



Minutes of Committee meeting held Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** Ian Brooks (Chairman), Carolyn Derecki (Secretary), Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Bruce Baker, Cllr David Payne, Cllr Eddie Lavery, Tom Sharkey, Dympne McDermott, Jean Gibson, Edna Heskey, Ray Graham, Jackie Redrup, Keith Barnard, Nick Woodley FOBACMAG, Andrea Gohil, Alison Akerman, Ian Murray
2. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Linda Laurie
3. **Welcome**
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**  

The Minutes of the Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – agreed with no amendments
5. **Action/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
  - Bridle Road Bus Stop held off due to objections by residents now moved. Bench to be put in; old bench will remain.
  - Footpath RAF Eastcote ongoing problem. Three metre footpath will not happen as path is as wide as is possible. Site not complete, draft plan in hand. Trees to be removed and a gate put in for Azalea Walk. **Action BB**
6. **Report of subcommittee on ERA priorities & review of ERA Rules & Constitution**
  - IB reported the ERA website has been updated and reinforced by an email to Members – 15<sup>th</sup> February with information on how the committee proposes to take forward the three priority areas together with the proposed amendments to the rules and the constitution of the association. The update also invites feedback comments and also makes a request for support, in terms of time and skills, to assist the ERA in its aim of contributing to the 'preservation of amenities' in Eastcote.
  - At the AGM in May there will be a report on the Priorities together with the proposed changes to the Rules and Constitution.
7. **Representatives' Reports**
  - 7.1 Planning and Enforcement**
    - The latest planning report covering the period up to 25<sup>th</sup> February is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
    - JR requested that members print their own copy of report if required for future meeting. She expressed concern that she is unable to do the full amount of work on her own as she has restraints on her time. IB reiterated the need for extra volunteers in this area.
    - Highgrove House and RAF Eastcote remain contentious issues. There are 4 new applications upping numbers and greater density and JR requested help in writing to RAF – letter needs to be completed imminently. JR requires data – she has letter from Lesley Crowcroft which may be helpful together with Gawain Cox. Action JR. Pembroke Park Residents should be the lead in fighting the changes. BB suggested generic letter and IB agreed. **Action JR.**
    - The Thatched Cottage application has been withdrawn – as appendix
    - JR receives no replies from Planning for her email objections. She will copy in EL.
    - ERA to write on No 32 Cheney Street
    - IB and BB congratulated JR on her excellent work on Planning Reports – all seconded.

### **7.2 Police Matters/Safer Neighbourhoods**

- IM had nothing to add – see email except that crime is still of concern in Eastcote.
- BB as member of the External Scrutiny Committee expressed disappointment with dealing of SNT's which are disappearing – their workload is rising and there is only one officer on Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward Team. Promise of full complement of officers by end of month. SNT is moving from Argyle House to Ruislip Police Station; driven by cuts. BB feels SNT's won't survive the Olympics.

### **7.3 Transport/Road Safety**

- Petition handed in by Dympne McDermott to raise profile of large number of pot-holes in 3 roads – Castleton Road, Boleyn Drive and Cardinal Road. **Action EL.** There is a bigger budget this year for repairs; all emergency pot holes will be repaired. BB reported on the machine the Council have for repairs which is good value for money.
- Cheney Street post scheme traffic monitoring and review is still outstanding and it is regrettable that this has now exceeded nine months. Review now expected at the end of March (traffic monitoring installed 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012).
- Eastcote Road j/w Fore Street safety review – Council update awaited. BB informed that the speed warning signs in place are speed activated. Steve Austin at petition hearing sent letter to BB expressing doubts that there is a solution to this junction. A roundabout not feasible – the road marking which are wearing out will be re-installed. AA expressed concern about the narrow pavement from Black Horse Parade going towards Ruislip – BB felt that a white line to increase visibility could be an improvement. AA also stated that there were no signs to indicate crossing ahead only 'school' signs. BB affirmed that the need for traffic lights had been removed and the zebra crossing had been installed and not a pedestrian crossing with an island.
- Noisy and speeding night time lorry movements – Joel Street and Field End Road. The ERA is still being notified of infringements of the night-time 'lorry ban'. Petition hearing likely in April in the meantime traffic monitoring apparently being arranged. Update awaited following a briefing note sent to Nick Hurd MP, at his invitation, at the end of January.
- FOMLUC (Federation of Met Line Users Committee), ERA a member, continues to make representations on a regular basis to LUL management on customer service issues.
- Proposal for 20mph limit in Cuckoo Hill. Lead Petitioner will be challenged – two local authorities involved. IM confirmed that the Pinner Association is interested in 20mph scheme - IB affirmed that ERA will support residents at a Public Meeting.

### **7.4 Park Reports – Eastcote House Gardens (Keith Barnard) Cavendish and Bessingby**

- KB reported EHG now has details of the Jubilee Gates.
- As last report 10 March is Community Volunteer Day
- Nick Woodley of FOBACMAG would like to apply for Green Flag status for the parks. Advised to attend tomorrow's meeting. ERA supports their application.

### **7.5 Festival Committee**

- It is understood that Ian Parkinson intends to resign from the role as ERA Committee Business Representative.
- DP asserted he would like a financial statement from the Christmas Festival Event. IB confirmed that CG has already requested same.

### **7.6 Webmaster**

- GW provided information subsequently to the meeting.  
There is no webmaster report for February. Figures for visits to the website since the beginning of 2012:-  
Website Statistics: January 2012: 1056 visits. February 2012: 1035 visits. Additionally, a survey is anticipated to be provided to the committee at the March meeting in order to canvass opinions on which direction the website will move towards in the foreseeable future. The survey will ask for comments and thoughts on a number of things from marketing to a dedicated membership area. For those who are comfortable using the internet, an online version of the survey will also be made available – making responding quicker and easier. Further discussion will be tabled for a future meeting based on the results from this survey.

### **7.7 Newsletter**

- LL would like all submissions to her by the date of next ERA meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **7.8 Health and Community Voice**

- BB informed us that NHS Hillingdon will be one of the first boroughs in London to pilot the new NHS 111 service aimed at making it easier for the public to access local health services when they need help quickly but it isn't life-threatening, or when they don't know who to call. The D of H has now completed end to end testing of the service and has pronounced Hillingdon ready for go-live. Public launch will be mid March.

- Cllr CD reported Hawthorne Avenue and Meadow Way are being re-surfaced, but the strip of road from Field End Road to Eastcote Library will *not* be re-surfaced.
- DP informed that Highgrove Nature Reserve has been allocated £38.500 to renovate the whole area; £10.000 has come from Highgrove House and the rest from RAF Eastcote. Lesley Crowcroft will be involved in renovation.
- BB proposed that the left-hand lane of south bound track leading to Eastcote Station needs to be left turn only, to avoid confusion and aggression at traffic lights.
- DP reported that The British Legion felt that the lighting needed improving at the War Memorial; the forms have not yet been submitted but DP assured that things were in hand and contributions still there.
- Cllr CD understood that the uplifted tree roots in Budgen's Car Park had been treated and were now dead. KB agreed.

**IB closed the meeting at 8.55pm.**

**The next meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 at Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.**

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