

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
24th May 2017 7:30pm at The Greyhound

Committee Present: David Clapham (Chairman) Cllr Alexa Michael
Kimball Ormond
Peter Zieminski
Leela Florey
Viv Haskey

1. **Apologies** – Received from Cllrs Stephen Carr and Ruth Bennett, Gaynor Christie, Terry Boley, Les & Ali Oosthuizen and Hilary Ryder
2. **Minutes of meeting 22nd March 2017** - Read and approved.
3. **Matters Arising** – Cllr Michael reported that a new police office had arrived in the Ward.
4. **Treasurers Report** – KVR A Funds £336.19. Fox Lane: £400.00. Total:£736.19
Report attached.
5. **APCA** – Nothing to report.
6. **Planning** –Cllr Michael reported 7 local applications. None warranted further investigation. A list is available from the Secretary.
7. **Policing** – Cllr Michael reported that our Ward had gained another Police Constable.
8. **Transport** – The Committee were shown plans for speed awareness road markings and roadside indicator board at the southern end of Heathfield Rd. (Near the windmill)
This is much less than the Committee wanted and expected. Cllr Michael reported that there had been no serious accidents on Heathfield Rd since 2012
9. **Biggin Hill** – a) David reported that the new noise tracking system was in place and working. (See Peter's report from LBBRF meeting below)
b) Peter Zieminski reported that the application for the new Heritage Centre had been approved in spite of very strong local opposition. The Committee expressed disappointment that once again, locals had not been listened to.
10. **London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation** – Peter Zieminski's report is attached. (Following the Treasurer's report)

- 11. AOB**
- a) AGM at Keston Village Hall 8th June 2017 at 8:00pm.
 - b) Viv Haskey asked for volunteers to help with the Countryside Day on 25th June.
 - c) Cllr Michael announced there was a Shopping Parade fund whereby we could apply for funding for a one-off, local amenity. A village defibrillator was suggested.

Next Committee meeting: Wed 26th July 2017 at 7:30pm in The Greyhound Tea Rooms, Keston

Future Committee meeting Dates

AGM at Keston Village Hall - Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 8:00pm

27th September
22nd November

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT -

22-03-2017

	£	Cr
Opening Balance - 01 June 2016	151.43	Cr
Add:		
INCOME		
Proceeds from AGM	131.30	
Proceeds from Countryside Day	40.00	
Donations - Tree	185.00	
Bank Interest	1.34	
Donations - Poppy appeal	100.00	
Donations - Christmas Lights and signs	1,332.00	
	<u>1,789.64</u>	
Less:		
EXPENDITURE		
Donation to the British Legion	-100.00	
Christmas Light Signs	-378.00	
Christmas Lights - Install, take down and store	-960.00	
	<u>-</u>	
	<u>1,438.00</u>	
TOTAL KVRA FUNDS AVAILABLE - 22-03-2017	503.07	Cr
Fox Lane Fund (£150 x 17)	2,500.00	
Fox Lane Fund - Paid out	-2,100.00	<u>400.00</u>
Bank Balance as at 22-03-2017	903.07	Cr

London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation Council Meeting – 18th May 2017.

Briefing Note:

Presentation by Mr. Will Curtis and Mr. Colin Hitchins, Biggin Hill Airport, on the recently launched Noise and Track Keeping System (NTKS).

A detailed presentation was given on the recently installed system. There are three monitoring devices – one at either end of the runway and a third which can be deployed to locations to investigate noise following complaints. The system (Webtrack) can be accessed through a link on the Airport website. [*Technical Bit: Please note that there is a delay of 45 minutes on the flights shown on Webtrack – the Airport advises that you set your web browser to 80%.*] the flight data for Webtrack is taken directly from the National Air Traffic Services (NATS) radar system that is used to control air traffic at Biggin Hill and the surrounding airports. The accuracy of the system has been verified by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Every complaint is recorded and generates a report which identifies the aircraft involved, the track it took, details of height, speed etc. This is then investigated to identify whether action can be taken. If you can't access the website you can still telephone complaints to **01959 578580** – There is a dedicated person at the airport who then transfers all telephone complaints to the computer records. All you need to do is note the time of the noise and report it – you don't need to worry about identifying the aircraft. Personal details, name, address, and / or email addresses entered into the system when making complaints is shared with the London Borough of Bromley. This data is not shared with any other third parties. The system also enables you to see a representation of your location relative to the aircraft and its height etc. It is important that if you think that this is inaccurate and the aircraft isn't where the system suggests you should call the Airport and report the issue.

Complaints are adjudicated by the Airport's Safety & Noise Abatement Review Board (made up of pilots, council representatives and a representative from the Bromley Residents' Federation). Since the introduction of the system there have been 38 complaints received which has resulted in a number of Notice of Violation letters being sent operators. The Board operates a 'three strikes Principle – 1. A Warning Notice 2. Imposition of a fine 3. A Ban on using the airport. So far in one case a £500 fine was imposed on an operator following a complaint received from a Keston resident and in another case a pilot was banned from using the airport.

The approved tracks for aircraft are shown on the system but there can be variation from these tracks by up to 2,100 feet in some cases.

The removal of the VOR beacon located at the airport which is used by non-Biggin Hill traffic is the subject of a meeting to be held on the 18th July. Apparently, Heathrow is dragging its feet about the introduction of a GPS guidance system which will need an Air Space Change Proposal and this will need to be in place before the GPS system can be installed and the VOR beacon removed.

Mr. Curtis pointed out that many aircraft flying over Keston (which is designated Noise Sensitive Area (NSA)) are not using Biggin Hill and are merely passing through the narrow corridor of air space that is in place under the Heathrow / London City Airport tracks in the north and those of Gatwick in the south.

There has been an agreement with Flying Schools and Redhill Airport that student pilots will carry out take-off and landing practice (circuits and bumps) at Redhill to reduce light aircraft traffic at Biggin Hill (one could be cynical and suggest that this is not to reduce noise but will make room for more jet aircraft movements!)