

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
22nd May 2013 at 4 Heritage Hill

Committee Present:	David Clapham (Chairman)	Hilary Ryder
	Kimball Ormond	Carol & Chris Mulinder
	Cllr Ruth Bennett	Terry Boley
	Alison Oosthuizen	Leela Florey
	Les Oosthuizen	Mike Ormond
	Viv Haskey	John Algar
	Cllr Alexa Michael	

1. **Apologies** – Received from Cllr Carr (but he would try and attend later) and Toby Blythe
2. **Minutes of meeting** 27th March 2013 - Read and approved
3. **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Les reported that we had £549.10 in the bank, £283 of which were the remains of the Keston School fighting fund.
5. **APCA** – Terry said there were no objections to the plans for an extension to the Village Hall.
6. **Planning** –The Queen’s Gardens appeal had been heard and now LBB awaited the Inspector’s judgement.
Alexa reported that the public consultation period for the Local Development Framework had ended on 15th April 2013.
Alexa also stated that the changes to permitted development around single storey rear extensions of up to eight metres (c30 foot) meant that the owner had to notify the Council’s Planning Dept. The Planning Dept. then had to notify the neighbours and if there was no objection, the owner could go ahead. If there was an objection, normal planning procedures would come into play. In a Conservation Area, normal planning rules would continue to apply. The changes to permitted development would come into force on 30th May 2013.
7. **Policing** – Alexa reported that the changes to Borough Policing were not yet certain, but it was possible that each Ward would be assigned a Sergeant, Constable and a PCSO. The rest of the Bromley constabulary would be available where needed. Alexa also stated that the future of the Walpole Rd police office was uncertain.
8. **Transport** – Hilary said that she was still trying to get a speed gun for use on Heathfield Rd.
9. **Biggin Hill** – Nothing to report.

10. LB Bromley Resident's Federation – The Appellant in the planning application for the travellers' site at 148 Croydon Road had been awarded expenses but there was still no determination.

There was growing activity at Cherry Lodge and KVRA would monitor any increased lorry traffic through the village.

The Biggin Hill Heritage centre was in limbo.

King's College Hospital was taking over the PRU.

Local Councils have been given responsibility for public health for the first time since the 1970s, and Ruth Bennett is on the new Health and Wellbeing Board. It will meet for the first time next week.

11. **AOB** – 1) Keston School. Mike Ormond reported that he, David and Hilary from KVRA met with Robin Allis and Paul Leng (Keston School Governors) to discuss Keston Village School. There was a difference between what KVRA understood that Cllr Wells had said and what the Governors thought. It was stated strongly that the information and consultation process surrounding the school expansion had been very badly handled by the school, the Governors and LBB. Due to a misunderstanding between the Headteacher and the Chair of School Governors, the Headteacher had sent out misleading and inaccurate information. Hilary established that the head teacher reports to Robin. Alexa reported that Cllr Wells said to her that the planning application for the two permanent classrooms, which had been deferred on 21st March and withdrawn from the planning meeting on 18th April, would return before Members in June. The most likely date was 27th June. No temporary accommodation was being considered. It was reported that Cllr Wells had said that the school will go to permanent two form entry. Mike Ormond asked what figures showed the cost of temporary classrooms were the same as permanent buildings. There was no answer. David asked Alexa if she could find out the status of the proposed plans and who the planning officer is. Also, what was Cllr Smith doing about the problem of the roads around the school? Ruth pointed out that 100 letters from residents carried more weight than 100 signatures on a petition. Kim Ormond asked again for a scatter diagram (or similar information) showing the catchment area for Keston school. It was doubted that 30 new children were expected from within half a mile of the school.
- 2) AGM – Organisers please turn up at 7:30pm. Kim will sort out the keys. Alison and Viv will 'man' the door. Hilary will organise the bar. Terry, head count. Chris, badges. David, collection boxes. John Algar said he would organise a piece of 8 x 4 to use as a blackboard.
- 3) Countryside Day – 30th June. David would organise our stand, aided by Chris. Viv would organise the games and confectionery.
- 4) Keston Village Hall – no objections to planning
- 5) Noise at The Fox – David showed Ruth the letters of complaint by local residents and Ruth said she would do some follow-up work. Ruth also pointed out that when this had arisen several months ago, there were insufficient grounds to uphold a complaint. Also, it was very difficult to prosecute for excessive noise as the legal standard of proof was very hard to establish. Ruth advocated peaceful reconciliation.
- 6) Village sign – Chris and Carol reported that Richard Gieger had nearly finished and hoped it might be on display at the AGM.

- 7) Yellow lines, Fox Lane – Kim reported that the double yellow parking lines on Fox Lane were in a bad state of repair and are not enforceable. Illegal parking at the top of Fox Lane was particularly dangerous. Alexa said she would do some follow-up work.
- 8) Committee Members – of the co-opted members, John Algar said he would like to remain as a permanent member of KVRA.
- 9) Road Holes - Leela reported that the holes in Baston Manor Rd were worse than before any maintenance took place.
- 10) Post Office – Alexa said she had written to the Post Office asking if there were any new activities Keston PO could take on to increase its viability, but the answer was 'no'.
- 11) Speaker amplification – David would ask Laurie Pearce if he could help with a sound system for the speakers at the AGM.

Future Dates

Annual General Meeting: - Thursday 30th May 2013 at Keston Village Hall 8.00pm

Countryside Day – 30th June

Committee meetings: - Wednesday 25th July 2013 7:30pm TBD
“ 25th September TBD
“ 27th November TBD