded the Police that the approval given last year is valid for 5 years and we would expect their support. It was noted that St Andrews Church Hall is currently being investigated for subsidence damage and is not yet open. Services have resumed with St Andrews and St Albans holding services on alternate Sundays.

MRA 20-420- DRIS. No change since the last meeting although DC advised that Officers of the Council were minded to recommend that the proceeds of any sale of the Dorset Rd site should be used to improve the Castlecombe facilities. Bromley were currently awaiting proposals from the Trust. It was agreed LB should write to the Council requesting that the MRA has an input into what happens to the Dorset Rd site.

MRA 20-421 -The Porcupine Update. A new Traffic Survey has been carried out but the results are not yet available. The Planning application is currently due to be heard at a dedicated Development Control Committee meeting on the 20th October. DC is hoping to get the Councillors concerned to actually visit the site to see for themselves how unsuitable the proposed development would be.

MRA 20-422- Committee Membership/workload LB advised that other commitments had prevented him and RMB making any progress on this but he would pursue the matter ASAP.

LB has spoken to Mrs Blanco about joining the Committee but has not had the opportunity to speak to the other three names that had been put forward. He will follow up with Mrs Blanco and contact the others to gauge any interest.

MRA-20-423-Chair's Report There was nothing to add not already covered on the Agenda

MRA 20-424-Treasurer's Report There had been no financial transactions since the last meeting. RB advised that whilst the Executive Committee had agreed that this year's subscriptions should be waived this was really a matter for the members. LB agreed to check the constitution and see how best to handle the matter given the impracticalities of holding an AGM at this time.

MRA 20-425-Alternative methods of paying subscriptions. No progress had been made on this issue. LB advised that the cost of hand-held terminals (via SumUp) was about £70 each so it was impractical to buy one for each Road Rep. It was suggested that we could trial it with one or two and pass them around as not all road reps collected at the same time. LB is continuing to investigate, one alternative may be a PayPal account on the website.

MRA 20-426-Membership Secretary's Report In the absence of RMB there was nothing further to report.

MRA 20-427-Representative Reports

- **427-1** Planning, Bromley - Nothing of significance to report. However, it was noted that The Elms, in Mottingham Lane, appears to have been sold and that a watchful eye needs to be kept on any unauthorised activity, in particular about the TPO's in place. DC has put the enforcement team of the Council on alert and is monitoring any planning proposals for the site.
- **427-2** Planning, Greenwich - Nothing of significance to report.

- **427-3 Festive Lights** RB advised that Liz Keable was trying to get a virtual meeting of the FLC together for next week. LK has received the old lighting spirals back from Bromley but being 7 years old they were out of date. RB suggested they might be able to be used on the Christmas tree or offered to traders to use above their fascia's. DC cautioned to check on any liabilities should this happen.

RB advised that lighting strings are an expensive option if they have to be taken down each year and that we may have resort to just having as many Motifs (@£200 each) as funds would allow. It was noted that other Boroughs such as Greenwich and Lewisham had not insisted on lighting strings being taken down each year and it was agreed that we should confirm whether this was an oversight or deliberate policy. RT will check with Greenwich. DC advised that if we could confirm this, he would raise the matter with Bromley again.

- **427-4 Police reports.** LB advised that although he had been promised a report from Bromley Police for this meeting it had not materialised. (report received post meeting and will be circulated). DC advised that he met with the Police with a view to re-starting the CAP meetings, although on a more focussed basis, and hoped that the MRA would participate. LB advised that he had already offered to send someone to such meetings if the Police undertook to resume their attendance/support at MRA Exec meetings. DC advised that he was also trying to get more focus on the BP garage which was still a crime hotspot.

MRA-20-428-Any Other Business

428-1 LB advised that Liz Keable had decided to retire from the Executive Committee after some 16 Years during which period she has served in every capacity apart from Treasurer, including a spell as Chair. LB asked that a huge vote of thanks be recorded for her unstinting support to the MRA and the Community at large noting her particular efforts and achievements in support of Dorset Rd School and the Library when they were under threat. LB advised that he had approached LK to consider a proposal to the next AGM to appoint her Honorary President as a recognition of contribution to the Community. DC asked if we could provide him with more details of her input then he would ask the Council to give a more formal response.

428-2 RB asked if anything could be done about moving the 'skyline' plan in Kings John's walk as the skyline can no longer be seen from its position due to extensive growth in the vegetation. There is a clear stretch a few yards further on where it could be better located. RT undertook to enquire.

428-3 SB raised the issue of fly tipping again with people dumping rubbish by the bins when they are left out. DC has asked the Council to do something about the bins being left out all the time which just attract other people's rubbish.

428-4 (Post Meeting Note) LB will liaise with RMB to put up the Poppies prior to Remembrance Day.

MRA 20-429-Date Next Executive Meeting(s),

26th November: via Zoom at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20

| Minute ref. | Action | By Whom | When |
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| 20-419-1 | Pursue Greenwich re West Hallowes Traffic | RT | ASAP |
| 20-420 | Write Bromley re input in development of DRIS site | LB | ASAP |
| 20-422 | Review Ecex Ctee membership/wokload | LB/RMB | ASAP |
| 20-422 | Follow up with prospective Ctee Members | LB | ASAP |
| 20-424 | Review constitution re Members' approval of subs waiver | LB/RB | ASAP |
| 20-425 | Alternative methods of collecting subscriptions | LB | ASAP |
| 20-427-4 | Check other Boroughs' attitude to Lighting Strings | RT/LB | ASAP |
| 20-428-2 | Repositioning of Skyline plaque in King John's Walk | RT | ASAP |