

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
26th September 2012 at 4, Heritage Hill

Committee Present:	David Clapham (Chairman)	Hilary Ryder
	Kimball Ormond	Carol & Chris Mulinder
	Cllr Alexa Michael	Leela Florey
	Terry Boley	Les Oosthuizen

1. **Apologies** – Received from Cllr Carr, Cllr Bennett, Alison Oosthuizen and Viv Haskey
2. **Minutes of meeting 25th July 2012**- Read and approved
3. **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Les reported the report hadn't changed since the last meeting. David asked for a breakdown of the income and donations from the AGM.
5. **APCA** - Terry Boley is now a full voting member and David thanked him for all his hard work. Terry reported that APCA were taking a special interest in planning applications where a building(s) were knocked down and a much larger one proposed.
6. **Planning** – Terry reported that The Fox public house planning application had been refused and no appeal lodged. The matter would now go to the enforcement officer. Fox Hill Farm had withdrawn their application for an extension and the application for the siting of poly-tunnels was refused. They would move the tunnels. All applications were on our website.
Alexa reported the Government's proposals to allow people to construct single storey rear extensions, conservatories, etc, without planning permission for a three year period up to 2015 would be fought by LB Bromley. It was possible that Bromley Council would work with Richmond Council to resist the proposals. The proposals also included a suggestion to allow unused office space to be converted into residential accommodation without the need for planning permission, also up until 2015.
Terry reported that there was still no news about any proposed development on the plot at the corner of Lakes Rd/Keston Ave and there were no TPOs issued. He would keep an eye on it. Hilary reported that the people buying Mr Potter's old house were going to repair it, not redevelop it.
7. **Policing** – Alexa reported that the Police were proposing to change their structure, including the structure of Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs). Currently SNTs can determine three Priority actions – it is proposed to replace

these with one Promise. Priorities would be determined further up the Police hierarchy. Keston Ward reported the second lowest crime figures in Bromley and they were reducing slightly. Leela said she had twice called the Police to disturbances in Lakes Rd but no one attended.

8. **Transport** – Hilary had nothing to report.
9. **Biggin Hill** – Nothing to report.
10. **LB Bromley Resident's Federation** – David attended the LBBRF meeting and said the minutes would follow. Alexa reported that a new Assistant Chief Planning Officer – Jim Kehoe – had been appointed with the intention of eventually taking over from Chief Planner Bob McQuillan (depending on the latter's health). It was reported that the Planning office had a large number of positions unfilled and a lot of expertise had left. David expressed concern at this. Planning is under the Renewal & Recreational Dept (Marc Hume). David planned to write to Cllr Carr and Cllr Peter Dean (Chairman of Development Control) to express our concern. It was noted that Cllr Anne Manning (Hayes & Coney Hall Ward) was equally concerned.
It was reported that flight movements at Biggin Hill had increased by 12.5% over the Olympic period but there seemed to be no complaints.
There will be a Residents Association Planning Seminar on Saturday 17th November. Details to follow.
David reported that Bromley would like to encourage more carers to volunteer.
11. **AOB** – Keston Village sign. After an email from Martin Pinnell (Head of Town Centre Management and Business Support - Culture, Libraries and Leisure Division) it was decided that the whole process of erecting the sign should be a Council project. Carol Mulinder advised the Committee about the amount of work that they had put into this project and Richard Geiger (the sign manufacturer) would follow their design.
Catherine Rose, Footpath. David has written to Andrew King (Rights of Way Officer) to explain clearly which footpath needs the barrier changed to allow her double buggy access.
NHS Orpington. A consultation booklet explaining the options for the future of Orpington Hospital is available at Doctor's surgeries and pharmacies. The closing date for submissions is 29th October.
Keston Village Hall. Brian Etheridge's plans had been turned down previously, but he was looking to submit a new scheme.
Lorries in Keston David had received a phone call saying there was a project underway. We await the outcome with baited breath!
Katrina Holland had asked the Committee for ideas for any Heritage projects.
Leela said the Friends of Keston Common would like to erect history boards at various points on the Common around Keston. The Committee supported the idea.
Bromley Civic Society was monitoring proposals surrounding the former DSS building at Bromley South.

Leela complained about the bad parking at the exit of Lakes Rd into Heathfield Rd but we were unable to come up with any ideas to prevent it. Alexa reported that the appeal against planning refusal at Cherry Lodge Golf Club had taken place and the Council was awaiting the result. It was also reported that the Council had granted planning permission for a development in The Walnuts, Orpington, for a seven screen cinema and four large retail units. Cray Wanderers Football Club had submitted a proposal for the redevelopment of their site including a football stadium (capacity 5,153) with club facilities, fitness centre including 20 metre (60 foot) swimming pool and multi-use arena, outdoor all-weather full-size football pitch, 182 houses and a 115 bedroom hotel on Green Belt in Sandy Lane, St Paul's Cray. However, this had been unanimously refused on 10 separate planning grounds. Alexa advised that a local policing survey was circulating and she would forward it to KVRA members.

There would be public consultations on LBB Budgeting at the following locations: Bromley Civic Centre – 7th Nov 7:00pm. Orpington Methodist Church – 8th Nov 7pm. Beckenham Citygate Church 19th Nov 7pm and Bromley Civic Centre 22nd Nov 11:00am.

12. **Next Committee Meeting:-** Wednesday 21st November at Hilary Ryder's 21 Heathfield Rd, 7:30pm