

# Bromley Green Residents Association

## Notes and Actions from Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2013

**Present:** Martin Pepper (Chair), Paul Harrison (Vice-Chair), Judith Hunt (Treasurer) Anne Rylands (Secretary), Terri Cliffe-Harrison, Allen Cottingham, Nigel Hunt, Jan Love, Mark Nash, Anne Pepper, Pete Rylands

**Apologies:** Alison Tanton, Donna Cooper.

1. **Welcome** - Paul opened the meeting, and welcomed those present.
2. **Hall Bookings**
  - a. Keith Murray had advised he was unable to attend meetings on Tuesday evenings but was happy to continue the caretaking role and take bookings; comment was made that he may need assistance in the future if the volume becomes too much for him.
  - b. It was suggested that we might consider getting a pay-as-you-go mobile for the purpose of taking hall bookings: Judith will speak to Keith to see if he is happy for his number to be published in the meantime.
  - c. Judith will get a diary in case we get booking requests on Saturday.
  - d. It was agreed that it would be a good idea for a chart displaying bookings be put up in the hall.
  - e. Any queries re the field should be directed to Terri or Alison.
3. **Open Event** - Plans were discussed:
  - a. Street signs are up and the neighbourhood has been extensively door-knocked to raise awareness, with some mixed reaction received!
  - b. Apologies for Saturday from AC and MN in advance; everyone available to meet from 12 noon at the Hall to litter pick the car park and set up
  - c. Some good photos have been received from Barbara Ware – Paul will scan them onto a laptop for a rolling display on the day to show past local events at the hall and field
  - d. Anne to produce badges for committee; Terri will design sign-in forms and suggestions slips and box
  - e. All to provide cake and a raffle prize (tickets £1 each), and tablecloths; Mark will donate fruit and veg parcels
  - f. Donna will take fruit juices to sell from Chris's charity
  - g. We would not charge for tea and coffee, but will have several donations pots available
  - h. Nigel will make a barometer sign to show the target of £20k for renovations
  - i. Nigel will take lots of photos on the day, to pass to KM with copy or the Parish mag.
4. **Future Events**
  - a. We agreed that forthcoming events organised by the committee would be a better way to raise money, than just hiring out the hall.
  - b. Donna had suggested a regular, organised disco for teenagers following the success of such an event recently
  - c. Other ideas were a Cheese and wine evening/Beetle drive/Bingo/Whist drive/Barn dance.
5. **Local Support**
  - a. Novogas - £250 donation plus any gas we need
  - b. Taskmasters - £250
  - c. Keith Moon, Bliby Plastics, Crowley Insullations
  - d. Martin will contact Fraser re a metal frame for the sign

- e. Logos to Anne please for inclusion on publicity material.

## **6. Website**

- a. Pete showed the website so far, created through Weebly, which unfortunately is somewhat restrictive.
- b. Judith and Nigel thought their son may be able to assist after Christmas. In the meantime, Mark N will try to find out who designed Hamstreet's website.

## **7. Signage**

- a. Judith to speak to Keith to make sure he is happy to have his number put on the sign
- b. Paul will organise a 'hall to hire' sign to include the phone number and website address.
- c. We also need to organise a 'forthcoming events' board to keep the momentum going.

## **8. Renovation Works**

- a. Shutters – Martin has spoken to a welder re replacing the front and kitchen shutters with galvanised mesh; the general consensus was that it was not worth doing that and we should try painting the shutters first.
- b. Decorators' quotes are coming in; there have been some good ideas forthcoming for a short-term patching up job.
- c. Need to check access rulings in order to consider whether there is room to put a disabled toilet in the front porch.
- d. Paul asked for help to put a business case together in order to get the council interested in providing a grant.
- e. The idea to call building colleges would be put on hold for the time being.
- f. Mark S has offered to do the electrical inspection work free of charge, and the work at cost.
- g. Judith confirmed the electricity costs in the region of £1k pa – Mark S to be asked to look at the cost of supplying solar panels.
- h. Martin will make enquiries re a storage container – the cheapest Mark N could find was £1k.
- i. The vegetation at the front of the hall needs cutting back: Pete will tackle that before the weekend. A decision needs to be made as to whether we keep the grass cutter on, or all take it in turns on a rota basis.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 11 December, at Anne and Pete's

This was subsequently changed to Tuesday 10 December at the Hall.