



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28th April 2010 Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), David Payne, Bruce Baker, Linda Laurie, Carolyn Derecki, Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Ian Brooks, Lesley Crowcroft, Roger Brown, Tom Sharkey, Peter Collins, Maureen Fleming (Georgian Lodge, Field End Road)

1. Apologies for absence: Elizabeth Beggs, Catherine Dann, Kay Wilmott-Denbeigh

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the March meeting were agreed with the following amendments:-

- It was noted that the information regarding the withdrawal of the planning application for Initial House actually came through after the meeting.
- IM apologised for the last meeting but was not recorded.

3. Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda

- The Sigers - letter received from Hillingdon Council confirming that the CCTV has been ordered and will be installed ASAP. Action re. letter to the residents, by RB, outstanding. **ACTION;RB**
- Blue/Brown Badges - BB advise that if you have a Blue Badge you can park in disabled bays, if you have a Brown Badge you must park in the brown bays, you cannot park in the wrong bay. You can, in certain circumstances have both blue and brown badges.
- CG advised that Karl Dafe had responded to pressure and is having a meeting with Wimpy to discuss the public footpath through RAF Eastcote. Discussion then followed and the outcome was that we will keep a watching brief to ensure this footpath becomes the required combined footpath/cycleway with adequate lighting and security.
- CG has ordered the crocuses for planting on Forge Green and they will be delivered in the Autumn.
- The problem of boy racers in the Devonshire Lodge car park has been raised with the police SNT and is being monitored. There is a similar problem in the car park at St. Martin's Approach - this is also being monitored.
- EB felt that better lighting should be installed at the crossing in Field End Road by the Nissan Garage/Southbourne Gardens, bearing in mind that this is a very busy crossing. **ACTION;EB**
- The pedestrian crossing in Bridle Road by St Lawrence Church has been agreed. The second one in Field End Road by St. Thomas Moore Church was turned down.

4. Representatives Reports

4.1 Planning & Enforcement Matters arising

- 81, Abbotsbury, 41 Rushdene Road, are still awaiting determination.
- Appeal dates for 63-67 Lowlands Road and Gladsdale Drive are still awaited.

New Applications

- 23, The Chase, infill front balcony. Owners withdrew 1st application after discussions with the case officer. The 2nd application answered her concerns, but may be refused. There is a petition supporting this application.
- 232, Woodlands Ave, to convert house into two 1-bed flats. Local residents wish to object.
- 52, Lowlands Road, Certificate of Lawfulness for a Loft conversion. The drawings show a Juliet Balcony which are not allowed under permitted development.
- Hoylake Gardens [off Southbourne] application for an infill house to side of existing. Objections put forward.
- Still no reply regarding LCR+ and Greenways cycle routes. Reminders have been sent.
- 3, Pikes End- extension on the roof of this interestingly designed house - neighbours are objecting.

RAF Eastcote - Pembroke Park

- RAF Eastcote, Wimpey have lodged an application for security lighting & CCTV, some of which is situated on the public footpath. CG for ERA & LC for EVCAAP have written to LPA regarding this hotch-potch of an application. E-Mail received today from Karl Dafe, Hillingdon, states that they are seeking a meeting with Wimpey to discuss this matter fully. The Footpath should be the subject of a separate application.

All other matters covered in RAF Eastcote Update Report - next report - early June.

4.2 Conservation

Eastcote House Gardens

- Bluebells have been planted in the Woods.
- The Rock garden has been replanted and the Herb Beds were replanted on 15th April.
- 12 tonnes of compost has been added to the L shaped borders and the borders were rotovated again.
- L Shaped borders replanted with 1813 plants, Sunday 25th April. There was 2 sessions with 47 volunteers.
- Three local schools will be helping with planting out the wall borders during the next 10 days. Field End Infants, Newnham Junior [the gardening club] and Coteford infants.
- The judging for the Green Flag will be 10th May.
- The Conservation Management Plan is moving forward and should be completed by the end of May. Then we start trying to achieve funding, to restore the buildings.

Other Conservation items

- New sign at Forge Green will be unveiled Thursday 6th May at 2.00, by the artist, Graham Pellow the Chairman of Eastcote Art Society. Tea and Biscuits will be served afterwards at the Walled garden. All Welcome.
- The anvil from the Old Forge has been stolen from the front garden of The Old Forge Cottage.
- The information boards for Pretty Corner and Eastcote Park Estate are still awaited. **ACTION:- BB/DP**
- DP advised that Borough is applying for Borough wide Green Flag status for consideration next year.
- An application for reserve matters/materials for Highgrove House has been submitted.

- There was an Easter Egg Hunt at the Cavendish Pavilion on the 5th April organised by BACMAG - excellent turn out of about 200 children and families - very successful.

Diary dates

- EHG Gardeners next session Thursday 20th May. Extra sessions have been arranged for the following dates:-
- Help with School parties needed, 30th April, 5th May, and 11th May.
- Helpers needed to do last minute tidy up at EHG Monday 10th May before judging, meeting at 10am.
- Thursday May 6th unveiling of the Forge Green sign-2pm, all welcome.
- The BIG ONE Saturday 17th July 2010 at 11.30 the official re-opening of the Walled Garden at the Eastcote Celebration Picnic. This is not to be missed, make a date now. **ACTION:- ALL**

4.3 Police Matters

Report from IM:

There has been no meeting since the last report.

- The 'Delegate Nomination Form' was filled in - IM nominated, he agreed to continue as our Representative.
- LC raised a query regarding the actions of the police SNT - do they inform residents of burglaries in their road? LC advised that there had been burglaries in her road but that they had not been informed by SNT. CG will investigate and report back in due course. **ACTION;CG**

4.4 Transport and Road Safety:

IB reported:-

- Potholes - every road in the Borough has been surveyed. Money is available to repair potholes or resurface if necessary. BB to investigate as to whether the shopping area service roads were surveyed, particularly the one in Field End Road between the Post Office and Library as this one is in a very bad condition. **ACTION:- BB**
- Eastcote Road / Fore St & Field End Rd - safety concerns. Engineering measures are being given time to assess their effectiveness. Crossing outstanding - awaits agreement between Council and Taylor Wimpey
- Hume Way - Pedestrian crossing now operational with some remedial work, (bus stop) outstanding.
- Bridle Rd - pedestrian crossing. Council funding approved
- Cheney Street - traffic calming. Initial site investigations have been undertaken with consultation on proposals due later (no date specified at this point).
- Eastcote station - LBH proposal, still awaiting update from Council.
- Field End Road / Southbourne Gdns crossing - additional lighting, awaits update (EB)

4.5 Community Voice:

- The salient points from the Community Voice Minutes we had received and can be forwarded if required. The speaker was Mr. Nick Lee, Consultant Ophthalmologist at Hillingdon Hospital and his topic was on age-related macular degeneration.
- New Chemotherapy Suite at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre - now open.
- Hillingdon PCT's historic debt - other London PCT's have now paid off £19m and Hillingdon is paying off the last £8m from its allocation for 2010-2011 - so the debt is now a thing of the past.

- Hillingdon's new Well-being Centre in Uxbridge - this new centre for mental health patients, run by Central and North West London Foundation Trust, is opening in June inside Boots Pharmacy in The Chimes and will be open seven days a week, on Sundays it is open 11am to 5pm, longer on other days.
- NHS Hillingdon's plans for polysystems - the proposal is a three stage development of polysystems, open 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm, offering diagnostic/outpatient service, management of long-term conditions, co-located with primary mental health services, some secondary health services and social care. The first polysystem hub will be in the Hesa Centre Hayes Town opening in July 2011, the second hub at Hillingdon Hospital opening in April 2012 and the third hub at Mount Vernon opening in April 1013. All plans will involve public consultations.
- Royal Brompton and Harefield FT - redevelopment on both sites has already begun and there will be public consultation about the proposals.
- East and North Herts Hospital Trust - the next stage of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Review is expected later in the Spring. If it supports MV having a radiotherapy satellite further north there will be public consultations on the preferred site - either Luton and Dunstable Hospital or Lister Hospital in Stevenage.
- ERA need to renew membership of Community Voice at £18. This was agreed by a show of hands. The necessary form was handed to RB to deal with. **ACTION; RB**

4.6 Press Officer/Newsletter:

The Newsletter has been checked and is going to the printers tomorrow (Thursday) - CG requested that everyone deliver their copies as soon as possible

4.7 Ruislip Lido and Woods

- Improvements are planned in Ruislip Woods to put in some new boardwalks/paths - plus intervention ditches.
- Lido Proposals - it seems that the majority of those canvassed favoured new toilets, improved catering facilities and a new woodland centre. Swimming and boating were more contentious, and these will only be able to go ahead depending on the results of a water survey which is being carried out at the moment. The existing toilet block has bats and they will have to be dealt with before the new block can be built.
- The Pegasus crossing in Ducks Hill has now been agreed/funded.
- Six Highland cattle will be going out in Poors Field near the Lido next week.
- Ruislip Woods Management - we have copies of their latest minutes on file if anyone would like to see them, contact IG.
- 9th May is the Lido Festival Day - 12pm to 4.30pm.

5. A.O.B./Correspondence:

- KS (Senior Road Steward) reported that there were a small amount of outstanding subs . **ACTION:- ALL**
- AGM - 26th May 2010 at 7.30pm at Southbourne Community Centre. CG requested that all committee members be there by 7pm to help set up. LL has agreed to deal with refreshments. CG advised that we need to officially nominate people for the various position. Nomination forms to be included with these Minutes. CG canvassed existing committee members to confirm if they would stand again.
- Sustainable Communities Act - sponsored by Nick Hurd - CG/LC has been attending meetings regarding this Act which is very complex and difficult to understand but basically it allows Hillingdon residents to have more influence and get more involved in the decision making within the Council and nationally.

- PC brought up the subject of inviting the Council's Chief Executive to one of our meetings to air our discontent with the Council's Planning Department. It was also suggested that we invite a representative from some of the other RAs to meet up with him. Probable date June/July.
- A member complained about cycling on the pavement, which is highly dangerous to pedestrians. CG agreed to bring this up at the next SNT meeting and report back in due course. ACTION- CG

The meeting ended at 9.10PM

**The next Meeting will be the AGM on 26th May 2010 at Southbourne Community Centre at 7.30pm
Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or e-mail chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk**