

Keston Village Residents' Association – Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 8th June 2017 8:00pm Keston Village Hall

Present

David Clapham	Chairperson	Cllr Steven Carr
Kimball Ormond	Secretary	Cllr Ruth Bennett
Les Oosthuizen	Treasurer	Cllr Alexa Michael
John Algar	Committee	
Vivien Haskey	Committee	
Alison Oosthuizen	Committee	
Gaynor Christie	Committee	
Peter Zieminski	Committee	
Terence Boley	Committee	

Apologies

Hilary Ryder Vice Chairperson

1. Chairman's opening remarks: David Clapham welcomed those present including our local councillors and our three guest speakers, Alfred Kennedy, Ted Williams and Peter Zieminsky. Also, Larry Herbert Chair of Friends of Keston Common.
2. The Chairman's report :
 - PLANNING MATTERS
 - We routinely monitor Planning Applications and communicate to residents when local opinion is needed. We are fortunate to have Terry Boley as our planning representative. Terry is also a member of the Advisory Panel for Conservation Areas (APCA).
 - BIGGIN HILL
 - Since writing the report on the green Agenda document, I am sure you will know that the new longer operating hours have started. The new hours are Monday to Friday 06.30am to 23.00pm and for Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 08.00am to 22.00pm.
 - As one of the conditions of obtaining permission a Noise Monitoring and Track Keeping (NMTK) system is available on-line for residents to view accurate records of the tracks an aircraft follows with height and proximity to your home easily displayed. In addition there are two fixed noise monitoring stations located either end of the main runway. The real-time data from these stations is available for you to view on-line. We have produced a document, which provides a step-by-step guide on how to use the new system – copies are available at the back of the hall.

- Flightpath Watch the group which seeks to protect and improve the environment, amenity and quality of life of residents in the area continues to represent you. Their AGM is to be held at 8pm this coming Monday 12th June at the British Legion Hall in Petts Wood. I encourage those residents with an interest in Biggin Hill operations to attend.

- The Biggin Hill area is a designated Strategic Outer London Development Centre (SOLDC) which means that it benefits from certain planning advantages and you will see over the coming months and years more development taking place.

- NEW ROUNDABOUT at JUNCTION of HEATHFIELD ROAD and WESTERHAM ROAD
 - The new roundabout at the junction of Heathfield Road and the Westerham Road is now in place and following a few initial minor accidents is now settling down.

- SPEED of TRAFFIC on HEATHFIELD ROAD
 - KVRA and more recently Keston Residents' Road Safety Group (KRRSG) have campaigned to LBB for something to be done to limit the speed of traffic on Heathfield Road. Following an initial undertaking that physical measures would be installed, after much chasing the Council are now proposing to paint a section of Heathfield Road and install new signs just north of the windmill and prior to the junction with Fishponds Road. At the junction of Keston Avenue there will be similar road markings.
 - The plans are on display on the easel for you to view.
 - My personal view is that the LBB proposal will prove to be ineffective in dealing with the long term problem we have highlighted. However time will tell.

- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
 - Everyone was very pleased with the Christmas Lights we had for the second year last Christmas; our thanks to Hilary Ryder and Gaynor Christie for their fund raising efforts working with local traders to make this happen. Please continue to support this worthwhile initiative with donations to Les or left at the Post Office in an envelope marked 'Christmas Lights'.

- POPPIES ON LAMP POSTS – 13th November 2017
 - Another positive action from KVRA...we will continue to mount large Poppies on the lamp-posts in the month up to Poppy Day. Each Poppy can be sponsored at a small cost of £3. Please sponsor on-line or again a cheque in an envelope left at the Post Office.

- FACEBOOK
 - Our thanks to Michelle Blythe who has helped the KVRA communication network greatly by setting up a KVRA Facebook page.

- NEWSLETTER
 - Hilary Ryder continues to circulate the KVRA Newsletter, which now reaches approximately 300 residents. If you have e-mail and do not receive the Newsletter, please pass your email address to Hilary Ryder.

- KESTON VILLAGE HALL
 - Four of your committee members also serve on the Village Hall Trust. There was an article in the papers recently announcing the 'death-knell' of small local village halls resulting from a lack of volunteers to take on tasks associated with managing village halls. I am **very pleased** to record that our village hall continues to **thrive**. Last year we had 16 weddings 53 children's and other parties and 560 hirings of this hall and 400 hirings of the Jubilee Room downstairs. A typical year records income of £35,000.

 - Over recent years the Trust has managed a significant extension to provide improved toilet facilities, completely redecorated the hall, enlarged the car parking facilities, arranged a new kitchen, new flooring and curtains for the Jubilee Room and has in place plans to re-surface the floor of this main room.

 - The hire rates are very reasonable and I would encourage you to think about using these wonderful facilities if you don't already do so...we don't want to go the way of the many other village halls reported in the Telegraph.

Forthcoming events for your diary;

- COUNTRYSIDE DAY
 - Is on Sunday 25th June so put that in your diary

- 3. Minutes of AGM held 1st June 2016 were circulated
 Proposed by Terry Boley
 Seconded by Larry Herbert
- 4. Matters Arising
 None
- 5. Adoption of Chairman's Report
 Proposed by Rosie Turner
 Seconded by Lesley Lowes

6. Treasurer's Report (see separate report)

Proposed by Michell Blythe

Seconded by Lesley Lowes

7. Election of Committee

David Clapham thanked all the committee for their support during the past year. Mike Ormond, Carol Morrison and Michelle Blythe have resigned and David thanked them for their efforts and support over many years.

New recruits to the committee are always welcome. If there are people here tonight who would like to play a closer part in Village life through the KVRA committee, please let him know.

David asked the whole meeting if they were happy to agree to the election of the committee as a whole. This was put to the meeting and agreed unanimously. The whole committee was duly elected and will serve for the coming year.

8. Guest Speakers: Our first Guest Speaker is ALFRED KENNEDY. Chairman of Bromley Neighbourhood Watch Association, gave us an update on the work of this important local group.

The next speakers were TED WILLIAMS and PETER ZIEMINSKI both well known to many residents. Ted & Peter recounted the Keston related stories they have uncovered as they have been researching their new book on the Great War

9. Any other business:

1) Sandy Flynn said that the speed of traffic along Heathfield Rd had increased and Mathew added that any measures taken so far had not had any effect and the proposed new road markings would not have any either.

2) Chrissy encouraged people to support the Keston Village Store.

3) Jerry Clifton wanted people to be aware of the idverde clearance work on the common. He was concerned at certain tree clearance and the overgrown nature of the ancient ditch and the fact that more and more walkers are channelled along paths rather than being allowed to wander freely. Larry Herbert (Chair of Friends of Keston Common) was asked to comment and he explained the importance of maintaining the heathland. A meeting with idverde may be the best way forward. Larry Herbert . Larry also commented that Keston common had SSSI and Ancient Monument status and they were applying for Green Flag status.

4) Dr Singh complained that the road signs for Heathfield Rd and Westerham Rd were now in the wrong place since the new roundabout was installed.

There were 60 people present including 3 councillors and 2 speakers.

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT -

07/06/2017

	£	Cr
Opening Balance - 01 June 2016	151.43	
Add:		
INCOME		
Proceeds from AGM	131.30	
Proceeds from Countryside Day	40.00	
Donations - Tree	185.00	
Bank Interest	1.34	
Donations - Poppy appeal	100.00	
Donations - Christmas Lights and signs	1,332.00	
	<u>1,789.64</u>	
Less:		
EXPENDITURE		
Donation to the British Legion	-100.00	
Christmas Light Signs	-378.00	
Christmas Lights - Install, take down and store	-960.00	
Printing - AGM Leaflets	-110.00	
AGM wine	-46.88	
LBBRF subscriptions 2017	-10.00	
	<u>-</u>	
	<u>1,604.88</u>	
TOTAL KVRA FUNDS AVAILABLE	336.19	Cr
Fox Lane Fund (£150 x 17)	2,500.00	
Fox Lane Fund - Paid out	-2,100.00	400.00
Bank Balance as at 07/06/2017	736.19	