



MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT 8pm ON 17th JANUARY 2019 AT THE CHRIS MUMBRA Y HALL.

PRESENT

Laurie Bell (LB) - in the Chair
Edmund Cavendish (EC)
Liz Keable (LK)
Lesley Robins (LR)

Robert Blanks (RB)
Jane Cornish (JC)
Richard Mainwaring-Burton (RM-B)
Rebecca Young (RY)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr David Cartwright (DC)
Cllr Roger Tester (RT)

Cllr. John Hills (JH)

APOLOGIES

Bromley Police
Cllr Will Rowlands (WR)

The Chairman opened the meeting by calling for a minute's silence in remembrance of Mrs. Margaret Southam who had died recently in her nursing home in Eastbourne. Margaret had been a staunch supporter of the MRA and a member of the Executive Committee for many years. Flowers had been sent to the funeral in Eastbourne.

MRA 19- 351 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 20th November 2018 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

MRA 19- 351 MATTERS ARISING & ACTION POINTS (not covered elsewhere)

351-1 340-1. **Additional plaques for war memorial.** There has been no further progress on this but LB asked that it be kept on the agenda. LB also advised that he had requested Cllr DC's assistance in getting the Memorial cleaned up and lights repaired in time for next year's remembrance day service.

351-2 340-2 **A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk** – No further progress to date. LK asked for contact details for Hilary Crawford, Riding for the disabled.

MRA 19- 352 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

352-1 Bromley Police

LB advised that he had recently attended the first CAP meeting held since last June. It was noted that although we should have 2 PCs and 1 PCSO what we actually have is one PC (shared with Bickley) and one PCSO. Also, Sue Kennedy was soon due to take leave during which period we will effectively have no police presence in the Mottingham Ward area. It was also noted that police personnel continued to be seconded away for special duties/abstractions.

There were some 150 crimes reported in the 8 weeks prior to the meeting and the BP garage is still the local crime hot spot with over 30 offences alone. Cllr DC reported that, despite objections from the MRA, they did get their liquor licence renewed as the crimes are not directly related to the sale of alcohol. The police licensing team amazingly removed their objections just prior to the meeting.

An allegation of rape had proven to be false; there have been significant increases in anti-social behaviour and burglaries.

352-2 Greenwich Police

Cllr JH also reported an increase in ASB and Burglaries but the notice of a recent SNT meeting did not reach the Councilors so they did not attend. Despite the restructuring Cllr JH reported that more police were responding.

352-3 Bromley Residents' Federation

Both the January BRF meeting and the AGM in March clash with our own so there is nothing to report. It was suggested we review mtg dates to try and avoid future clashes. (See item 358 below.)

352-4 Bromley Planning

A) Cllr DC reported that Eltham College's (the College) application for retrospective approval for the blue signs on the Mottingham Lane/Grove Park Rd junction was refused although the College may re-apply. The application for a spectator stand near the Marvels Lane entrance is likely to be approved although Lewisham were expressing some concern due to traffic in Marvels Lane. It was noted that Old Elthamians Rugby team were doing extremely well and, if promoted again, will have to find a ground of their own with better facilities.

Cllr DC also reported that the College was redesigning the front gates in Grove Park Rd and by the Gerald Moore Gallery to increase security in line with previous proposals. EC were also being pressured into closing the Mottingham Lane access to the junior school to reduce the traffic congestion. This may be possible once the current building work is complete and other car parking areas within the college re-opened.

B) LK advised that the application by 47 Court Farm Rd which effectively changed the roof line had been approved. The 'large shed' proposal was considered by Bromley to be a permitted development although LK advised Cllr DC, with substantiation, that she disagreed.

C) The retrospective application by 50 Grove Park Rd is still undecided.

352-5 Greenwich Planning

There were no significant planning issues in the Greenwich side although Cllr JH advised that the application to convert 503 Sidcup Rd into 6 self-contained flats had been refused.

352-6 Festive Lights

LK tabled a report on this year's lights, a copy of which is attached to these minutes for reference (Appendix A).

RY tabled a financial statement which, allowing for an outstanding invoice from Festive Decorations, showed a balance carried forward of £2573.24. It was noted that no donations had been received from Rooms, Warr's or NISA which was unusual. It was suggested we make sure that cheques had not gone astray.

MRA 19- 353 CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to add that is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

MRA 19- 354 TREASURER'S REPORT

LB tabled some up to date accounts a copy of which is attached to these minutes as appendix B for reference. Although subscriptions are down, a further £1000 will be transferred to the savings account.

MRA 19- 355 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

No more sheets have been received recently although there were still a few outstanding. It looks as though membership will be down on last year.

MRA 19-356 THE PORCUPINE PUB

LB confirmed that Cllr DC had passed on to Lidl our strong objections to their proposed new planning application. It was unclear how Lidl could overcome the safety and congestion issues on which their original application had been refused although Cllr DC reported that one suggestion was to reduce the width of the pavement outside the Library to provide lorries with a greater turning circle.

LK advised that the Bromley plan incorporated some protection against the development of Public Houses in certain circumstances which would appear to assist our defence of the Porcupine and Cllr DC confirmed that the Bromley Plan had been approved at a Council meeting the previous evening.

It was agreed that we should resurrect the MRA/PDC contacts and convene a brief meeting to prepare to respond to any application that Lidl submit. LK to arrange.

MRA 19-357 LOCAL ISSUES & MEMBERS' CONCERNS

357-1 Both LB and EC reported the overhanging vegetation on Mottingham Lane causing traffic to swerve across the oncoming lane. Cllr DC suggested reporting this on Fix My Street. (post meeting note –Done)

357-2 JC reported the sinking pavement in front of the development of 10/12 West Park which she thought was quite dangerous. Cllr RT will investigate.

357-3 Residents' concern at the partial collapse of the hall ceiling at DRIS was discussed. Pupils have been unable to use the hall at all during this academic year. Cllr DC stated that the Academy Trust had been awaiting a grant which was not forthcoming. He has been pressing L. B. Bromley to fund the repair & the school is in the process of obtaining quotations.

MRA 19- 358 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dates of future Meetings. As discussed in item 352 above there are an increasing number of clashes with meeting dates and it was suggested that we change to the last Thursday in the month. As a consequence the March and November 2019 meeting date were changed and we should review when agreeing dates for 2020.

The dates for the remaining 2019 meetings are now:

Thursday 28th March;
Thursday 20th June;
Thursday 19th September; and
Thursday 28th November

With the 2019 AGM to be held on Wednesday, 1st May, in St Andrews Church Hall.

There being no other business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 21.55.

ACTION POINTS		When by	By whom
351-1	340-1. Additional plaques for war memorial.	ASAP	LB
351-2	340-2 A Land adjacent to the Green chain walk	ASAP	LK
356	Meeting with PDC personnel re the Porcupine Pub	ASAP	LK
357-2	Sinking pavements in West Park	ASAP	Cllr RT

Appendix A

Mottingham Festive Lights Committee. (MFLC)

Report to MRA Meeting on 17th January, 2018.

The MFLC was reconstituted following the MRA meeting in September, 2018.

Membership is as follows:

Sally Babi,	Astrid Chklar (ex-officio),
Jane Cornish,	Liz Keable, Secretary,
Rebecca Young, Treasurer.	

Our thanks must be expressed to Bob Blanks Secretary (retired), for his hard work and diligence in setting up the scheme and operating it over the past eight years. The Lights have been a most welcome addition to the street scene in the Village and, hopefully, have encouraged residents to visit. Thanks, also, to Laurie & Richard for helping to put up & remove the tree & Richard for arranging its disposal.)

Committee

Unfortunately, despite a number of attempts over a month, it proved impossible to convene a quorate meeting. Accordingly, The Treasurer & Secretary met to plan the way forward, supported by the out-going Secretary. It was decided to follow the established programme & review for the 2020 Festive Lights.

Action Point for next year: Set a date for MFLC meeting, at September MRA meeting.

Donations

It was agreed to distribute the Lights donation letters at the same time as the MRA Autumn Newsletter. This was done but, as a result, the lights had been erected by the time all the letters had been distributed. It was feared that donations may be adversely affected. Fortunately, this proved unfounded. Thanks to members of the MFLC for targeting businesses in the village used by them. There was a very mixed result from traders.

Action Points for next year: Co-ordinate dates for distribution of Newsletter & lights letters at September MRA meeting & seek cheaper quote for letters.

Execution

Lights went up before 1st December, as requested, but without a specific date, so that the tree was not in place. Likewise, no specific date was set for the removal of lights & tree.

The lighting string outside the BP garage did not light. The contractor reported that the infrastructure had been removed. Laurie has agreed to request support from Cllr Cartwright to include the light fitting with repairs to the War Memorial lights.

The fitting on the lamppost on the corner of Court Road was repaired at the MFLC's request.

Only one of five tree lights was fully lit. A grant was applied for but not granted. At £3500 + VAT, a full set of tree lights is expensive as they only last three years on average.

Action Points for next year:

- Set specific dates to co-ordinate lights & tree.
- Ensure light fitting outside BP is operational.
- Decide on future & funding of tree lights.

Thoughts for Festive Season, 2019.

There may be the possibility of using the large holly tree, situated in 'no man's land' between the Methodist Church & flats, as a Christmas Tree. There is a light fitting on the adjacent lamppost which usually houses a motif. The Secretary has approached the contractor to see whether it is feasible & at what cost. No response to date. Permission would be needed from L.B. Bromley.

Has anyone any ideas or preferences for changes to the lights or tree? Please share them!

Ideas for fundraising especially welcome. Over the last two years, we have barely covered basic expenditure with no lea-way for inflation, repairs or replacements.

Rebecca Young
Treasurer

Liz Keable
Secretary.

Appendix B

Mottingham Residents Association

P&L 2018/19

Opening balances @ 1/4/18

Barclays	1071.68
Nationwide	14006.56

Total	15078.24
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Expenditure

St Andrews Church Mtg hire x 4	120.00
Summer Newsletter printing	76.00
Membership Cards	105.00
School Prospectus document	60.00
Keegan & Pennykid, Insurance	191.37
Remembrance Wreath	25.00
New Notice Board (T Biro)	40.80
Festival Lights	500.00
Bromley Residents Federation	10.00
Gift - Flowers M Henderson	25.00
Funeral Flowers - M Southam	30.00
Website renewal 5 years	239.94
AGM Speaker	60.00
AGM Equip cost	10.00
AGM notice Printing	30.00
AGM Raffle costs	23.25
AGM Hall Hire	60.00
Total Expenditure	1606.36

Receipts

AGM Raffle (net)	89.00
Nationwide Interest	
AGM Refreshments	19.32
Subscriptions 2018/19	1877.50
Advance Subs 2019/20	2.50
Donations	9.50
Total Income	1997.82

Closing balances @ 16/1/19

Barclays	1463.14
Nationwide	14006.56

Balance remaining	15078.24	13471.88	15469.70	15469.70
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