



Eastcote Residents' Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 23rd February 2011 Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1 **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Carolyn Derecki, Pamela Jean Marr, Ian Parkinson, Lynda Masey, Jean Gibson, Linda Laurie, Tom Sharkey, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray, Eddy Lavery, Jackie Redrup, Michael White, Elizabeth Beggs

2 **Apologies for absence:** Roger Brown, Gawain Cox, Keith Barnard, Bruce Baker, Catherine Dann, Alison Akerman, David Payne, Andrea Gohil

3 **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the January meeting were agreed without amendment:

4 **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**

- There was no further information regarding the crossing at Blackhorse Parade.
- Tudor Lodge – see Conservation.

ACTION:- BB

5 **Project Funding**

The Friends of Bessingby and Cavendish Parks are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday 25th April at 10.30am and they have asked if we will sponsor the event to the tune of £25. After general discussion the proposal to sponsor this event for £25 was agreed by a show of hands.

6 **Representatives Reports**

6.1 **Planning & Enforcement**

Matters Arising from last meeting

*Properties on which ERA has written to Planning

- *108 Lime Grove – bungalow being turned into a two storey house – Approved
- 5 Deane Croft Road -single storey rear/side extension - Approved + conversion roof space – Approved
- Black Horse – single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. Application and listed building consent. Applications were withdrawn – new applications have now been submitted – Refused
- 217-217A Field End Road–Outline Application-change of use to 1 x 2 bed and 2 x 1 bed flats - Refused
- Eastcote Lawn Tennis Club –Kaduna Close– single storey rear/side extension with roof terrace - Refused
- 19 Ivy Close – part two storey, part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, previous application refused. - Approved
- 11 Barnhill – single storey rear/side extension, 1st floor side extension, loft conversion - Refused
- Land Adjoining 12 Gladsdale Drive – erection of single storey detached one-bedroom dwelling. – refused,
- 253 Eastcote Road – 2 new applications - loft conversion - Approved + vehicular crossover - Refused
- 81 Castleton Road– 2 Applications – single storey outbuilding, Refused-single storey rear extension -Approved
- 5 Deane Croft Road – rear dormer, balcony and 2 roof lights to existing habitable roof space – Approved
- 28 Windermere Avenue – single storey rear/side extension, demolition of existing garage – Approved
- 19 Pine Gardens – single storey side, rear, front extension – resubmission – previous application refused - Approved
- 10 Pamela Gardens – part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension, demolition of existing detached garage - Refused
- 122, Whitby Road – single storey rear extension and detached garage to rear - Approved
- Coleridge Drive Eastcote – RAF site – retrospective application for a conservatory. - Approved
- 62 Lowlands Road – porch to front and mono pitched roof over front to existing garage.- Approved

Decisions still awaited

- *Imada Club, 12 Kaduna Close-Extension to create two flats on top of existing building
- *Land at 216 Field End Road - Part 3 and part 4 storey block of flats with retail outlet to ground floor
- Highgrove House- Redevelopment affecting environment - Conservation Panel commented
- 135, Field End Road – Sams – regularisation of opening hours
- 21, Crescent Gardens –details of drainage for an agreed project
- 150 Field End Road–Initial House–now 42 flats–Application for Hotel has also been made – see new applications below
- Pavement adjacent to 1 Burwood Avenue – replacement BT cabinet
- 13 Widenham Close – single storey rear extension

- 13 Essex Close – loft conversion
- 24 Myrtle Avenue – single storey rear extension and loft conversion
- 94 North View – part single storey, part 1st floor side extension – previous application was refused

New Applications

Overview:-

15 new applications were reviewed during the period for the ERA Area

4 - ERA comments to Planning

- 22 Pavilion Way – single storey side/rear extension with alterations to 1st floor side and demolition of existing detached store – refused before
- 35 Oxford Drive – outbuilding with basement – refused before
- R/O 17-21 The Close – 2 storey office building with office space in roof-new application after successful appeal
- 150 Field End Road – further proposal for 76 bedroom hotel (Travelodge) – Extensive discussion – consensus of opinion was in favour of the hotel. IP had canvassed the traders and the majority seem to favour the hotel. We plan to contact the developers with a view of persuading them to improve the look of the building and improve landscaping and other items around the building bearing in mind that if the hotel gets the go ahead they will be using the original ugly building.

Other applications:-

- 46 Windermere Avenue – single storey side and rear extension
- Black Horse – single storey rear extension x 2 applications
- 3 Warren Drive – part single storey side to rear extension, conversion of the garage into habitable space
- 2 The Close – single rear extension, conversion of roof space
- 86 Fore Street – loft conversion
- RAF – Conservatories x 3 applications
- Site of former Highgrove Day Nursery – details in compliance with conditions

Appeals

- 39, Rushdene Road – single storey outbuilding – ERA objected, problems with 39/41, Rushdene Road, constant reapplications – refused – Appeal has been lodged
- 27, Maybank Gardens – new roof extension - this has been refused 3 times previously – Refused again – Appeal lodged
- 8 Sunningdale Avenue – Two storey detached building for 8 x two bedroom flats –refused – Appeal lodged

Enforcements

- 106, Field End Road- change of use –awaited
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – Unauthorised signage-awaited
- 38 Meadow Way – The Barn House – Advertising Boards - awaited

OTHER MATTERS

- The application for an all weather hockey area in Kings College Fields has been withdrawn.

RAF Eastcote

The latest update report was issued on 22nd February

6.1 Conservation

- Diary Dates - Eastcote House Gardens –
 - Gardening sessions 9.30am - Friday 4th March/ Thursday 17th March
 - Community Day – 10.30am – 26th March – all meet in the car park - clearing of areas ready for hedge planting
- Eastcote Horticultural Society Spring Show – 19th March, 2.00pm at Oak Hall – Eastcote Community Centre, Southbourne Gardens.
- The Information Board has been installed in the gardens at Pretty Corner.
- Tudor Lodge Hotel:- problems with the drains. Several meetings have taken place and the problem appears to have been identified as fat from the kitchens. This has now been cleared. The Hillingdon Environmental Officer has warned the Tudor Lodge to be more pro-active in monitoring the kitchens. The visible port-a-loo is to be removed within the next few days (POST MEETING the port-a-loo has now been removed). The size of the advertising/entrance sign is under Enforcement Notice we awaited the outcome. It is hoped that new sign will read EASTCOTE instead of PINNER

6.2 Police Matters

- There has been no meeting since the January report.
- A Harrow paper reported an arrest by armed officers in Daymer Gardens, the person concerned was arrested for gun smuggling.

6.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street road safety improvements. Subject to final approval works are expected to start very shortly.
- Eastcote Rd, RAF Eastcote north side entry treatment. These works together with water mains work are being planned to take place at the same time during the Easter holiday to minimise congestion. **Extensive delays are anticipated.**
- Lime Grove / Elm Avenue junction remodeling (re RAF Eastcote development) also planned in Easter holiday.
- Eastcote Rd, Black Horse parade pedestrian crossing concerns – awaits Council review.
- Bridle Rd pedestrian crossing – outstanding.

- Eastcote station works are almost completed.
- Metropolitan line service standards have deteriorated significantly over the past few months and there is no improvement since meeting with LUL MD Miker Brown. Problems with doors on the new trains; defective signaling; train breakdowns; and issues related to the use of Harrow on the Hill as the crew rest and change over location.
- ERA response to LBH LIP2 (local implementation plan re Mayor's transport strategy) It is unfortunate that the LBH consultation process did not forward this to Residents Associations directly – ERA found out late and by `accident`. The main suggests revolve around the need for LBH to
 - Monitor more closely the impact of School Travel Plans
 - Be more creative with regard to measures that will increase cycling
 - Negotiate specific details of traffic law enforcement activities that are necessary to compliment the Councils investment in engineering and education interventions intended to make the roads safer
 - Demonstrate leadership by implementing effective measures to manage the councils work related road risks and use procurement practices to encourage compliance from Council contractors and sub-contractors.
- Zebra crossing in Joel Street – under construction, almost complete.

6.4 Community Voice

- Attached to these minutes is the Community Voice Newsletter

6.5 Disabilities

- The bus stop in Southbourne Gardens to improve disabled access has been installed against opposition, as they are losing three car parking spaces.
- Quiz Evening on Friday 4th March for Grangewood School at the Winston Churchill Hall – fully booked
- Some people are abusing the parking Disabled Bays and the “Blue Badge”. This is being investigated and the information passed to BB. IP has identified a two culprits with one still to be investigated. **ACTION:- BB/IP**

6.6 Summer Fete

- In spite of considerable ERA support for the Eastcote Village Fete due to be held in Eastcote House Gardens on 9th July 2011, several key committees members are now involved with other community projects, work and family commitments and are therefore unable to proceed with organising the event. ERA are unable, at present, to identify new committee members to come forward to take over the event and therefore it is regretted that the event is not currently planned to proceed.

6.7 Christmas Festival

- Christmas Festival – Sunday 4th December – Eastcote Shops -A sub-committee has been formed to run this event and initial discussion have been held with the Hillingdon Council.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- Footpath from Abbotsbury Gardens to Devonshire Lodge car park now cleared of the trees and the path relayed.
- Nick Hurd was approached to speak at the AGM but has declined due to other commitments. The Council's Fraud Squad was suggested and MW will email CG with the name of the person to contact. **ACTION:- MW**
- We have received an email from “Proud Proud” (Carys Walker – Localities Team) – this new initiative called “Pride of Place” seeks to empower residents by giving them opportunities to get involved in improving their neighbourhood, such as the chance to nominate projects for Chrysalis funding. We are invited to a meeting in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 2nd March between 7pm and 9pm to learn more. CG, IB, and IP are to attend. **ACTION:- CG/IB/IP**
- NEWSLETTER – all articles to LL by the end of March. **ACTION:- ALL**
- TS mentioned the consultation document for Waste Plan for West London. This is a very large document available on the Hillingdon Council website. West London Waste Plan at <http://www.wlwp.net/>

The meeting closed at 9.20pm..

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 30th March 2011 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or email chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk