



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 8pm ON 22 NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE CHRIS MUMBRA Y HALL.

PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B) - in the Chair

Robert Blanks (RB)

Liz Keable (LK) (From 08.30)

Lesley Robins (LR)

Rebecca Young (RY)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. John Hills (JH)

APOLOGIES

Sally Babi (SB)

Laurie Bell (LB)

Bromley Police

Cllr David Cartwright (DC)

Edmund Cavendish (EC)

Jane Cornish (JC)

Cllr Mat Hartley

Cllr Will Rowlands (WR)

Cllr Roger Tester (RT)

MRA 18- 340 MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS (not covered elsewhere)

340-1 330-3 Additional plaques for War memorial. In the absence of LB this item was carried forward.

340-2 330-4 Ownership of land adjacent to King John's Walk. In the absence of LK this item was carried forward.

340-3 330-8 MHS Noticeboard - Done.

340-4 331-6 Wreath for Remembrance Sunday – Done

340-5 339-3 Spam Emails from Greenwich. RB advised that, after the last meeting, a further spam email was received which was forwarded to Cllr Tester to pass to the relevant department at Royal Borough of Greenwich. No response has been received but the emails do appear to have stopped.

MRA 18-341 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

341-1 Bromley Residents Association

In the absence of SB this matter was deferred. RB agreed to circulate a copy of the Federation's Minutes when received.

341-2 Festive Lights Committee

RY confirmed that she and LK have taken over the roles of Treasurer and Secretary respectively. An appeal letter is currently being circulated with the autumn newsletter. It was suggested that donors, other than those who wish to remain confidential, be mentioned in the spring newsletter and on the website. This might help encourage traders to donate.

LK joined the meeting

LK confirmed that the Rainbows and Brownies would be making poster for the Christmas Lights and decorations for the tree.

It was confirmed that we had received a grant application form from Cllr Mat Hartley which is being completed for submission to Greenwich. Tree lights cost roughly £700/tree and lighting spirals £85/tree all of which are designed to last at least 3 years. It was agreed to apply for a grant to replace the tree lights. Cllr Hills thought we stood a good chance especially as Greenwich could effectively write the donation off over 3 years.

341-3 Bromley Police

LK advised that she had just arrived from a Safer Neighbourhood meeting but would submit a written report following the meeting.

341-4 Greenwich Police

Cllr Hills advised that he was sharing duties with Cllr Tester as there were so many committees to follow. Unfortunately Cllr Tester was following the Police issues but was unable to attend and report to this meeting.

341-5 Bromley Planning

The proposed storage shed for personal use (by a property developer) at 24 Dorset Road was lost on Appeal. The tree in the shared access was in the process of being cut down when the news arrived. It has been left in a semi-felled condition.

47 Court Farm Road erected a large shed in the garden without planning permission. On investigation, an application was put in to demolish the existing garage & build a garage/workshop the size of a small bungalow! MRA has objected to that & their proposal to alter/extend the roof.

The enforcement action over a 3 storey rear extension built without planning permission at 50 GPR has resulted in an application for retrospective permission. LK has not yet had a chance to look at it.

Eltham College has submitted a proposal for a temporary covered stand at Marvels Lane entrance to the playing field. It looks to be a long way from homes. There may be traffic issues but it is a L.B. Lewisham road. Not proposing to get involved.

Eltham College's 3 signs on the corner of Mottingham Lane/Grove Park Road. LB signed off a robust objection on the grounds of their unsightly appearance and the confusion they create.

341-6 Greenwich Planning

Cllr Hills advised that the application to develop the garage block in Porcupine Close had gone to appeal.

LK advised that the proposed development of 503 Sidcup Rd was a 'major development' however it was recognized that Greenwich have a serious shortage of housing. We were objecting due to the inadequate size of the proposed flats. They do not appear to reach the required standard although it was noted that the usual standards had been somewhat relaxed over recent years.

It was noted that an application to develop the Dutch House pub with a pub/coffee bar on the ground floor flats above and using part of the grounds as a builder's yard has been submitted to Greenwich.

MRA 18- 342 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 20th September 2018 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings subject to the deletion of the post meeting note under item 331-6 (as RY had subsequently relented and withdrawn her retraction) and a correction in the second paragraph of item 331-6 substituting 'Rainbows' for 'schoolchildren'.

MRA 18-343 CHAIR'S REPORT

RMB advised that the autumn newsletter was in the process of being circulated. He was congratulated on the document which looked very good and proved very interesting. RMB suggested that in future we use the spring newsletter to report on the AGM and provide facts, figures and statistics and the autumn one for more articles of interest.

MRA 18-344 TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of LB this item was deferred. RB advised that the annual donation of £500 had been made to the Festive Lights Committee and the bill had been received for renewal of the MRA's insurance Policy. He also confirmed that he had declined Cyber cover at an additional cost of £196 as the MRA does not have its own computers and is unlikely to suffer from a Cyber-attack. Each Committee member works from their own personal computers but nothing is of critical importance.

MRA 18-345 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The latest statistics had been circulated ahead of the meeting, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for reference. It was noted that collections appear to be more successful where road reps actually lived in the roads they covered. It was also noted that some road reps do not appear to call on all residents concentrating only on those already members. Thought will be given as to how to address this.

MRA 18-346 PORCUPINE PUB

Bromley Councillors had met with Lidl representatives the previous day and been told that Lidl believe they have resolved all the objections that defeated their previous planning application and that a new application was to be submitted. The Councilors advised Lidl that they would be opposing.

It appears that there is an Article 23 prohibition on closing a pub that is more than 500 mtrs. from the nearest alternative and that Lidl believe the pub on White Horse Hill is 499 mtrs. away.

MRA 18-347 PROPOSED FREE SCHOOL UPDATE

A report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for reference, had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to put the matter on hold but to monitor the issue on an ongoing basis.

MRA 18-348 LOCAL ISSUES & MEMBER'S CONCERNS.

None to report.

MRA-18-349 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

West Hallowes traffic. RB advised that Cllr Mat Hartley had passed through some statistics from Greenwich regarding the traffic survey and recent consultation on proposed traffic calming measures in the West Park area. RB thought that showing just the 85th percentile was next to useless as one needed the frequency distribution and averages to make any sense of it and had asked Cllr Hartley for more information..

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday, 17th January 2019
Thursday 21st March;
Thursday 20th June;
Thursday 19th September; and
Thursday 21st November

It was noted that the date of the AGM had been changed to 1st May to avoid the Easter holiday

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

ACTION POINTS		When by	By whom
340-1	Additional Plaques for War Memorial.	ASAP	LB
340-2	Ownership of land adjacent to Green Chain Walk	ASAP	LK

NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT. Report to the MRA Executive Meeting on 22nd November, 2018.

Current Position.

Following the publication of the updated Prospectus in June, 2018, a number of larger Trusts were invited to request a copy. The criteria for selection remained as previously, a good track record, including:

- high standards of achievement, including attainment, for all pupils,
- forward looking mission statement,
- inclusivity,
- good support for special educational needs,
- an existing school or schools within a reasonable distance of Mottingham. (For staff development.)

A total of eight prospectuses were sent out. Two Trusts expressed positive interest but were unable to proceed immediately. One trust engaged with the MRA and began the process of due diligence. However, towards the end of July, having consulted both the Department for Education and the New Schools Network, this Trust withdrew on the following grounds:

- Bromley (as a whole) is a Category 1 area which means that they have wholeheartedly engaged with the Free School and Academy initiative. This is evidenced by the huge volume of building in areas such as the Crays.
- The latest SCAP data, School Capacity & Projections, does not indicate sufficient need.
- The Local Authority Presumption Route would be required for this type of application.

Commentary.

The facts, that Bromley has fully engaged with the Free Schools initiative and, that Mottingham has still not been included in extra provision, reinforces the view that Mottingham, at the confluence of three Boroughs, continues to be ignored. This is certainly the case in Bromley's proposed Local Plan where Mottingham is barely mentioned.

The use, by Bromley, of population figures which have not changed since before 2015 and extend to 2032, indicate a reliance upon existing provision in Mottingham. The majority of Boroughs, countrywide, use birth statistics which reflect the rise in the population. The numbers of pupils having to seek primary education outside the local area, and Borough, confirm the need for extra provision.

The 'Local Authority Presumption Route', in which local authorities are invited to compete for a new school where pockets of under-provision exist, is obviously not open to the MRA. The numbers are strictly capped.

The New Schools Network bulletins emphasise the need for secondary schools as current primary pupils approach secondary school age. The shortage of school provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and 'Alternative Provision' is also being promoted, once more through competition via the local authority route. There is little mention of mainstream primary schools, beyond news of those successfully operating.

There is evidence of a general slowing in the rate of provision of new schools in all categories, with application submission dates, which originally occurred every six months, now slipping. A number of factors may be involved including:

- Government spending on education no longer keeping pace with inflation and rising pupil numbers.
- Post Brexit concerns over both the level of immigration and the climate for Europeans already living in Britain.

- The indigenous birth rate which is currently 1.7 children per woman.

Therefore, despite continuing concerns about the difficulties facing Nottingham parents and children in the current climate, there seems little point in pursuing this project further at the moment.

Executive members are invited to contribute to and comment upon the way forward and may care to consider the following options:

- Put forward any ideas they might have.
- Put the project on hold and review annually, remaining members of the New Schools Network in order to keep up to date with developments.
- Consign the project to history.

Liz Keable
9th November, 2018.

Summary of Road Sheets returned as of 17 November 2018

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				
Beaconsfield Road EVEN 72-112				
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				
Crossmead EVEN				
Crossmead ODD				
Devonshire Road				
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				
Grove Park Road ODD 33, 61-81				
Hall View				
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
Layzell Walk	15	yes	8	8

Road	Sheet number	Returned?	Members 2017-18	Members 2018-19
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				
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
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
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