

**KESTON VILLAGE
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the
Committee Meeting held on
24th January 2018, 7:30pm at The Greyhound

Committee Present: David Clapham (Chairman)
Kimball Ormond
Peter Zieminski
John Algar
Gaynor Christie
Les Oosthuizen
Gail Spencer (Co-opted)

Hilary Ryder
Michelle Blythe
Terry Boley

Chairman David Clapham welcomed Larry Herbert FoKC and Pushpa Hillman

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Michael, Bennett and Carr. Paul Spencer, Jim Woolcott, Viv Haskey and Alison Oosthuizen.
2. **Minutes of meeting 22nd November 2017** - Approved
3. **Matters Arising** – David Clapham thanked Gaynor Christie, Hilary Ryder and Gail Spencer for their sterling work on the Christmas Fair which raised £877.00
4. **Treasurers Report** – Report attached
5. **APCA** – Terry Boley reported At the last APCA meeting there was concern that the proposed new homes target for Bromley of 1424 per year would lead to increased pressure on the Borough to relax its opposition to building on Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land
6. **Planning** – Terry reported, as far as Keston is concerned, most of the planning applications are for extensions of various sizes and are usually permitted as they follow the guidelines set out in the Local Plan and the SPG (Supplementary Planning Guidance) for Conservation Areas . However one such application for ‘Morven’ in Heathfield Road was refused last October on the grounds that it was too dominant and detrimental to the CA. There has been no appeal lodged at present. ‘Morven’ is on the corner of Greys Park Close and Heathfield Road opposite the bus stop. The reference is 17/03660.
7. **Policing** – Nothing to report
8. **Transport** – Nothing to report
9. **Biggin Hill** – David attended the Biggin Hill meeting/presentation in Downe run by Will Curtis. His notes are attached after the Treasurer’s report below.

10. London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation – Minutes from the last meeting have been circulated.

- 11. AOB** –
- a) Royal Wedding – Gaynor and Gail will ask Cllr Alexa Michael if Commonsides can be closed on Sunday 20th May for a party as the Saturday wedding day was also the soccer final and thought many people might be watching that.
 - b) Mayor's Award nomination - KVRA unanimously agreed to nominate Martyn Baker. David would forward the completed form and letter containing reasons for the nomination.
 - c) Peter Zieminski said Keston school were running a competition to produce a banner that would remind parents not to park on the zig-zag lines.
 - d) Shopping Parades Initiative - it was decided to go ahead with applying for a defibrillator to be placed outside the Greyhound Pub. Pushpa Hillman attended the committee meeting to explain how the defib. worked and said she and Leela Florey would be responsible for its care and upkeep.
 - e) David reported that LB Bromley had been chosen to take part in an initiative whereby voters would have to provide proof of identity to vote.
 - f) It was agreed that the committee and FoKC would ask LBB to provide posts along the edge of Hayes Common at Commonsides to prevent travelers parking on the common.
 - g) Larry Herbert reported that Padmall Wood, High Elms and Hayes Common would take part in project to supply a new biomass enterprise in Ashford with waste cleared from these areas. They would still maintain the existing Common plan run by IDVerde.
 - h) Countryside Day would be on Sunday 24th June.
 - i) Peter Zieminski said he would be happy to run a fund-raising Quiz Night at the village hall.

Next Committee meeting: Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7:30pm in The Greyhound Tea Rooms, Keston

Future Committee meeting Dates All Wednesdays - , 23rd May, 25th July, 26th Sept and 21st Nov

AGM date – Thursday 7th June 8pm in Keston Village Hall

KESTON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT -

24-01-2018

| | | £ | Cr |
|--|-----------|-----------------|----|
| Opening Balance - 01 June 2017 | | 336.19 | |
| Add: | | | |
| INCOME | | | |
| Proceeds from AGM | 264.65 | | |
| Proceeds from Countryside Day | 45.00 | | |
| Bank Interest | 2.10 | | |
| Donations - Poppy appeal | | | |
| Donations - Christmas Lights (877.00) | 877.00 | | |
| | | 1,188.75 | |
| Less: | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Website Subscriptions - Award Space | -47.51 | | |
| Website Subscriptions - Reg 123 | -19.18 | | |
| Village Hall Booking - AGM 2018 | -35.00 | | |
| Donation to the British Legion | -100.00 | | |
| Christmas Light - Festive Decorations Ltd (Inv 1747) | -960.00 | | |
| Christmas Lights - Install, take down and store | | | |
| Printing - AGM Leaflets | | | |
| AGM wine | | | |
| LBBRF subscriptions 2018 | | | |
| | | 1,161.69 | |
| TOTAL KVRA FUNDS AVAILABLE - 24-01-2018 | | 363.25 | Cr |
| Fox Lane Fund (£150 x 17) | 2,500.00 | | |
| Fox Lane Fund - Paid out | -2,100.00 | 400.00 | |
| Bank and Cash Balance as at 24-01-2018 | | £ 763.25 | |
| Actual Bank Balance as at 15-01-2018 | | 1,699.12 | |
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| Balance outstanding (to be paid out) | | 935.87 | |

Will Curtis presented to c80 seated residents using a power-point type presentation. Due to the depth of the stage on occasions he was not easily seen and towards the end he was asked to speak up. He appeared relaxed with an open slightly verbose style. Colin Hitchens was in attendance.

1. There will be no Airbus 380 at BHA, it is too big and risks damage to the runway
2. BHA control aircraft flying under 2,500 ft AMSL and within a radius of 2.5 miles from the centre of the main runway
3. Aircraft tracks – non compliance is automatically reported by the system. *[I made the point to WC that the NAP, which is a BHAL document on page 15 promised the public an automatic response and confirmation that if a breach had occurred, it would be reported. WC said the system is not able to do this. I said it was evident that the public were becoming dissatisfied with responses from the airport. The airport should provide feedback to demonstrate the scale of the breaches and what action had been taken. WC said the minutes of the Consultative Committee contained some information, but he undertook to consider the feedback further].*
4. WC demonstrated the track of the take off for an A320, which he quoted as a 'textbook take off path' *[I quoted this back to WC and told him it was not 'text book' as far as I was concerned as a) I thought take offs to the south had to circle west and go straight over the centre of the runway and b) it went directly over my house. I made the point that the public had no reference point on what tracks aircraft should be following. He said this was straightforward to rectify and he promised he would arrange for the standard tracks to be published].*
5. The noise measurement captured data for aircraft up to 2,000 ft
6. In 1987 WC quoted that there were 250,000 light aircraft movements, this compared to a current figure of 35,000 and an expected figure of fewer than 20,000 by 2025
7. The new GPS system was expected to be operational by Spring 2018. This would improve matters for 30% of the time; with a flight track close to the M25, flying east over the centre of the runway and curving over the edge of Purley to land heading north.
8. WC did not mention helicopters until the audience mentioned them. A number of people were concerned at the increasing numbers of helicopters, their noise and the flight paths they followed. *[I told WC he and I had corresponded on the subject when I complained about low flying helicopters. I asked WC to confirm that the requirement was that helicopters must not fly below 1,000 feet above sea level. He did. I asked him at what height above sea level Biggin Hill Airport was located. He confirmed 600 feet. Therefore the minimum height we should accept is 1,600 feet above sea level. I made the point that low flying helicopters made a sudden and frightening sound, which disturbed those living below. Others supported this. WC said that it was quite difficult for pilots to keep away from overflying houses, but said they should fly own the valley north of Layhams Road; however he promised to write to the operators to reinforce the point].* DJC note: see CAA guidance on this link:
<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=11&mode=list&type=search&search=CAP393>

Questions

9. In answer to a question, WC said there was no need to extend the runway. He said runway extensions were very costly. The new safety zone requirements would not require a runway extension.
10. A 54 bed 4* hotel was underway. The cost per room was £120,000.
11. Keston Residents Road Safety Group raised serious concerns on road congestion, particularly the the impact on the Mark and Keston Village. WC agreed and quoted that there had been no new roads in this quadrant of South London for the past 20-30 years.
12. There will be a formal announcement about the College in around 2 weeks time. There had been discussions with Bernie Ecclestone about using the listed buildings on West Camp, but apparently these have been sold and will not house the College.
13. Bombardier service up to 7 – 8 aircraft currently with a maximum of approximately 15 in future. There are plans for 400 staff.
14. The peak for business aircraft was 2002 and there are fewer currently.
15. BHA will not handle cargo, WC said it was a nightmare and in any event the road infrastructure would not be able to support it.
16. WC said very few aircraft use the additional hours, but that by having them, the contract with Bombardier could be immediately secured.
17. WC said that we are located in one of the most congested, if not the most congested airspace in the world and that by 2030 the volume over our heads would double.
18. There was no firm date for the removal of the Beacon. WC said that the current one was very old and that replacement parts were difficult to source. He said that the cost of a beacon was £22million! WC said that even when it was re-located, the plans for stacking over the sea would not happen for some considerable time.
19. Med-evac flights, i.e air ambulance still regularly operate at the rate of about 1 a day, but unlike in earlier times only within agreed opening hours.
20. Bombardier have a long lease, WC would not divulge the term but said he expected them to be at BHA for 30 years.
21. WC said that another party had originally investigated Milking Lane Farm as a potential location for a solar-farm. In discussions the airport had indicated they would object and following subsequent negotiations and the fact that the purchase would be inheritance tax free, it was decided to buy it. WC said there were no plans to re-open to entrance on Downe Road.
22. The Festival of Flight would continue to take place and be organised by Colin Hitchens.
23. BHA made a profit of £490,000 when WC joined and was expected to make £1.7m this year. The 'standing wage bill' is £7m pa. There were 10,000 passengers last year.
24. Mike Overall note: Due to the European law on availability of runways, he could not guarantee that charter or scheduled flights might come to BH although he believed it unlikely.