

MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th NOVEMBER 2016 AT CHRIS MUMBRAY HALL.

PRESENT

Richard Mainwaring-Burton- in the Chair (RM-B)Laurie Bell (LB)Robert Blanks (RB)Edmund Cavendish (EC)Jane Cornish (JC)Margaret Henderson (MH)Liz Keable (LK)Lesley RobinsLiz Keable (LK)

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr John Hills

Cllr Charles Rideout

APOLOGIES

Astrid Chklar (AC) Cllr David Cartwright Rebecca Young (RY)

MRA 16-237 MINUTES OF MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of 22nd September, 2016 were approved as a correct record of proceedings

MRA 16-238 MATTERS ARISING (not covered elsewhere)

- 227 Car parking charges for Mottingham Village. Nothing further has been heard from Cllr Smith however The Chairman advised that he had sent Cllr Smith some statistics based on monitoring of the parking spaces on 11 different days over a period of 1 Month. Over 1200 sessions were monitored during which a number of persistent over-stayers were noted however over the period 43% of total spaces were empty varying from a minimum of 1 to all 13 bays. The conclusion was that installation of parking meters would not free up additional spaces although more frequent monitoring would release spaces currently blocked by over-stayers.
- 229-1 Remembrance Service Reports of 300+ attendees. 23 wreaths or tributes hopefully recognition on website to come.
 Thanks to those who attended and to LK who alerted Chislehurst Society and Bromley Council to proposed police charges which were revoked following Council pressure.
- 229-2 Prospective road stewards for Evans Court done.
- 229-3 Village improvements- request emailed to both Greenwich and Bromley. Cllr Hills confirmed that the Greenwich Councillors had funds for the purpose and the items requested from them would be coming through in due course.

236 Venue for future meetings – the Chris Mumbray hall had been reserved for executive Committee meetings through 2017.

MRA 16-239 REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

239-1 Bromley Police

There being no Police representatives in attendance no report was available however LB advised that the next Community Advisory Panel (successor to the SNP) meeting was scheduled for next week.

239-2 Greenwich Police

In the absence of Greenwich Police Cllr Hills confirmed that crime in the New Eltham and Coldharbour ward was still the lowest in the Borough.

239-3 Bromley Residents' Federation

No report had been received from Ross Howie in time for the meeting.

239-4 Planning – Bromley

LK advised that the application for additional car parking spaces by Mottingham Hall Nursery had been refused.

It was also noted that Palmers Body Works had been sold and that planning approval for the construction of 12 housing units on the site had been granted. Concern was expressed about one existing retaining wall with serious cracks in it however from current plans it did not appear that this would be replaced.

Cllr Rideout advised that LB had drawn attention to another proposal to erect a telephone mast now on the corner of Highcombe Close. This was now subject to a pre-planning consultation. It was agreed that the MRA would object once again.

It was noted that Eltham College would be holding an open meeting on December 3rd at which it proposed to outline and discuss its plans for development and the steps being taken to reduce the parking problems in Mottingham Lane caused by parents dropping off and collecting Eltham College students.

239-5 Planning Greenwich

The appeal against refusal of planning approval for 35 Hartsmead had been turned down.

There was no decision at this time re the proposed development at 38 Chapel Farm Rd or the application by Treetops Nursery in West Park.

239-6 The Festive Lights Committee

RB advised that this year's appeal for funds had produced a good response with donations to date topping £1800 including sponsorship of lighting columns by Warr's, Jarman & Dixon and the NISA Supermarket. A cheque for the MRA contribution was also passed to RB.

MRA 16-240 PORCUPINE PUB

RB advised that there were two serious applications to purchase the site, both with a view to developing and re-opening the Pub. The PDC were seeking additional information with a view to deciding whether or not to support either or both applications. Having only received 2 bids (assumed to be from the above referenced individuals) Lidl were now seeking closed bids in a hope of increasing the sums offered.

With the ACV attached it was doubtful that the site would interest other developers and it was confirmed that the MRA should seek to have the ACV extended when it expires in 2018.

MRA 16-241 'NEW SCHOOL' PROPOSAL

LK reported that she and the Chairman had attended a very positive meeting with representatives from Greenwich Council who have agreed to provide whatever data they have.

LK also advised that she had recently attended a Bromley Planning event at which Bob Neil had spoken and referred to the downgrading of a lot of open land for other community use. LK took the opportunity to mention the lack of response from Bromley to the MRA's comments re the Local Plan but she did secure an undertaking to provide the 2015 stats which would be critical for the evaluation of any application for a new school.

It was decided to defer updating the 'New School Proposal' until such data had been received and evaluated.

MRA 16-242 AIRCRAFT NOISE

The problem of increased aircraft noise resulting from the changes at City Airport was considered and, during this item alone, it was noted that three low-flying aircraft could be heard flying over Mottingham. It appears that City Airport had not included Bromley in their consultation process and Cllr Hills confirmed that Greenwich were in the process of taking the issue up with City Airport.

MRA 16-243 CHAIR'S REPORT

Much of the Chair's report is being covered elsewhere in the meeting however RM-B did advise that the development of the website was progressing and it was hoped to have it up and running by the end of the year.

LB asked that we pay particular attention to security of the site.

MRA 16-244 TREASURER'S REPORT

LB tabled a P & L statement for the period to date a copy of which is attached to these minutes for reference.

Some 47% of the expected totals so far had been collected.

MRA 16-245 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

RM-B advised that we have three new Road Reps all from Avondale Road, that we now had access to Hillary Court and were hopeful about accessing Everest Court. There had however also been three resignations by existing Road Reps

MRA-16-246 LOCAL ISSUES AND MEMBER'S CONCERNS

JC reported concerns about car parking and speeding down West Hallowes which is increasingly being used as a cut through to the A20.

There had also been complaints about the car park in Foxes field being filled by visitors to Eltham College during sporting events when the College car park is inadequate.

LB was still pursuing an insurance claim re the demolished bench in Foxes field, the insurers having initially rejected the claim on the basis they could not identify the driver even though he had been charged as a result of the accident.

MRA-16-247 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LK drew attention to the latest version of Bromley's Local Plan which was open for consultation although there appeared to be little change from the previous version, at least as affects Mottingham.

Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 26 January 2017 Thursday 16 March 2017 Thursday 22nd June 2017 Thursday 21st September 2017 Thursday 23rd November 2017

2017 AGM Wednesday 26th April

ACTION POINTS	When by	By Whom
None		