

Annual General Meeting of the  
KESTONVILLAGERESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020

AGENDA

***Due to the coronavirus outbreak, this meeting was held by conference call between a quorum of committee members. David Clapham, Shelly Sturdy, Hilary Ryder, Peter Zieminski and Kimball Ormond.***

1. Chairman's opening remarks.

Keston Village Residents' Association (KVRA) continues to work on behalf of all residents to represent majority views whilst always seeking to improve our village.

Planning Matters Terry Boley monitors Planning Applications carefully and regularly updates our website, [www.kvra.org.uk](http://www.kvra.org.uk) with any relevant planning applications. Terry attends the regular LBB Advisory Panel for Conservation Areas (APCA) and advises KVRA on planning matters.

Biggin Hill Airport Limited (BHAL) We continue to monitor the airport's performance. Vivien Haskey represents KVRA on the Flightpath Watch Committee. BHAL has appointed a new Chief Executive. LBB has recently agreed to the development of a 5-acre sized hangar, an hotel and a new college.

Heathfield Road- B265-Traffic speed and volumes through the village. KVRA remain keen to achieve pedestrian safety improvements. These include an improved method for crossing the road, safer pavement configuration and a suitable way to bring about fewer vehicles and lower speeds. Paul Spencer has carried out a survey of residents, many thanks to everyone who responded. The survey notes that the vast majority of residents have noticed the huge increase in the speed and volume of traffic, since the new roundabout, as KVRA had forecast and tried to avoid. Many people no longer use the pavements to access the local shops as they are concerned about the traffic. We will update residents and be sharing the survey results with our Councillors, asking them to support us in obtaining traffic calming measures and a safe means to cross the road.

Christmas Lights

We were pleased that we could afford to fund the lights again this year and we are grateful for donations from Wrinkle3 and the Greyhound and also for the contributions made in the collection boxes located in the Village stores, the Post Office and the Greyhound, however we will have to raise the full amount of £1,000 over this year if we are to have Xmas lights in the Village for Christmas 2020. If you want to donate, please make an electronic transfer to the KVRA Santander Bank Account; Sort Code: 09-01-29 Account 35321237 alternatively drop a cheque into 21 Heathfield Road.

Routine KVRA Meetings During the past year we have decided to reduce routine meeting frequency to quarterly. This decision was taken against the background of fewer items on our agenda. We are grateful to The Greyhound for allowing us to use their tea-room for our meetings and The Fox too for their support. We continue to invite our local Councillors to join our routine meetings and are grateful for their support.

London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation KVRA remains a member and have agreed to no longer send a member to each federation meeting but instead to rely on the routine minutes to update us.

KVRA Newsletter, Website and Facebook page We make it an important task for KVRA to communicate and work closely with our residents and the local groups; Keston Residents' Road Safety Group (KRRSG) and Friends of Keston Common (FoKC). Hilary Ryder issues the KVRA Newsletter, Les Oosthuizen manages our website and Michelle Blythe oversees the KVRA Facebook group. We are grateful to Hilary, Les and Michelle for all their efforts.

Countryside Day - The date for this year is Sunday 28th June. I am grateful to Hilary Ryder, Vivien Haskey, Les and Alison Oosthuizen who all play important roles in the organisation.

Poppies on lamp-posts- Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020. Once again KVRA plan to continue to support and to honour the heroic efforts, achievements and sacrifices that were made in past wars by locating large poppies on the lamp posts in the run-up up to Remembrance Sunday. We thank Peter Zieminski for looking after this work. We need to replace some Poppies this year that have been lost through adverse weather and wear and tear. Poppies can be sponsored with a donation of at least £5. Donations to our Treasurer, Hilary Ryder, or electronic transfers to the new KVRA Santander Bank Account; Sort Code: 09-01-29 Account 35321237.

War Memorial~Centennial Commemoration--Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Peter Zieminski has initiated a project, supported by KVRA, which will mark the centenary of the installation of the War Memorial. There are several work streams being progressed by volunteers; a service at Keston Parish Church at 2.30pm followed by a commemoration event at 3.45pm at the Memorial; the restoration and cleaning of the Memorial; the installation of a plaque in the Church with the names of an additional 22 men who died while serving during the Great War; erecting an interpretation board near the Memorial to record its history and the names of the men not currently shown on the Memorial; the installation of a 6ft aluminium 'Tommy' Silhouette and publicity and fund raising. Please note the date and we would welcome your support.

New Chairman As David Clapham left the role of Chairman, he recorded his appreciation to all committee members past and present for their unstinting efforts on behalf of Keston Village residents and in support of him. We have made worthwhile achievements; however, there remains much to do to protect and improve our Conservation Village in line with our Constitution.

He wished KVRA's new Chair - Shelley Sturdy and the committee, every success as they carry on this important work.

2. Minutes of the AGM held 6th June 2019 were agreed

3. Matters arising – Peter Zieminski hoped that a memorial plaque could be put up in the church. His report is attached below.

4. Adoption of Chairman's Report - adopted

5. Adoption of Treasurer's Report – adopted. Attached below. Hilary Ryder thanked the auditor John Turner.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The officers and committee members are; Chairman Shelley Sturdy; Vice Chairman Peter Zieminski; Treasurer Hilary Ryder; Secretary Kimball Ormond; Planning & APCA Terence Boley & John Algar; Social Gaynor Christie & Gail Spencer; Website Les Oosthuizen Alison Oosthuizen; Biggin Hill Vivien Haskey, Jim Woolcott; Road Safety Paul Spencer.

All duly agreed to stand.

Finally, Kim Ormond thanked David for all his hard work over the last 10 years and said the KVRA Committee and Keston Ave Committee would like to present him with a "Dinner for 2" at Chapter One (when it reopens!)

Treasurer's report for the financial year 14 February 2019 – 29 February 2020

Income £7708.40

Expenditure £5413.55

Balance at 29/2/2020 £2294.85

Balance in War Memorial fund £1800.08

Balance in Fox Lane fund £200

Balance in KVRA general fund £294.77

Project Update Report

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**Workstream 1 - The Replication of the Original Unveiling Ceremony at the Church and then at the Memorial followed by a Social Event at the Village Hall (*Workstream Leads: Gail & Alison*)**

- Application to the LBB Safety Advisory Group (Peter) – Despite repeated follow up emails we haven't received a reply to our application. There is no telephone contact number for this Group. Peter is continuing to follow this up with the Council.
- Public Liability Insurance (Peter) – A quote has been obtained and is included as an expense in the Project's Funding Statement
- Traffic Diversion – Temporary Traffic Order (Peter) – The Council refused our application and their suggested alternative (a wider traffic diversion involving Transport For London Bus diversions and the employment of a Traffic Management Company to facilitate any diversion) is beyond the financial capability of our Project.
- Review of the proposals for the Social Event at the Village Hall (Gail) – Plans are well under way with the Women's Institute agreeing to support the refreshments.
- Invitations (Alison) – Alison has been collating replies – some queries have arisen from the Offices of The Mayor and Bob Stewart M.P. We need to clarify whether or not they will attend. We will focus on confirming active Participant invitations as a priority.

**Workstream 2 - The Cleaning of the War Memorial (*Workstream Lead: David*)**

- Application of 'Wet & Forget' solution (David) – An initial application of the 'Wet & Forget' solution has taken place and further applications will take place once the current Coronavirus infection restrictions are lifted. Monitoring will then take place to see if any further applications are required.

**Workstream 3 - The Installation of an Interpretation Board (*Workstream Lead: Viv*)**

- The completed Board has been delivered. Peter has liaised with Larry regarding the installation logistics. Stephen Lofting from ideverde has agreed that the location for the Information Board and the Tommy silhouette will be between the existing Keston Common Sign and the Memorial Bench adjacent to the disabled access path.

