



## Eastcote Residents Association



### Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010

#### Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

**Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Carolyn Derecki, Catherine Dann, Elizabeth Beggs, Pamela Jean Marr, Roger Brown, Gawain Cox, Keith Barnard, Bruce Baker, Jackie Redrup, Paul Ashby, Ian Parkinson, Lynda Masey, Dymnia McDermott, Denis Quigley, Julia Macartney

**1. Apologies for absence:** Andrea Gohil, Alison Akerman, Jean Gibson, Linda Laurie, Tom Sharkey, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray,

**2. Minutes of previous meeting:**

- The Minutes of the October meeting were agreed without amendment.

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

- “Welcome to Eastcote” sign boards- We are advised that four boards are now sanctioned, after discussion it

was agreed that they would be located :-

- Field End Road south of Whitby Road at River Yeading
- Bridle Road at Harrow Boundary between Rochester Drive and Francis Road
- Eastcote Road at Hume Way
- Joel Street near Gladsdale Drive
- Meeting with Tudor Lodge Hotel to discuss minor problems held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November- amicable meeting – most queries resolved – notes of meeting distributed to committee.
- The Public Notice-Board for Devonshire Car Park has still not been installed – Council have been reminded
- Consultation for possible redevelopment of the Eastcote Community Centre/British Legion /Scouts/Horticultural Society site was raised at the Residents Forum with Councillor Puddifoot .
- The Developers have been reminded that the new fencing for RAF Eastcote in Highgrove Woods has still not all been removed.

#### 4 Representatives Reports

##### 4.1 Planning & Enforcement

##### Matters Arising

- Television House- 269, Field End Road – approved
- Telecom equipment at Junction of Field End Road/Eastcote High Road - decision awaited
- Highgrove House- Redevelopment – changes to proposed development affecting environment – Conservation Panel have commented – decision awaited
- 253, Eastcote Road – single storey rear extension/vehicular crossover ERA Objection – no drawings – refused
- 34, Lowlands Road – a detached outbuilding – approved
- 10, Dovecot Close – conservatory – Conservation Panel have commented – approved
- 17, Uplands – single storey rear extension – approved
- 42, Abbotsbury Gardens – single storey side and rear extension.-approved
- 39, Rushdene Road – single storey outbuilding – ERA objected, problems with 39/ 41, Rushdene Road, constant reapplications – refused
- 214, Field End Road – Pizza Village- move extract vent. - decision awaited
- 135, Field End Road – Sams – regularisation of opening hours- decision awaited
- 27, Maybank Gardens – new roof extension - this has been refused 3 times previously - decision awaited
- 21, Crescent Gardens –details of drainage for an agreed project - decision awaited
- 348, Field End Road – single storey rear extension - decision awaited
- 29, Crescent Gardens – single storey rear - decision awaited
- 63, Deane Croft Road – conversion of the roof space - decision awaited
- 176, Field End Road – change of use, shop to café - Conservation Panel commented - decision awaited
- 22, Pavilion Way – 2 storey side and rear extension & conversion of roof space – refused
- 18, Abbotsbury Gardens – Single storey rear/side extension- approved

## **New Applications**

25 new applications for the period

14 required no further action

11 were regarded as needing examination

5 of the 11 appear to require comment to Planning:

- Imada Club, 12 Kaduna Close - First floor side extension to create two flats on top of an existing building.
- 108 Lime Grove – bungalow being turned into a two storey house
- Land at 216 Field End Road - Part 3 and part 4 storey block of flats with retail outlets to ground floor.
- Land at Rear and forming part of 63, 65 & 67 Lowlands Road - 5 bedroom detached bungalow
- Land forming part of 104 Abbotsbury Gardens - 1 bed bungalow

## **Other New Applications:-**

- Land forming part of 11 Hoylake Gardens – side extension to create two flats – duplicated in each of two weeks
- 41 Rushdene Road – regarding materials only
- 33 Gerrard Gardens – conversion of roof space
- 5 Deane Croft Road - single storey rear and side extension + conversion of roof space
- 20 Boleyn Drive – single storey rear extension
- Black Horse – single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. Application and listed building consent
- 34 Lowlands Road - Single storey rear extension and first floor extension
- 62 Hawthorne Avenue - single storey side extension – Certificate of Lawfulness
- 10 Pikes End - tree surgery
- 9 Flag Walk – conversion of roof space
- 1 Deane Croft Road- small extension and conservatory to rear
- 4 Boundary Road -front and side extension to 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- 102 Abbotsbury Gardens - single storey rear extension and conversion of garage
- 94 North View - single storey side and first floor side extension
- 29 Crescent Gardens -single storey rear extension
- 253 Eastcote Road – previously refused because of vehicular crossover, now single storey rear extension only
- 262-270 Field End Road – Audit House, details of compliance in relation to approved application

## **Licence Application**

- 106, Field End Road – alcohol license for a Portuguese Deli/Café – granted (Change of use from retail to restaurant still outstanding)

## **Appeals**

- 12, Gladsdale Drive – Inspectors visited on 2<sup>nd</sup> November – appeal allowed
- 8, The Chase – single storey side and rear extension – decision awaited

## **Enforcements**

- The Barn House (fronting onto Field End Road) - advertising boards/windows - awaited.
- 106, Field End Road - alleged change of use
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – Unauthorized signage

## **Other Matters**

- Eastcote Library proposed Refurbishment – to commence next month

## **RAF Eastcote**

- Next update will be in December. Details distributed of the proposed 3 new planning applications for an increase in the number of units on the site by a further 15 house/flats (now up to 400 units from 385 units). The applications are generally as per the public meeting last year. Strong objections/petitions have been prepared by various groups and submitted including residents group, ERA and Conservation Panel. Planning meeting expected in December. (post meeting note – planning meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> December – recommendation – refusal)
- It has been reported that although Wimpy landscaped the gardens of the houses, some of the new owners are now removing new trees behind Deane Way.

## **4.2 Conservation**

- Diary Date - Eastcote House Gardens - Gardening sessions Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The Eastcote Community Volunteer Day Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>. - Bulb Planting in the Eastcote House Gardens

Walled Garden and at Forge Green.- was a great success despite the inclement weather

## **4.3 Police Matters**

- The Hillingdon Police Committee met last Wednesday. The main topic was a presentation on what was called “Joint Enterprise” which is a presentation to schools on the potential consequences of being at scenes of crime and not trying to avoid the crime or endeavouring to stop it or inform about it even though an individual might not have been a physical perpetrator.
- In Hillingdon most serious crimes are down compared to last year except personal robbery (muggings) which are up by 15.4%. This will now be a priority for policing. Budget cuts mean that the MET will need to make 20% savings although Hillingdon is already the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> least expensive force amongst the London Boroughs.
- The theft of car wheels in Northwood Hills was raised as a matter of concern, this particularly affects BMWs. Thieves are stealing wheels from cars even in driveways and leaving the car propped up on bricks for the owner to find in the morning. This is not just affecting Northwood Hills as Pinner and Northwood as also affected.
- A leaflet called “Safer Hillingdon Partnership – Annual Plan Consultation about Priorities” has been received – BB agreed to deal with it. **ACTION:- BB**
- South Ruislip SNT have, over the last month, targeted vans and flat back lorries with the result they now report that the number of burglaries have decreased dramatically down to nil in the relevant area.

#### 4.4 Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street improvements – public consultation ended on the 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. Formal issue of results of consultation being withheld so as not to prejudice the proposed petition hearing on 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- Cuckoo Hill safety improvements petition – scheduled for Wed 17<sup>th</sup> November – petitioners recommendations were accepted – see details on Hillingdon Website – Petition Hearing – Minutes
- Eastcote Rd, Black Horse Parade – concern re pedestrian crossing near misses. BB asked for obstructing vegetation to be removed and Zebrite lights (see crossing at Hume Way) to be fitted to aid visibility.
- South Hill Lane - cricket club parking issue. Meeting on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October regarding this problem – minutes of meeting awaited.
- Eastcote Station improved access proposals – Despite promises made, work has started on these improvements without further consultation. Most of the previous objections/suggested amendments had been included in the proposals but another round of consultation could possibly have made further improvements. BB to investigate why no new consultation was forthcoming. **ACTION:- BB**
- Bus stop location – Southbourne Gardens – Petition heard and decided to defer decision for further investigation.
- There is no new information regarding the crossing for Bridle Road.

#### 4.5 Community Voice

- This month’s speaker was Patrick South, Head of Press and Public Affairs. His topic was “The King’s Fund” (*Copy available on request*).
- Yi Mien Koh, CEO NHS Hillingdon is leaving her post in mid November and Robert Creighton will attend the next NHS Hillingdon Board Meeting.
- There was several queries regarding problems at Mount Vernon Hospital and David McVittie has replied with an update (*copy available on request*).
- CyberKnife – this is being funded for certain conditions but negotiations are now underway for funding of this treatment for a wider range of conditions.
- Satellite to Mount Vernon, further north – The Lister Hospital (in Stevenage) has been invited to submit proposals for a radiotherapy satellite on that site – a first step towards provision of local services in that area.

#### 4.6 Christmas Lights/Market/Fair.

- The Christmas Lights appeal is going well and the target is almost reached. We have received donations from most traders in Eastcote plus St. Lawrence Players and residents of The Forresters.
- The technical issues with the lights will be resolved in time for the event. The remaining lights will be installed by 28<sup>th</sup> November. A decision will be made as to whether we leave them on all the time or switch off until the event. They are on time switches, there is not magic turn on button.
- The Christmas Market and Fair is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00am to 18.00. Nearly all the shops are involved and they will be opening with special promotions etc.
- The area outside Canada House will be used for the stage presentations and carol singing. The approximate times are as follows: Fair opens at 10am, Coteford School singing at 2pm, Mayor arrival 3pm, Eastenders stars at 3.30pm, Switch on at 4/4.30pm and event finishes at 6pm. The

site at Canada House is being used although it is not very central as there is nowhere in the centre of the high street for a stage/ crowd area.

- There is to be a private party in a local restaurant in the evening – anyone wishing to attend contact IP for details and tickets.
- Question of health and safety was raised, after discussion, the following proposal was made: “That ERA meet the costs of providing St. Johns Ambulance cover for the event up to £200.” This was carried unanimously. The SNT is bringing in extra resources to help with crowd control and IP requested that members of committee spare an hour or two to assist. Yellow jackets will be provided. CG to establish a rota for helpers on the ERA tent and as stewards. **ACTION:- CG**
- The ERA tent will act as a base for the stewards, first aid, lost children, etc and will be near the main stage.
- Posters will be emailed to everyone and it is requested that copies are made and distributed. EB suggested that leaflets should be produced and distributed at Eastcote Community Centre and JR offered to photocopy them if necessary.
- A scaffold company is putting up the base of the stage but IP requests anybody with carpenter experience to help with the finishing, supplying wood etc.
- IP gave his thanks to Gawain and LL for all their hard work behind the scenes. Gawain has done a fabulous job on the Web site and we have had over 5,000 hits in the last month.

#### 4.8 Other Reports.

- No reports from Ruislip Lido or Ruislip Woods.
- HARA REPORT: At a recent meeting of HARA it was reported that a letter had been sent to Cllr Ray Puddifoot regarding the proposed HS2 rail line and his replied was handed out at the meeting. In that letter he indicated that a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 7pm to 9pm at Ruislip High School. Although it indicated that all areas affected would receive an invitation, it would appear that only Ickenham had received one. A letter had also been received from John Randall which indicated that he was in favour of the HS2.
- Although Harefield and Oak Grove call themselves RAs they are Tenant Associations and they receive funds from the Council, the reason being is that the majority of houses and flats in their areas are council owned/managed.

#### 5 AOB/Correspondence.

- OPEN FORUM : The Minutes are not yet available but will be soon. We were very pleased with the coverage we received in the local Gazette. A discussion followed regarding the microphone and it was decided that, if funds are available, we will purchase our own system. It was agreed that generally the event had been a great success.
- CG had received a letter from Gwen Dearsley which he read out to the committee – in it she thanks us for all our hard work we put in on behalf of Eastcote.
- Regarding the AGM next May – EB to check whether we can use Oak Hall at the Southbourne Community Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- It was announced at our Open Forum that a decision regarding the relocation of the Snooker Club from the Stables in Eastcote House Gardens was to be made soon – BB to investigate.  
**ACTION:- BB**
- CG reminded everyone about the Photographic Competition – we have received a few pictures and, hopefully, we will get a few more.
- Last Monday, Streets Ahead visited Eastcote and CG/LC joined Council Officials for a walk about in the shopping area pointing our areas where work is required:- clearing up rubbish/ getting rid of graffiti/ repairs to roads and pavement, etc.
- PJM queried the width of the footpath through RAF Eastcote, CG confirmed that it should be 3 meters wide. PJM also mentioned that CCTV cameras have been installed, although we understand that the cameras are not working yet and gates onto the footpath have been added,
- It was mentioned that in the centre of Uxbridge and Hayes it is now an offence to hand out leaflets to people in the street.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**The next meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 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](mailto:chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk)**