



## MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Chair: Laurie Bell email: chair@yourmra.org

Meeting of the Executive Committee

held at the Chris Mumbray Hall

at 8.00pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Present:** Laurie Bell (LB) (in the chair)  
Sally Babi (SB) Robert Blanks (RB) Astrid Chklar (AC)  
Jane Cornish (JC) Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)  
James Martin(JM)

**In attendance:** Cllr Matt Hartley (MH), Cllr John Hills, Gail Hodges (GH)  
and Robert Lawrie (observers)

**Apologies:** Carol Borhani, Cllr David Cartwright (DC), Lesley Robins (LR),  
Chris Field, Cllr Will Rowland, Graham Soars,  
Cllr Roger Tester Bromley Police

**LB welcomed Gail Hodges to her first meeting.**

**MRA 21-477- Minutes** of the Meeting held on 19th July 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

**MRA 21- 478 Matters arising**, not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

478-1 Village Sign(s)

LB confirmed that he is planning to deliver the two signs to the Foundry for examination/repair shortly. *(post meeting note agreed with Foundry to deliver Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct)*

478-2 Greenwich Ward Boundary changes

MH confirmed that the renaming of the ward 'Mottingham, Coldharbour and New Eltham' will take effect from the local elections next May.

478-3 Flooding problems nr the memorial roundabout: Several leaks in the village appear now to have been fixed.

478- 4 Constitution review; Deferred until next meeting

478-5 Proposed 'closure' of the Eric Liddle sports centre. JM confirmed that the 'closure' is not a closure but an amendment of opening hours, most notably the removal of early morning public swimming which was implemented after a period of notice given to users. However, the pool remains open for lane swimming on:

- **Saturday 6.30am – 7.50am & 3.50pm – 4.30pm**
- **Sunday 7.00am – 8.40am**

and casual swimming on:

- **Saturday 2.30pm – 3.30pm**
- **Sunday 2.10pm – 3.10pm**

The pool also remains open for local primary school use and 6 swimming clubs hosting over 500 local children and adults per month. The gym remains open during evenings and weekends as below:

- **Monday to Friday 6.00pm – 10.00pm**
- **Saturday 6.30am – 8.30pm**
- **Sunday 7.00am – 9.00pm**

In addition, for 18 classes per week such as Zumba and circuit training. The sports hall remains open for a wide variety of club use such as netball, cricket and hockey as well as private hire such as birthday parties. Full details can be found at [Eric Liddell Sports Centre - ELSC](#)

478-6 Proposed Planters. LB confirmed that the MRA will cover the reasonable cost of future planting etc but will contact Capel Manor to see whether they may be able to donate some plants. Members of the MRA and Horticultural Society will carry out the ongoing maintenance. MH confirmed that he expects a positive response from Greenwich to match fund Bromley's outlay although this may require a formal application from the MRA. There remains some concern over the detailed siting of the planters given the restricted pavement width in some places. *(post meeting note Capel Manor College have agreed in principle to sponsor a planter and provide some plants)*

## **MRA 21-479 - Representative Reports**

### 479-1 Police, Bromley

No police representation however DC had provided a short update which indicates a small fall in overall Crime statistics compared to 2019. The main worry being an increase in anti-social behaviour. There is some concern that the London wide focus on 'High Harm' may divert resources away from our area which has a low incidence of such crimes. SB has agreed to represent MRA at future CAP Meetings

### 479-2 Police, Greenwich

MH confirmed that Mr Sayers is attempting to re-invigorate the Ward Panel and that the MRA will be invited to participate. Overall crime in the area remains low and there has been a

decrease in Burglaries although there is a concern that under-reporting may be distorting the figures. MH asked that all crimes should be reported fully to prevent this.

#### 479-3 Bromley Residents Federation.

The latest update was circulated to Committee members on 13th Sept. Their first face to face meeting for many months clashed with this meeting so we were unable to attend.

#### 479-4 Planning, Bromley

33 Devonshire Road – It appears that an appeal has been lodged but limited information is available at present.

A plan to ‘overbuild’ in Grove Park Road was refused.

It appears that the house next to Dorset Road School building is to be converted into an HMO. Under current regulations Bromley are unable to prevent it.

#### 479-5 Planning, Greenwich

The proposal for a telephone Mast on the Green by Porcupine Close was refused. An attempt to erect telegraph poles and run overhead cables in GPR was forestalled but unfortunately the same process on Mottingham Road was completed before we were aware of it.

An application to build a row of starter homes adjacent to 522 Sidcup Road was refused.

The application to replace the garages in Porcupine Close behind the shops is still undecided as is the application to extend the HMO issue at 35 Hartsmead. There is also a new application to erect a tower supporting 12 Antennas on the grounds of the Coldharbour Sports Centre in Chapel Farm Road.

#### 479- 6 Festive Lights

RB advised that we will not be allowed to put lights on the trees fronting Porcupine Close as both Bromley and Greenwich no longer allow lights in their trees. Have asked both Bromley and Greenwich to sort their respective deficient lighting columns – it appears that Greenwich may have already fixed the one in Court Road with reports of the spiral being lit up.

Although we have funds brought forward it is proposed to circulate the usual appeal letter with the GM Notice to cut down on circulations. GH asked whether we could light up the War Memorial but it is not clear whether a power supply could be accessed nor whether those responsible would allow it.

### **MRA 21-480 Committee Membership/workload/positions**

Given the proposed changes to the Committee it was felt that this item is best left until after the upcoming GM.

### **MRA 21-481 Chair’s Report**

Nothing to report that is not already covered.

### **MRA 21-482 Treasurer's Report**

An updated income and expenditure account was circulated prior to the meeting. A copy is attached for the record as appendix A

### **MRA 21-483 alternative methods of paying subscriptions**

LB confirmed that hand held CC machines were not a viable option. It was agreed that Road Reps would carry cards with our Bank details to give to anyone who wished to pay by Bank Transfer. The members name and postcode should be used as a reference to enable us to correctly allocate the subscription. It was also considered that Membership numbers might be considered for the purpose.

### **MRA – 21-484 Membership Secretary's Report.**

Nothing to report that is not already covered

### **MRA-21-485 Remembrance Sunday**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021. LB will contact Rev Welch and contact the police re closing the roads in line with the TMO already granted by LBB. RM-B confirmed that the band will attend as usual. RM-B to purchase a wreath to be laid on behalf of the MRA. Warr's will allow use of their forecourt as usual. DC has confirmed that either he or Cllr Rowlands will attend, the other will be at the St Edwards Church service. *(post meeting note Police have advised they will not assist with road closures)*

**MRA – 21- 486 DRIS Update** – DC has advised that the site is in the process of being handed back to Bromley Council. Once concluded the site will be sold but we have been promised that the MRA will have an input into the site's development.

The Spring Partnership Trust have unilaterally decided to change the name of Castlecombe Primary to Elmstead Woods Primary.

### **MRA 21-487 Porcupine Update – Appeal lodged**

The appeal process is underway, written submissions to be filed by 14<sup>th</sup> October. DC and WR are attempting to view the Planning Office submission before it is finalised to ensure it accurately represents the facts and will be making their own submissions as well.

### **MRA 21- 488 Timing, Structure of 2021 GM**

Initial Notice of the General Meeting went out in the newsletter in August. A further reminder with the agenda will be sent out to all households in the Parish a week or so before the meeting. RB advised that this should be classified as a Special General Meeting with the normal AGM process being resumed next April. All current Committee members have agreed to stand for re-election and Graham Soars has also agreed to stand. SB to purchase the refreshments.

**MRA 21- 490 Local issues & Members’ Concerns;**

DC has advised that the Boundary of the Mottingham and Chislehurst North Ward has been extended down Elmstead Lane to include a number of roads on both sides. Councillors are looking into the possibility of changing the Ward name to Mottingham and Elmstead to reflect this change.

**MRA – 21-491 Any Other Business**

None

**MRA- 21 – 492 Date of Next Executive Meeting(s),**

It was agreed that future Committee meetings should commence at 7.30

Next meeting -Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021

GM 21st October, 7.00pm in St Andrews Church Hall.

It was agreed that we should continue the practice of holding meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month therefore the schedule for 2022 will be:

27<sup>th</sup> January    25<sup>th</sup> March    27<sup>th</sup> June    23<sup>rd</sup> September and    24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action points**

Minute	subject	Action by
478-1	Return village signs to foundry	LB 22/10
478-6	Contact Capel Manor re donation of plants	LB - Done
479-6	Festive Lights appeal letter	RB – end Sept. Done.
485	Contact Iain Welch re Remembrance Sunday Service and Bromley Police re road closures.	LB - Done

485	Purchase MRA Wreath	RM-B – 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov
488	Purchase refreshments for GM	SB- 19 <sup>th</sup> October
488	Raffle prizes for GM	All – 19 <sup>th</sup> October

## Appendix A

Mottingham Residents Association P&L 2021/22

Opening balances @ 1/4/21 Barclays £15,657.77

### Expenditure

Keegan & Pennykid, Insurance

Remembrance Wreath

Festive Lights

Meeting Hall fees

Website Hosting £76.79

Flowers for Mr & Mrs Patel £40.00

Total Expenditure £116.79

Subscriptions 2021/22 £-

Total Income £-

Closing balances @ 31/8/21 Barclays £15,540.98

Balance remaining £15,540.98