



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NOTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY, 2015 AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL MOTTINGHAM ROAD.

PRESENT

Robert Blanks(RB) Astrid Chklar(AC) Jane Cornish (JC)
Richard Mainwaring-Burton (in the Chair) (RM-B)
Margaret Southam (MS) Rebecca Young (RY)

APOLOGIES

Lawrie Bell (LB) Edmund Cavendish (EC) Margaret Henderson(MH)
Liz Keable (LK) Prof. Mayur Patel (MP)

Bromley SNT Cllr David Cartwright (DC) Cllr Charles Rideout (CR)

**THE MEETING BEING INQUORATE, NO DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN.
NEVERTHELESS A DISCUSSION ENSUED. THIS IS A NOTE OF THAT DISCUSSION.**

OUTGOING CHAIR

A formal vote of thanks from those present was extended to Liz Keable for all her valiant efforts and achievements in the role of chair over the last 5 years.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

No queries were raised as regards the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 164 Website updating.

RM-B advised that the prospective help had not worked out. It was suggested that Eltham College be approached to see if any of their IT students might be interested. RM-B will follow up.

Minute 166 Updating of accounting system and membership paperwork.

No progress has yet been made.

Minute 167 Re letter to R & R PDS re the Library

RM-B to write to Cllr Payne expressing concern and dismay at the response sent to LK

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

With no representatives present from either Bromley or Greenwich Police these items were passed over.

159-4 Planning – Bromley

Nothing known.

159-5 Planning Greenwich

RB advised that there had been some problems with the Greenwich website and after a quiet few weeks a number of planning applications were recorded in June. The only one of any concern being an application to allow an increase in the number of cats to be housed at 34 Leysdown Road from 8 to 26 which appears to have been approved 'on the nod'.

THE FESTIVE LIGHTS COMMITTEE (FLC)

RB reported no change in the financial situation but proposed to resume an appeal for funds going forward. A draft appeal letter was circulated and RB also advised that an appeal to traders for sponsorship would also be sent out in due course.

It was also suggested that, funds permitting, the lights be extended to the roundabout at the junction of Mottingham Lane/Court Farm Road.

RY agreed to join the Festive Lights Committee.

THE PORCUPINE PUB - UPDATE

There is no known movement from Lidl as regards the Porcupine site.

NEWSLETTER.

A draft of the Newsletter was circulated for comment. A few typing /formatting errors and queries were noted which RB will take up LK on her return.

RM-B asked that a formal vote of thanks be recorded to LK and RB for their achievement in producing the newsletter ahead of schedule.

CHAIR'S REPORT

It was noted that the caravans that had been located on the Green in Court Farm Road had moved on leaving a clean site behind.

RM-B advised that Dorset Rd School appears to be under threat again as the school is considered too small to be viable. The temporary Headmistress is already covering three schools in total and is under considerable strain with no replacement coming through. A number of options seem to be circulating.

In view of her intimate knowledge and prior experience it was suggested that LK be delegated to deal with this matter on behalf of the MRA going forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RB advised that the Treasurer had indicated that it was very early in the year and there had been minimal transactions to report.

RB also pointed out that without a quorum the proposed changes to the bank mandates could not be dealt with at this meeting. It was agreed that RB would circulate a Written Resolution that would be effective provided it was signed off by all members of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

RM-B noted that we now have a number of vacancies for Road Stewards noting that Charlotte Hussey was the most recent to have resigned.

RY volunteered to take on one of the vacancies. RY and RM-B to liaise.

It was also agreed that the road sheets etc. would be circulated shortly so that those who wanted to start collecting subscriptions before the newsletter is available would be able to do so.

LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS

RY reported that she had recently almost been knocked down by an adult riding a bicycle on the pavement as she exited her front gate. The cyclist seemed to think he had a right to cycle on the pavement at speed despite being obviously over the 14 year age limit.

Concern was also expressed at the amount of litter being dropped and left in the streets. Whilst removing a number of bins may have reduced a certain amount of litter that normally overflows from the bins members advised that whereas residents would previously pick up litter as they passed they were now reluctant to do so with no bins to put it in.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Following the previous item RM-B noted the letter from Bromley Council welcoming responses to their consultation on \cycling Strategy to which he will respond on behalf of the MRA.

Regret was expressed at the fact that we had not been able to muster a quorum especially as important resolutions as regard Bank Signatories could not now be actioned. It was agreed that we should do away with the May and July meetings next year and substitute one meeting in June instead.

Dates of Meetings for the rest of the year.

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 26th November

	When by	By Whom
<i>164 Website updating</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>166 Accounting system and Membership paperwork review</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RM-B/LB</i>
<i>167 Response to comments from R&R</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>Festive Lights. Appeal for sponsorship/mtg of Festive Lights Committee</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>RB/FLC</i>
<i>Newsletter -</i>	<i>31 July</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>Bank Signatories – written resolution</i>	<i>ASAP</i>	<i>RB</i>
<i>Cycling Strategy consultation response</i>	<i>31 July</i>	<i>RM-B</i>
<i>Request reply to letter to R&R PDS</i>		