



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 30th June 2010 Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Catherine Dann, Jean Marr, Karen Spink, Linda Laurie, Jean Gibson, Carolyn Derecki, Lesley Crowcroft, Elizabeth Beggs, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Robin Pyburn, Michael White, Ian Brooks, Andrea Gohil, Roger Brown, Keith Barnard, Nigel Stone (Deerings Drive)

CG opened the meeting in welcoming a new member to the committee - Ian Parkinson

1. Apologies for absence: Marg Bacon, Eddy Lavery, Ray Graham, Jackie Rednapp, Bruce Baker

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the April meeting were agreed with no amendments.

3. Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda

- The CCTV camera has been installed in The Sigers but it is not certain whether it is actually working yet. RB to check. ACTION:- RB
- The lighting by the crossing by the Nissan Garage is to be followed up by EB/EL ACTION:-EL/EB
- The history signboards at Pretty Corner and for Eastcote Park Estates are up (without graphics) but there has been some complaint about being too dominant. Awaiting resolution between Council departments.
- We have been informed that the police SNT do not necessarily inform everyone in a road after case of burglary, as previously advised - CG to follow up. ACTION:- CG
- The potholes in the various service roads and the road between the two car parks behind the shops in Field End Road - clarification is to be sought as it is possible that the road between the two car parks has not been adopted by the Council - MW to seek clarification. ACTION:- MW MW advised that, although the funding was already approved, the Councils programme of repairs of potholes was suffering significant delays due to problems with Contractors.
- The subscription to Community Voice of £18 - has been paid.

4. Representatives Reports

4.1 Planning & Enforcement

Matters Arising

- 232, Woodlands Avenue, Conversion of existing 3 bed house to 2x 1 bedroom flats -refused.
- 11 Hoylake Ave, erection of 3 bedroom dwelling on land to side of number 11 -refused.
- 41 Rushdene Road, erection of rear extension-refused.
- 81 Abbotsbury, this application due for determination but has still not been determined, LC wrote to James Rodger, no reply to date.
- Regrettably the extension to the roof of 3 Pike's End was allowed, alterations to roofscapes should not be allowed in a Conservation Area.

- 23, The Chase, the owner has had further discussions with LPA, new drawings have been submitted, verbally the application has been approved, awaiting written confirmation.

NOTE:- Juliet Balconies - Planning Inspector has ruled that a Juliet Balcony is neither a balcony nor a veranda, but a decoration, therefore, these very large windows are allowed in a loft extension!

New Applications

- 8 Sunningdale Avenue-demolition of existing and erection of 8 x 2 bedroom flats. ERA have registered objections. Residents have submitted a petition. Ward Councillor has asked for determination by NPC.
- 114-118, Abbotsbury Gardens another application for a 1 x 2 bedroom bungalow.
- 2, Field End Road, Eastcote Cottage, Grade II and Conservation Area. Application to renew rear windows.
- Alison Close, 2 applications, 1 to replace the gravel drive with pavers, 2, rear ground floor extension to no 1.
- 17, Burwood Ave, EPECA, application for ground floor extension, involving demolition of detached garage.

Appeals

- Site visit for 63-67 Lowlands Road set for 6th July 11.30am.
- No date yet for 12 Gladsdale Drive.
- 208 Field End Road, Skylord Travel Agents. Appeal lodged against refusal for rear extension.

Other Items

- Changes to Planning Policy Statement 3. [PPS3].- June 9th 2010, Minister for Planning matters issued retrospective changes to PPS3, Building in Back Gardens is now no longer allowed. The minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare has been removed.
- Planning Inspectorate ruling re large outbuildings erected under House Holder Permitted Development. These cannot now be erected as a right, the applicant must now prove that the development is necessary for the well being of the occupants, rather than the LPA having to prove that it is not necessary.
- Public Participation in Local Development Framework. Core Strategy consultation Draft June 2010. This will set the parameters for the development of Hillingdon until 2026 and beyond. This document can be seen at www.hillingdon.gov.uk or at local libraries, also Planning information Services Civic Centre, Uxbridge Mon-Wed & Fridays 9am-5pm. Public event held at Ruislip Manor Library Saturday 3rd July 10am-1pm. A Planning officer will be present. Members of the Public have until 5pm 30th July to send comments to the Council.
- LC reported that ERA's comments regarding planning applications are not appearing in the Officer's report - after general discussion it was decided that CG and LC write together a letter of complaint to Jean Palmer, copying the letter to all Counselors, detailing, if possible, planning applications where our comments were not included.

4.2 Conservation

Activities

- The AGM's of EVCAAP and the Friends of EHG MAG were held 8th June, if anyone would like to receive a copy of the minutes please let LC have you e-mail address.
- 6th May Graham Pellow unveiled the new Forge Green Sign. Refreshments served in the Walled Garden EHG.
- 14th May Conservation Forum visit to Breakespeare House Harefield and RAF Uxbridge.

- 24th May a talk regarding the Crane Valley improvements which affect Yeading Brook.
- 27th May Bessingby and Cavendish Parks MAG AGM.
- 7th June Yeading Valley Working Party meeting.
- 10th June Friends of Warrender/Highgrove Woods MAG
- 22nd June the re-dedication of the War Memorial.
- 23rd June presentations for Our Eastcote arranged by St .Andrew's United Reform Church
- 28th June presented the Hinman Shield to 5th Eastcote Cubs for conservation work.

Eastcote House Gardens.

- Judging for Green Flag took place 10th May
- 17th June -showcased -visited by group attending International Convention for Parks and Leisure Facilities.
- Conservation Management Plan now complete, and will be presented to Cabinet in September.
- It is hoped that an Archaeological survey can be carried out next year, on the footprint of Eastcote House.
- Pre-application talks with the Heritage lottery fund are in progress.
- EHG has been included in Hillingdon's entry for London in Bloom judging 13th July.
- The Walled garden project will be judged 15th July, London in Bloom category 'It's your neighbourhood'
- July 17th The Eastcote Celebration Picnic.
- July 1st and 15th Gardening group meet 9.30am.
- 1st July -presentation to Street Champions meeting at the Winston Churchill Hall Ruislip. The Diary of a Secret Garden. [The Walled garden Project]
- July 7th 4th Eastcote Beavers are visiting to learn about EHG, past present and future.
- Three proposals were submitted and after discussion were voted and approved.
 - That Eastcote Residents Association become the sponsor of the Hinman Shield at an annual cost of up to £50 with ERA's sponsorship being acknowledged.
 - That the ERA meet the costs of the hire of a meeting room, 4 times a year, for the Conservation Group.
 - That ERA makes a donation of £340 toward the expenses of the EHG Celebration Picnic with ERA's donation being acknowledged.

4.3 Police Matters

- There has been no meeting since the last report and recent crime statistics were presented in latest Newsletter and at AGM.
- SNT - CG reported that petition is being raised, by a local resident, to get the main car park behind Budgens closed in the late evening because of the problems with boy racers using the car park.
- The SNT have recently changed their shift patterns to include late working so they can visit The Sigers, Eastcote House Gardens and the car parks at times when problems seem to occur.
- The SNT current Ward Priorities are anti social behaviour by youths, road safety and burglary.

4.4. Transport and Road Safety:

IB reported:-

- The cuts announced by the Government could affect Cheney Street and other road safety measures within the Borough. However, Cllr CD then reported that she had received a letter from David Knowles stating that funds are available for 2010/2011 and that a survey was being done (CDe reported that she had seen men in yellow jackets doing surveys over the last couple of days) and that a consultation would then be forthcoming.

- Residents in Cuckoo Hill, following recent fatality, are pressing for traffic calming measures via petition and a representative has approached ERA for support. ERA are supportive of this initiative. Understood the traffic police intend to conduct enforcement at the location once the road is reopened following engineering works.
- This collision comes a short time after a fatality in Elm Avenue highlighting the need for effective interventions aimed at young and inexperienced drivers. It is understood that the Council are currently developing an initiative - details awaited.
- Eastcote Road / Fore St & Field End Rd - safety concerns. Engineering safety measures appear to be helping. Pedestrian crossing facility remains outstanding - awaits agreement between Council and Taylor Wimpey
- Bridle Rd - pedestrian crossing. Council funding approved - in design stage
- ERA invited to join FOMLUC (Federation of Met Line User Committee). This organisation, seeks to represent the interest of local associations (Harrow outwards`) in respect of the Met Line services. IB proposed joining this federation for a period of one year (membership cost £8) - meeting agreed.

ACTION:- IB/RB

4.5 Community Voice:

- EB reported that she had been unable to attend the meeting as the email advising her of the date arrived too late. The meeting was the AGM and an examination of the minutes of the meeting did not reveal any current items to highlight this month.
- Press Officer/Newsletter:
The timing for the next Newsletter will be discussed fully at the next meeting in July.

4.6 Ruislip Lido

- CG had attended the latest meeting. Works for toilets/changing rooms will progress in the Autumn as will some other items proposed but the outcome on proposals for swimming/angling/nature area/paddle boats/boating will await the Water Level Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Assessment, due to be published in September..

5. A.O.B./Correspondence:

- HARA - IG had attended the last meeting where there was a poor attendance. The meeting was taken up with discussions regarding the new high-speed rail link and how it will affect certain areas.
- Feedback regarding the AGM - there were no questions at the end and it was felt that the reason for this was that the speaker went on too long and people were anxious to get home. We do need a speaker but to cut down on individual reports and that will give more time for questions and answers session at the end.
- CG received email from a resident regarding the AGM complaining about the lack of young people and ethnic communities at our AGM and other meetings. CG has replied to him and copies are available if anyone would like a copy, please email CG.
- CG requested suggestions for our next Open Forum. He will book a suitable venue and date, hopefully around the same time as last year. **ACTION:-ALL/ CG**
- Nigel Stone (a member) then brought up the problems on litter around the Eastcote Cricket Club grounds and the area where the children ride their bikes. The problem being the lack of rubbish bins. He had written to Damien Searle last year but nothing had been done. CG agreed to follow this up with DS and BB to try and resolve the matter. **ACTION:- BB/CG**
- LC gave us details of "Big Lunch 2011" This is a country wide event and will take place one Sunday in June 2011 (date to be advised) when all communities (like RAs) get together and organised a big picnic in a local park. Details to be forthcoming.

- It was pointed out that it is the 80th anniversary of ERA next year and this should be marked in some way. This will be discussed at our next meeting.
- IP (our new committee member) brought up the subject of the overgrown and obstructed footpaths in Salisbury Road area. CG agreed to find out who he should contact and then IP to follow up.
ACTION:- CG/IP
- IP pointed out the danger of exiting the service road in Field End Road-near (Greggs baker) - the exit makes it difficult for car drivers to see unless they pull out into the main road. He will liaise with IB.
ACTION:- IP/IB
- The High kerb outside the Cavendish Pavillion is also causing problems. MW to investigate.
ACTION:- MW
- IM attended opening of West House in Pinner Memorial Park and the Heath Robinson exhibition is now open.

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

**The next Meeting will be 28th July 2010 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm
Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or e-mail chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk**