

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
23rd January 2019, 7:30pm at The Greyhound

Committee Present:	David Clapham	Cllr Alexa Michael
	Kimball Ormond	Alison Oosthuizen
	John Algar	Les Oosthuizen
	Hilary Ryder	Shelly Sturdy
	Gaynor Christy	Cllr Robert McIlveen
	Peter Zieminski	Viv Haskey

- 1. Apologies** – Cllr Jefferys, Terry Boley, Jim Woolcott
- 2. Minutes of meeting 21 Nov 2018** - Approved
- 3. Matters Arising** – David Clapham announced that Michelle Blythe had resigned from the committee but would continue with the Facebook page.
- 4. Treasurers Report** – Les Oosthuizen said we are changing our bank account and a full report would be given next meeting.
David Clapham said he would fund the difference required for the defibrillator cabinet until sufficient funds were available.
- 5. APCA** – Terry Boley submitted the following report. 2 Oakfield Lane. An application to fell 2 Lawson cypresses and cut back an oak was refused. The Tree Officer considered the trees were in good condition and being at the edge of the property next to Commonsides their loss would be detrimental to the CA.

Land to the rear of 15-21 Commonsides (DC/18/05112)

This is a proposal to build a detached 2 storey five bedroom house on a large wooded, unkempt plot of land. The site is reached by the footpath alongside no.21 Commonsides. This footpath does give vehicle access to ' Sunavon', a bungalow situated where the footpath narrows to lead into Keston Gardens.

The application was discussed by the APCA earlier this month and they considered it would not be detrimental to the CA, particularly the view across the Common towards the row of terrace houses.

However many neighbouring residents have registered objections and, on behalf of the KVRA, we have commented to the LBB drawing attention to the restricted access to the site (which involves construction vehicles using the 3m wide footpath) and the difficulty in protecting the 2 trees at the front of the site which have TPOs. This footpath is used by parents and children to get to Keston Gardens and the school.

We have asked Cllr. Michael to 'call-in' the application so that it can be considered by Councilors.

'Greys', 60 Heathfield Road (DC/18/05459)

The previous application was for a rear extension, basement and other changes (DC/18/04544). KVRA did not object to the bulk of the proposal but we did oppose the 2 front rooflights which we felt were contrary to the SPG (Supplementary Planning Guidance) for our CA. However the planners' considered that the proposals were acceptable.

The reason for refusal of that application was that the Tree Officer feared there would be damage to trees closer to the extension and its rear terrace. Hence the LBB refused permission.

There is now a revised application which is intended to address the Tree Officer's concerns. KVRA will simply comment that provided the Tree Officer is satisfied with the proposal we have no objection.

6. **Planning** – See above. Plus, Cllr Michael said the LBB Draft Plan had now been adopted. Permission had been granted for Keston Church to extend their car park and would check to see if Herbert's had applied for a 'change of use'.
7. **Policing** – Cllr Michael reported that Walpole Rd police station would close
8. **Transport** – Nothing to report
9. **London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation** – LBBRF Report attached. John Algar said he would attend the next meeting on 21st March 2019 and Alison Oosthuizen on 18th July 2019. The one in between needs a volunteer. See attached note with dates.
10. **AOB** – a) **Keston War Memorial**. Peter Zieminski submitted a paper (attached) discussing possible plans to hold a ceremony commemorating 100 years since the consecration of the memorial. It could include the 24 names left off the original dedication, an interpretation board and possibly cleaning the stone. His plan and suggested workstreams are discussed in the attached paper.

b) **Heathfield Road**. A traffic survey was underway. Questions were raised - "what happens to the data and what happens next?"

c) **The Christmas lights** cost c£1000 p.a. We need fund raising suggestions.

d) **The defibrillator** had been delivered and is awaiting a cabinet.

e) **Pot Hole Warden scheme**. Peter Zieminski suggested we should resurrect last years' rota, which is attached.

g) Cllr Michael said that LBB was represented at the Mayor's Planning summit.
Cllr Michael also reported that LBB Children's Services had received a "Good with outstanding leadership" report.

Next Committee meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019 at 7:30pm in The Greyhound Tea Rooms, Keston

Future Committee meeting Dates All Wednesdays - 22 May, 24 July, 27 Nov
AGM – Thursday 6 June

9) **LBBRF** The committee agreed at it last meeting to share the duty of attending the London Borough of Bromley Federation meetings.

Essentially the Federation exists to provide a two-way communication channel between local Residents' Associations and the Federation.

Taken from their constitution, the objects of the Federation are:

- (a) To watch the interests of the residents in the Borough at large – inter alia to promote the preservation, development and improvement of the environment and amenities of the area.
- (b) To support and co-ordinate the efforts of the member associations, whilst the member associations exist to watch the interests of the residents in their own area.

Peter Zieminski has volunteered to attend the January meeting, please do likewise to fill the remaining dates shown below.

Federation Dates 2019

Date	KVRA attendee
All Thursdays commencing 7:30pm	
17th January	Peter Zieminski (Report below)
21st March	
16th May	
18th July	
19th September	
21st November	

Venue:
Epworth Room
Methodist Church
North Street
Bromley
BR1 3NS

Approach from West Street
Church is on the corner of North Street and College Rd

Item 9)contd. LBB Residents' Federation Council Meeting – 17th January 2019

Information

The LBB Residents' Federation held its Council Meeting which was attended by just under 50% of its membership.

The following is a synopsis of the meeting:

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 15th November 2018 – There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report - There was no report due to the absence of the Chairman.

Secretary's Report – The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer arrived late and subsequently informed the meeting that three Residents' Associations had not renewed their membership and that there was £176.63 in the Current Account and just over £3000.00 in the Deposit Account. He will propose that the membership subscriptions will remain at £10 at the AGM in March. Residents' Associations are asked to wait until they receive invoices from him before renewing. Where ever possible subscriptions should be paid by BACS transfer.

Reports from Representatives

Airport – Peter Osbourne gave his views about the facilities and contents of the new Museum which will open on the 2nd February 2019. There is still no news on a date for the installation of the GPS guided approach for Runway 03 -its is a low priority for the CAA. He could not obtain any data regarding Keston as the Airport deems them to be confidential [NOTE: *I am not sure what data he was referring to and clarification was not forthcoming at the meeting*]. Clearing work is underway to land at the end of the runway outside the perimeter on the opposite side of Main Road for the installation of new runway approach lighting. The site for the Aviation College has now been moved to adjacent to the proposed hotel site. There have been no requests by Residents' Associations for the deployment of the portable sound measuring equipment used to provide evidence complaints regarding noise – the Chairman has asked for it to be deployed at his home to validate complaints from members of the Crofton Residents' Association.

There then followed a long circular discussion about the 'politics' behind the Chapel and Museum with no positive outcomes.

Planning – Andrea Stevens distributed an information sheet which she then went through [NOTE: *Copy attached with this briefing note*].

There then followed a nine-minute discussion about the siting of TfL portable toilets and toilets facilities in general.

ACPA – David Wood updated the meeting about the redevelopment proposals for Ethelbert Close for which the Council has set aside £25m for property purchase. He had a note that said that there was an application for the erection of a two storey, five-bedroom house at the rear of 15-21 Commonside. [NOTE: *Is this the old Rectory?*]

Countryside Panel / Green Belt – No report – this item will be removed from futures agendas a it is covered under Planning.

Transport – David Wood gave the meeting the benefit of his views regarding the comfort or otherwise of the new 700 Class Thameslink trains and timetable shortcomings including ways in which one can travel from Bromley to London in the evening.

Road Safety – Peter Daintree said that no new 20 mph speed limits would be introduced to the Borough due to pollution issues and there being little evidence to support their effectiveness [NOTE – *Given that there is no data available regarding speed enforcement outcomes at 20 mph speed limit locations it is little wonder that their effectiveness is doubted*]. The Ultra-Low Emission Zone will extend to include the South Circular by 2021. The newly introduced cycle lanes between Crofton Road and Orpington Railway Station have cost the equivalent of £1m per mile.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm – date of next meeting (and the AGM) Thursday the 21st March 2019

KVRA Pothole Wardens

Information

Potholes have the potential to cause potentially serious accidents and cause damage to motor vehicles motorcycles and bicycles. In addition, they are a trip hazard to pedestrians with the potential to cause serious injury through falls. Recent bad weather has led to an increase in the number of potholes and crumbling road surfaces in the Village.

According to many Councils, in order to count as a pothole, the hole must be at least 40mm deep (about the height of two 20p coins). The Highways Act 1980 sets out the requirements for the Council to repair and maintain roads and pavements. The Council's policy sets out the frequency of inspection and if the pothole (or a defect such as uneven paving slabs) was not recorded at the time of the inspection then they are not held to be responsible for injury or damage caused by defects they have not been made aware of. Having been made aware of defects then the policy sets out timescales for repair.

Intention

In keeping with the KVRA strategic aim of making the Village safe and accessible to all the intention is to carry out regular inspections of the main roads and pavements in the Village so that potholes and defects can be reported to the Council who are then obliged to carry out repairs in accordance with its policy.

Method

Inspections will be undertaken by volunteers every two months and potholes and defects will be reported to the Council using the 'Fix My Street' website (<https://fix.bromley.gov.uk>). Volunteers will need to sign up to the Council website to report defects (<https://fix.bromley.gov.uk/auth>). The KVRA encourages every resident to support this initiative and if they find a defect then should report it and not rely on the volunteers alone. We will begin on the 7th April 2018 and carry out inspections every two months thereafter. Volunteers will report all potholes and defects irrespective of size as they can become worse very quickly depending on road use and weather conditions.

Administration

The following roads will be monitored by the volunteers shown:

Commonside – Jim Woolcott

Fox Hill – Terry Boley

West Common Road – Hilary Ryder

Lakes Road – Gaynor Christie

Heathfield Road (from the Westerham Road Roundabout to Greys Park Close) – Peter Zieminski

Heathfield Road (from Greys Park Close to Commonside) – Les and Alison Oosthuizen

If there are volunteers for other roads, then please inform the KVRA Committee.

Communication

Inspections will be a standing agenda item for future KVRA Committee meetings and residents will be able to track reports and outcomes using the 'Fix My Street' website.