



MINUTES OF RVR MEETING

Thursday 2nd July 2026 (Shortlands Golf Club)

Present: Margaret Brearley; Jay Sharma; Joel Kibazo; Keith Mills; Denise MacDonald; Michael Tickner; Cllr Adam Grant; John Beecroft; Rosamond Eele; Dave & Monica Wiltshire; Judy Adcock; Catherine Morgan; Pete Saunders; Andrew Lancaster; Linda Muller; Nigel Foster; Gillian Lees; Carole Mullord; Alan Mullord; Steve Hadley; Euan McMaster; Jacqueline St. Quinton

1	Welcome and opening remarks
	Margaret Brearley (Chair) presided over this Members' meeting
2	Apologies received from Officers, Members & Councillors
	Gemma Turrell; Nanthini Santhiapillai; Beatrice Osborn; Wendy Watmore; Dom Alessio
3	Approval of minutes of last meeting and matters arising
	Minutes available online. May minutes accepted.
a	RVR Committee-No changes
b	Beckenham Park Place rep. There was agreement that a volunteer for this appointed position is not required. For some time now, we have been relying on our Newsletter Editor (previously Euan McMaster; now Gillian Lees) for information about park events.
4	Planning Issues Planning Officer (Clive Lees) - updates are as follows: The Chalet, Kirkstone Way – waiting for confirmation that Enforcement Notice complied with 79 Coniston Rd – awaiting council action upon the property being advertised as a hotel 100 Ravensbourne Av – awaiting remodelling of the roof – long delay means Council must be involved somehow. Shortlands Tavern – awaiting removal of shipping container 101 Farnaby Road – awaiting either removal of development or appeal Millwall – concerns raised by many about the removal of many trees- we are investigating Trees generally – examples given of the importance of trees being planted in new developments
5	Finances
	Treasurer (Nanthini Santhiapillai) - Although the subscription has increased to £10/year, there are some 15 households who have paid only £5. Where possible, it would be good to remind people of the RVR subscription and give a gentle 'nudge'. - Standing Order is the preferred method of payment – please bear this in mind. £4884 in bank £900 down from last year - Expenditure includes Newsletter printing, venue hire and events over the last year - The Treasurer would like to change the subscription payment date. This was discussed and the decision was to leave this change until 2027. Members will be informed early next year.
6	Street Friends/Community Projects/Issues
a	Street Friends (Nigel Foster) Unfortunately the last two planned meetings needed to be cancelled due to bad weather. Next meeting due to take place Tuesday, 7 th July – meeting at Ravensbourne Station. RVR funded the purchase of protective gloves for litter pickers. Of interest is news of Dee – our former redoubtable friend at Shortlands ticket office. She is now thriving at her new location and is happily creating a new garden.

b	Beckenham Place Park: In the absence of a Rep, our Newsletter Editor (Gillian Lees) endeavours to find items of interest regarding the Park and will provide relevant information as she has been doing of late.
7	RVR Membership
	Membership Secretary – Euan McMaster Euan has successfully taken over the membership secretary post. Current Membership stands at 478 households and 15 honorary members. Among the honorary members, we now count Michael Tickner (formerly a Councillor for Copers Cope Ward) – see item 10. He has updated the information sheet introducing the Society to be given to each new member and introduce non-members to join. Euan will review this document to provide guidance to new Road Reps (e.g. Amelia Pettit for Downs Hill).
8	Road Safety & Traffic (RS&T)
	RS&T Officer (Andrew Lancaster): Re Crab Hill Crossings: The Council still uses KSI (Killed or Seriously Injured) criteria to decide which schemes go ahead – Crab Hill does not meet these criteria. Therefore, please report incidents that occur in this area.
9	Update + Comments/Questions to Councillors
	Serena Gupta, newly elected to LBB gave a resumé of her interests and aims as a Councillor. See Serena's information page here . Gita Bapat paid tribute to Michael Tickner, recognising his work on behalf of the community. Gita outlined her work and interests: these include being director of a local Samaritans branch; participating in the arts and culture of the Bromley area. See more details about Gita here . Adam Grant: as Chairman of the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee, Adam is well placed to assist us with environmental matters of concern. Where he cannot provide an answer immediately at our meetings, he will do his best to help if he is contacted on the matter by email - adam.grant@bromley.gov.uk – see examples below. Arch at Shortlands Railway Station <i>Still unresolved – slow process - a major factor being the council's financial priorities – e.g. social care.</i> Nets for paper bins? No longer available from Bromley Library – expensive to buy e.g. Amazon. <i>The Council is considering the use of wheelie bins for paper: advantageous as they are larger than current open crates used and have a cover, thus protecting paper from the elements – resulting in better quality material for recycling. Wheelie bins will not be free but are likely to be at a discounted price. Email Adam for further information.</i> Food bin issue: those with flip handle not fox-proof – previous design was more robust. <i>If contacted by email, Adam will check on what can be done to resolve this.</i> Would the food bin be replaced free by LBB – as it is often broken through mishandling by refuse collectors? Yes LBB Tree department – lack of response from Tree Officer. Specific instance – trees in triangle bottom of Downs Hill. No one owns this piece of land and it is potentially vulnerable to damage or removal. Could the Council put a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to protect the trees? <i>Forward communications to Cllr Grant.</i> 2A Downs Hill – When will LBB take action re. the illegal removal of trees. <i>Send an email to Cllr Grant.</i>
	LBBRF (London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation)
	From Beatrice Osborn, our RVR representative – information from LBBRF: - Local Guide to Family Hubs - simple, go-to guide for parents, carers and families, making it easier to find local activities and support in one place. - SEND - request for people who are parents and carers of young people with SEND to participate in a survey about transition to adulthood. - Tackling Loneliness - Bromley Council's fourth and final year of its Tackling Loneliness Strategy. - MenB vaccine - for young people 17 or 18 years old or 24 or under starting university or further education.

10	Any Other Business
	Motion to offer Michael Tickner Life Membership of RVR As mentioned in the Agenda for this meeting, RVR is grateful for Michael's unstinting support of RVR over the years. With unanimous agreement among those present, this motion was duly passed. Michael responded with thanks and stated his continued support for the Association. Goodbye to Buicks: 09:30 10th July. This item refers to 2 splendidly-restored vintage cars – a loving and lengthy endeavour undertaken by Dave Wiltshire and his late father. These wonderful motorcars of yesteryear will be displayed for the last time in our neighbourhood before being taken to the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu. Dave and Monica Wiltshire have issued an invitation to RVR and neighbours to drop by their house and drink to this bitter-sweet departure.
11	Guest Speaker- Sam Brearley: Uncovering the lost Crystal Palace – A whistle-stop tour This was an extremely informative talk by a highly-qualified historian and teacher: a view expressed by many attendees. We all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the facts about Victorian attitudes and innovations – all delivered with a good dash of humour! In summary: Sam took us on a journey from the impetus that drove the concept, planning, execution and evolution of this immense project. His slides showed us the exhibits depicting Victorian ideas about the wonders of the world in terms of arts, design and industry. People who might have visited the Park in those days would have arrived at Crystal Palace Station and wended their way through the extraordinary 'rooms' ranging from Roman and Greek to Byzantine and Egyptian artefacts ... and later found themselves in tropical and New World environments. Sam has been kind enough to allow us to use some of this material for our interest, and our Webmaster has duly put some of his slides on the RVR website here . So do please have a look! These should whet your appetite for a comprehensive walking tour of Crystal Palace that can also be experienced through Sam's VoiceMap guide – details here .
12	Next (Members') Meeting: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30 pm – Shortlands Golf Club The speaker will be. Pat Jones from the Bromley Little Theatre.