

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
26th July 2017, 7:30pm at The Greyhound

Committee Present: David Clapham (Chairman) Cllr Alexa Michael
 Kimball Ormond Cllr Ruth Bennett
 Peter Zieminski
 Les Oosthuizen
 Viv Haskey
 John Algar
 Hilary Ryder
 Jim Woolcott

1. **Apologies** – Received from Terry Boley and Leela Florey
2. **Minutes of meeting 25th May 2017** - Read and 2 points of clarification were added by Cllr Michael (attached)
3. **Matters Arising** – A letter from Mr Wilshire suggesting that KVRA were ruining the village with signs and speed warnings. The Committee were generally dissatisfied with the poor quality and type of road signs through the village. It was questioned why two mobile phone signs were recently placed on adjacent lampposts. David reported that he had sought suggestions from local traders for improvements to the village through a grant from LBB for Small Parade Improvement Scheme.
4. **Treasurers Report** – KVRA Funds £579.74. Fox Lane: £400.00. Total: £979.74
Report attached. David reported that the Fox Lane fund would contribute £100 p.a. to KVRA funds over the next 4 yrs.
5. **APCA** – Nothing to report.
6. **Planning** – Terry reported by email that two applications affecting residents living off Westerham Road. One of them involves tree clearance on a small piece of land where there is at present an electricity substation. The neighbours are protesting about the loss of trees. The other case involves a house in Hassock Wood where there is a flank wall window which overlooks someone else's garden. It is believed that there was no permission given for the window. Terry advised the affected resident to write with a complaint direct to the Chief Planner, Jim Kehoe.
Cllr Michael reported three new applications but only one was of concern, Graylins Farm in Jackass Lane. This was for a change of use from agricultural building to 2 x four bed houses. Cllr Michael was going to call it in.
7. **Policing** – Cllr Michael reported that there was to be another reorganisation through the setting up of Basic Command Units. It was possible that Bromley would be clustered with Croydon and Sutton Boroughs. There were concerns about this because it is feared that

Croydon would obtain a disproportionate amount of funding. The preferred option was for Bromley to be paired with Bexley. She would keep us informed.

8. Transport – Nothing to report

9. Biggin Hill – The Special Full Council meeting on Tuesday 24th July voted to commit a further £400,000 to the new memorial. David took issue with Cllr Bennett, saying she had not represented the views of either KVRA or her constituents. Both David and Kim Ormond had received calls from frustrated local residents asking why Cllr Bennett had said that there were no objections to the new memorial plans from KVRA. Cllr Bennett also said that the reported objections and petition were probably inaccurate and suspicious. Kim Ormond said that Cllr Bennett's record of supporting the local residents and KVRA was very bad. David said he would write to Cllr Stephen Carr and request that the minutes should reflect the views of KVRA and correct the record because Cllr Bennett's assertion and assurances given to all present unfortunately did not reflect the facts.

10. London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation – John Algar reported that the meeting was postponed.

David reported that a Federation Airport Sub-Committee was being proposed and said we would support that. David also reported that there were more than 50,000 p.a. recorded flights to/from Biggin Hill over the last two years, which was in breach of the agreement. He urged residents who report low-flying, noisy and out-of-hours air traffic (including helicopters) on the new Noise Monitoring and Track Keeping system to copy Flightpath Watch as well. Flightpath Watch are keen to have a copy of the complaints submitted to the airport so forward complaints to FW at info@flightpathwatch.co.uk

11. AOB – a) Memorial benches on Keston Common. See attached note.

b) Over-full litter bins on the common. David would chase up more regular emptying.

c) Keston Ave/Lakes Rd school traffic problem. John Algar and Jim Woolcott would approach Aquinas Trust

d) Kim Ormond reported once again an enormous HGV stuck at the junction of Fox Lane and Leafy Grove. Cllr Carr would look into providing a notice telling HGV drivers to ignore their sat-nav directions.

e) David said KVRA owned a gazebo (original cost £130) that was now surplus to requirements and asked residents to make an offer for it.

f) After the AGM, it was decided to join the Neighbourhood Watch and distribute their newsletter.

g) Peter Zieminski said that the traffic signs were mostly in a very poor condition and were not fit for purpose.

h) Cllr Bennett reported that there were rising complaints about the mosque at the Keston Mark, including late night noise and parking problems. She would contact the local RA.

i) Peter reported that we had paid our subs to KRRSG

j) Peter also reported that there was no further development on providing a path for wheelchair access to the war memorial. Cllr Bennett said she would follow it up.

k) Les Oosthuizen reported that vehicles were being parked on the green in Keston Garden and it was unsightly and destroying the green. Cllr Michael said she would look into providing posts.

l) Cllr Michael reported that the Draft Local Plan had been produced and would be sent to the Secretary of State for the Examination in Public. The Council would learn in around April 2018 whether the Draft Local Plan was deemed to be 'sound'

and could be adopted as Bromley's Local Plan. Cllr Bennett said she could lend David a copy of the Draft Local Plan.

m) The Flint Research car park on the Common would now be opened at 7:30am following an unauthorised design to open it at 9.30am or later due to trouble in the car park. There would be consultation among users to determine the future opening times. Cllr Michael had requested that business users from The Flint Research Institute be included in the consultation.

Next Committee meeting: Wed 27th Sept 2017 at 7:30pm in The Greyhound Tea Rooms, Keston

Future Committee meeting Dates

22nd November

2 Points of clarification from Minutes dated 25th May 2017 submitted by Cllr Michael

Re Ward police, there are only two PCs in the Ward at the present time, plus one PCSO. The new PC, Michael Headley, arrived in January 2017 and there has not been another one since. **However, Michael Headley's time in the Ward has been very short and he is moving on, to be replaced by Rob Clifford.** The way the minutes could be read, it sounds as though there are two new PCs when in reality there is only one. The full Ward Police team is:

PC James Hicks

PC ~~Michael Headley~~ Rob Clifford

PCSO Gary Hills

This is the total Ward Police team and the Mayor of London is not planning to increase the team any further.

Re accident statistics, I was quoting an e-mail I had received from Angus Culverwell, Head of Road Safety at Bromley Council, that there had not been any KSI accidents in Heathfield Road between 2012 and 31st October 2016. I was not quoting from my own knowledge.

Meeting to discuss Memorial Benches

13.30 Wednesday 5th July 2017

Present

Larry Herbert

Patrick Phillips *idverde*

Frank Kleinhans *idverde*

David Clapham

The meeting had been arranged to discuss the issue of a memorial bench, which had originally been planned for installation on the edge of pond 2 close to the site used by the ice-cream van.

PP introduced the discussion saying that he recognised that there had been an error in the process, which had led to the bench having been agreed without full consultation with the Friends of Keston Common. PP said that the process would be subject to a subsequent meeting with LH, as chair of the Friends Forum. LH had requested that the installation (planned for Friday 30th June) be suspended until such time as further discussion and options had taken place.

PP articulated the background; a disabled man had initiated the request for a bench at this location where he could sit and reflect on his father's life. The client had selected the bench style, which was traditional with backrest. It would be convenient for him if it were located close to easy access from Fishponds Road. PP showed the group another bench with plaque, which had been installed around pond 1 in 2003.

LH/DC articulated the concerns from members of their groups.

DC referenced the pages of the LBB Policies Map Set Part 1 showing 'Areas of Archaeological Significance'. The hatched area included the whole of the Keston SSSI, the Ponds and Hayes Common. He also referred to Draft Policy 46 in the Proposed Submission Draft Local Plan document, which confirmed planning permission would not be granted for development that would adversely affect Scheduled Ancient Monuments or other Nationally Important Archaeological Sites. PP confirmed that Natural England had already agreed to the bench, which would be a mirror of the one already in place at pond 1. LH said he and his group objected to the inclusion of a backrest, as this was not in keeping with the preferred style across the majority of the site.

After further discussion it was agreed to walk to the east side of pond 2 to see if there was a possible alternative location. PP/FK considered alternatives would be more prone to vandalism, become a 'fisherman's bench' and not provide suitable access.

Following further discussion the following was agreed;

1. A senior member of *idverde* management would have a discussion with the client to try and reach a solution acceptable to the FoKC and KVRA. Bench with no backrest located close to the pallings.
2. It was agreed PP would discuss the issue with LBB staff and Councillors. He would propose that this would be the final bench installed within the area of 'Archaeological Significance' as designated in the Policies Map Set Part 1 document.
3. A separate meeting with LH would discuss the future process.

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - TREASURER'S REPORT**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT -**

26-07-2017

	£	
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	
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	<u>1,438.00</u>	
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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	<u></u>