

Keston Village Residents' Association – Annual General Meeting

Thursday 7th June 2018 8:00pm Keston Village Hall

Present

David Clapham	Chairperson	
Kimball Ormond	Secretary	Cllr Robert McIlveen
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

Cllr Dr David Jefferys, Susan & John Myhre, Colin & Heather Abram

Item 1. Chairman's opening remarks; David Clapham welcomed those present including 2 of our Ward Councillors Cllr. Alexa Michael and Cllr Robert McILVEEN. Also Larry Herbert Chair of the Friends of Keston Common and our guest speaker, Tudor Davies.

- PLANNING MATTERS

- KVRA 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

- As you will know 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. We are grateful to Viv Haskey who is our representative on that group.
- The Biggin Hill area is a designated Strategic Outer London Development Centre (SOLDC) and we understand the hotel for flight crews is due to be constructed shortly and an additional hangar has just received planning permission.
- During the past year we have become aware of a document from LoCATE (London Centre for Aviation Technology and Enterprise) which is a partnership of public and private sector organisations promoting Biggin Hill Airport as a centre for the aerospace industry in London. This document is well constructed and an easy read. There is a full copy on the table and excerpts, which you can take away. Please be aware of the 12 “asks” and in particular the infrastructure requests..... “better access to the M25”....”Enhance the local road network” and the “realignment of the Green Belt”. KVRA are not against development *per se* as long as the reasonable requests of local residents carry weight and the support of our elected representatives.
- SPEED of TRAFFIC on HEATHFIELD ROAD
 - KVRA reported to you last year that ...”despite the promise 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”. We showed you the plans.
 - David said he was disappointed that one year on we have nothing to show for our efforts. The Councillors present were not able to update the meeting.
- CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
 - The light switching on function was a great success with several hundred people turning up on the 3rd December.
 - David wanted to record our thanks to Hilary Ryder and Gaynor Christie and Gail Spencer, Dave at the Greyhound and all the others 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 – 11th November 2018**
 - 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.

- **RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP – Sunday 20th May 2018**
 - In view of the huge success of the Light switching on ceremony and to mark the Royal Wedding, Gaynor and Gail again supported other helpers and by Dave at the Greyhound staged a fun function. It was another great success and raised over £800 some of which will go to the Reedham Childrens Trust.

- **FACEBOOK**
 - Our thanks to Michelle Blythe who has helped the KVRA communication network greatly by running the KVRA Facebook page.

- **NEWSLETTER**
 - Hilary Ryder continues to circulate the KVRA Newsletter. 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. To update you, our village hall continues to thrive.

 - During the last year the floor here in this room has been resurfaced and a state of the art Fire Alarm System has been installed.

 - The hire rates remain 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.

Forthcoming events for your diary;

- COUNTRYSIDE DAY

- Is on Sunday 24th June 2018 so please add that to your diary. Countryside Day is organised by the Friends of Keston Common. This committed group of volunteers already do a sterling job of looking after the Common and I would like to record our thanks to them for the significant planning and organization they do for Countryside Day.
- KVRA have a small stand where we encourage young children to try their hand at some games and to provide an opportunity for existing and new residents to suggest ideas and raise any concerns with committee members in a relaxed atmosphere.

Turning to tonight's Agenda;

Item 2. Minutes of last years AGM.

Proposer: Terry Boley and Seconded by: Rosemary Cogswell

Item 3. There were no Matters arising

Item 4. Adoption of Chairman's Report 2018

Proposer: Lesley Lowes and Seconder: John Turner

Item 5. Adoption of Treasurer's Report – Les Oosthuizen

Proposer: John McQueen and Seconder: Larry Herbert

Item 6. Election of Officers and Committee Members;

David thanked all the committee for their support during the past year.

There was one new recruit not mentioned on your agenda – Shelley Sturdy.

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

These are the only changes and I propose that if you accept these and us as a group that you elect them as a group, is the meeting happy to follow this suggestion?

Chairman	David Clapham	
Vice Chairman	Hilary Ryder	
Treasurer	Les Oosthuizen	
Secretary	Kimball Ormond	
Committee Members	Leela Florey	<u>Co-Opted</u>
	Vivien Haskey	Wanda Woolcott
	Peter Zieminski	Gail Spencer
	Alison Oosthuizen	Paul Spencer
	Terence Boley	Deepak Aryal
	Gaynor Christie	
	John Algar	
	Jim Woolcott	
	Peter Zieminski	
	Shelley Sturdy	

Proposer: Toby Blythe and Secoder: Mr Singh

Guest Speaker;

- We have a speaker tonight who I know is well known to many residents – Tudor Davies. As well as being a committed member of the Friends of Keston Common and their Treasurer, Tudor leads walks within the area and has a great knowledge of local history. Tudor originally came to Bromley in 1963 to join Bromley Technical College as a lecturer in Economics and History, so I think we are in for an interesting talk.....Tudor is going to speak on the history of some of the old perhaps unknown local houses of Keston.

Any other business.

- a) It was suggested that a new survey be commissioned to measure the traffic in Heathfield Rd since the new roundabout was built.
- b) The Heathfield Rd sign should be relocated from its position at Westerham Rd
- c) £100 would be released from the Fox Hill Fund to KVRA funds.
- d) More attention needed to be paid the parking at the junction of Commonsides and Stour Cl.

Many stayed to enjoy a glass of wine and some snacks

There were 58 attendees including 2 Councillors and the guest speaker