

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
27th November 2013 at The Greyhound Tea Room

Committee Present:	David Clapham (Chairman)	Hilary Ryder
	Kimball Ormond	Carol & Chris Mulinder
	Viv Haskey	Les & Alison Oosthuizen
	Leela Florey	Carol Morrison
	Terry Boley	Toby Blythe
	John Algar	

1. **Apologies** – Received from Cllr Bennett and Jim Woolcott. David Clapham welcomed our new committee member, Reverend Carol Morrison, who is our local vicar and on the Board of Governors of Keston C of E school.
2. **Minutes of meeting** 25th September 2013 - Read and approved
3. **Matters Arising** – a) Alexa asked what was happening re: BT Open Reach new fibre optics junction box outside 91 Heathfield Rd. Terry Boley said he would chase up BT.
b) Terry said he would chase-up LBB re: planters outside The Fox and the building at the rear.
c) It was suggested a map was added to the village sign to show the locations.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Les Oosthuizen gave his report (attached)
5. **APCA** – Foxhill Farm - The owners have lost their appeal.
6. **Planning** – Planning application has been submitted for a new house in the garden at the rear 16 Heathfield Rd. Terry investigated the plot. KVRA unanimously voted against supporting the application.
Alexa reminded everyone that there was a Residents Planning Seminar run by LBB on Sat morning 30th Nov.
Ruth Bennett submitted, by email, that any development at Keston Fruit Farm would have to apply for full planning permission. Also, the discussion surrounding a proposed roundabout at the junction of Westerham Rd and Heathfield Rd. was on-going. KVRA are against the proposal and wanted to be involved in any council consultations and discussions.
7. **Policing** – Hilary said she was still pursuing the police to provide a speed gun for Heathfield Rd
8. **Transport** – Hilary reported a fatal accident on Westerham Rd. The police will monitor the road. Hilary also reported an increase in the number of lorries driving through Keston village on route to Cherry Lodge golf club.

9. **Biggin Hill** – Nothing to report

10. **LB Bromley Resident's Federation** – David reported nothing directly affects Keston

11. **AOB** – 1) Keston School. Carol Morrison said that the school was not considering a permanent double form entry in the future so why not allow the classrooms development? Other members of the committee expressed their doubt over the reliability of that and Alexa pointed out that no caveat like that could be attached to planning permission.

The committee expressed its deep concern over the high expenditure of public money undertaken by LBB connected to the school planning application.

KVRA object to the Planning Application submitted for the expansion of Keston school.

The following plan of action will now be put in place:-

- a) KVRA will contact a lawyer and start briefing.
- b) A sub-committee will be formed (John Algar, Mike Ormond, Toby Blythe and Viv Haskey) to co-ordinate our response.
- c) David will send out a letter to all the residents to ask for donations towards a fighting fund.
- d) Mike Ormond will design and print a flyer.
- e) Viv will co-ordinate the distribution.
- f) Chris Mulinder will update the website with our plan of action.
- g) Leela will update the notice board

AOB – 2) Keston Village Post Office -Viability. Ravi reluctantly reported to David that Post Office Ltd was implementing a new format, which required more space than available in Keston PO. Together with the tenuous financial position of the Post office, unless larger premises could be found, this may force closure. Solutions were being sought including combining with one of the local shops.

AOB – 3) David had been asked to become a Trustee of the Village hall. He was considering it.

AOB – 4) Safer Neighbourhoods. Street co-ordinators were being sought.

AOB – 5) Cricket. Soraya asked if cricket could be played on the green above the old school. It was thought unlikely except for the chance of a one-off charity match (or similar)

Future Dates Next meeting: Routine - 7.30pm Weds 22nd January 2014, Venue TBA

2014 meetings: 26th March, 21st May, 23rd July, 24th September, 26th November
AGM proposed: Thursday 29th May

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT - 27 NOVEMBER 2013

Opening Balance - 31st May 2013	£	549.10	Cr
Add:			
INCOME		361.24	
Proceeds from AGM		253.90	
Proceeds from Countryside Day (£72 less cost of sweets £20.46)		51.54	
Donation for village sign		55.80	
Less:			
EXPENDITURE		-458.00	
KVRA contribution to village sign		-306.00	
Plaque for Village sign		-152.00	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE - 27 NOVEMBER 2013		452.34	Cr