

**KESTON VILLAGE  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the  
Committee Meeting held on  
25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 4 Heritage Hill

Committee Present: David Clapham (Chairman)                      Hilary Ryder  
Kimball Ormond    Carol & Chris Mulinder  
Cllr Ruth Bennett    Les & Alison Oosthuizen  
Leela Florey  
Guest – Ruth Crudgington, Blackness Ln Residents Assoc.

1. **Apologies** – Received from Cllrs Carr and Michael, Terry Boley, Viv Haskey, Mike Ormond, John Algar, Toby Blythe
2. **Minutes of meeting** 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 - Read and approved
3. **Matters Arising** – David thanked Les for the update on finances and the possible Judicial Review Fighting Fund
4. **Treasurers Report** – Les Oosthuizen gave his report (attached)
5. **APCA** – reported by email - 1) Foxhill Farm - a previous application for extensions to the building were approved by Bromley but the owners did not proceed. Instead they put in a new application, which included a basement swimming pool, and it was turned down by Bromley. The owners have now gone to appeal.  
  
2) New BT cabinet outside no.87 Heathfield Road - this has been rejected by Bromley. The original BT proposal was to site it next to the existing cabinet outside no.91. That is the preferred position under planning guidance so it is hoped that BT will go back to their original plan. At the moment BT OpenReach's timing for fibreoptic cable to the village is Spring 2014.  
  
3) Terry raised with Bromley Planning the position of 'The Fox' whereby the owner has not complied with earlier rulings and has now erected a largish building in the rear garden. He queried whether this needs planning permission ( as none has been sought ). No response yet from Planning.
6. Nothing else to report
7. **Policing** – Gary Hill, local PCSO, circulated a Newsletter.  
Rosemary Turner agreed to represent KVRA at the Safer Bromley Crime Summit. David expressed his gratitude,

8. **Transport** – Nothing to report

9. **Biggin Hill** – One or two people had said they thought there was an increase in air-traffic but Ruth Bennett said it was still within permissible numbers.

10. **LB Bromley Resident's Federation** – David reported that there was to be a new project concerning the development of the BH Heritage Centre.  
Plans were submitted for the redevelopment of the British Queen pub in Locks Bottom into a restaurant.  
GLA had a fund for Safer Cycling but LBB said it wasn't planning to apply for funds.  
Orpington Hospital was going to develop a Well Being Centre and the Rehab Centre would grow.  
Coral Gibson reported a increasing ivy problem.

11. **AOB** – 1) Keston School. Toby reported, by email, that the Walking Bus was not working due to lack of volunteers. Both he and Hilary reported that the traffic caused by the after school club meant that parking/driving chaos was extended to nearly 5:00pm.  
The borough school statistics supplied by LBB showed Keston school remaining at 30 pupil intake annually.  
David said that he had repeatedly asked for the breakdown of costs and the Terms of Reference for the fourth Traffic Statement but they were still not forthcoming. He also suggested that LBB employ the Lambeth method of traffic survey.  
Further discussion took place round the table about finance for a possible Judicial Review if LBB still went ahead with an additional bulge year, against all the odds. John Algar had recently expressed optimism and Les reported that many individuals were prepared to come forward.

AOB – 2) Keston Village Sign. Carol reported that everything was in place for the unveiling ceremony on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept at 11:00am. David, along with the Committee thanked Carol and Chris for their sterling efforts in managing this whole, lengthy process.

AOB – 3) WW1 100yrs Celebration. Viv said she would support some sort of event. Terry suggested the involvement of the vicar and Ted Williams. Ruth suggested some sort of exhibition in the village hall, LBB had a good deal of archive information.

AOB – 4) Village Internet access. (See 5.2) David said he would write to OpenReach.

AOB – 5) Healthwatch Bromley. Viv said she would attend meetings on KVRA behalf. Ruth has the details

AOB – 6) Roundabout at southern end of Heathfield Rd. The whole of the residents on the KVRA committee thought the proposal was wrong and unnecessary and were annoyed that again, we find out late in the proceedings. The committee was disappointed that there was a lack of communication from LBB.

AOB – 7) Caravan near Blackness Ln. A static caravan had been reported in a field off Blackness Ln. The field is being sold off in plots. Ruth Crudgington from the Blackness Lane Residents Assoc. was concerned that this could lead to an influx of illegal static caravan homes. Ruth Bennett said it was outside our Ward but Cllr Richard Scoates of Darwin Ward was looking into it. There could be call for an Article 4 Direction to investigate. Gladwish Land Sales are the owners.

AOB – 8) Ruth Bennett said there was a proposal that Bromley College should replace its old sports hall. A new primary school was planned for Shortlands. Bishop Justuce and Ravenswood schools were considering an expansion to include a primary school. Hilary said the vicar would like to be on the KVRA committee. This was generally favoured but after the school debate was settled. Kim would check if the committee could use the Jubilee room at the Village Hall for future meetings.

### **Future Dates**

**Committee meetings:** - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November                      Venue TBD

### **Addendum:- LBB Public Meetings**

#### **Evening 7– 8.30pm**

Monday, 30 September - City Gate Church, Beckenham BR3 1AA

Thursday 3 October - Orpington Methodist Church BR6 9JH

Monday 7 October - Civic Centre BR1 3UH

#### **Daytime 11 – 12.30pm**

Monday 14 October - Civic Centre BR1 3UH