



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 30th November 2011
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Eddie Lavery, Catherine Dann, Pamela Jean Marr, Carolyn Derecki, Karen Spink, Keith Barnard, Bruce Baker, Ian Murray, Gawain Cox, David Payne, David Harper, Paul Ashby.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Roger Brown, Andrea Gohil, Linda Laurie, Jackie Redrup, Ian Brooks, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, Ray Graham.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting on the 26th October 2011 agreed after a small amendment – David Payne added to the apologies' list.

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

- The new bus stop seat in Bridle Road – no information regarding the new one, BB to follow up.
ACTION- BB
- Public Liability Insurance for ERA:- Purchased
- Pembroke Park – there has been some improvement now the nights are drawing in as the young people are staying indoors. The Housing Association, A2 Dominion, has some issues with the developers Wimpey but things are improving. The incomplete footpath is still causing problems. BB to write to Planning Department to push issue. **ACTION- BB**
- Telecom mast at junction Fields End Road/Eastcote High Road –there has been no positive movement from the telecoms company regarding this issue despite a series of correspondence. A Hillingdon Council sub-committee is reviewing the arrangements for all telecoms equipment as part of a major review. It was suggested that CG write directly to the Chairman of the committee Michael Markham to highlight the problems in Eastcote. **ACTION-CG**
- Remembrance Day– Sunday 13th November. CG laid a wreath on behalf of ERA.
- KS reported that any problems reported to Street Champions by telephone or email are not being properly responded too KS to email CD regarding problems with Street Traders Licences. EB reported that a restaurant was displaying their menus on a nearby tree, CG to follow up.
ACTION-KS/CG
- Police SNT – there is a meeting on 1st December and CG will report at the next meeting. All the signs indicate that the SNT is gradually fading away without any indication as to what will replace it.
- The Ascott (refurbished pub) –gave tickets for pre-opening reception to ERA and KS handed these to Road Stewards.

5. **Representatives Reports**

5.1 **Planning & Enforcement**

- The latest planning report covering the period up to 30th November is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
- A question has been raised regarding the legitimacy of the Heath College, in Field End Road (currently closed)– CD is making enquiries and will report back.
ACTION:- CD
- Ruislip RA have asked for support against the recent application for a new hockey pitch in King College Fields– it was decided that we would support them.
ACTION- JR
- It was also agreed to object to the proposed developments at 186 and 216 Field End Road
ACTION- JR

5.2 Police Matters

- At a recent meeting the speaker was a senior Probation Officer from the Probation Services. They have 30 members of staff throughout the Borough of Hillingdon.
- The Borough of Hillingdon has 500 active police officers including PCSOs.
- The Manor Farm Complex including surrounding roads have in place a Dispersal Order until the 7th January 2012.
- Special Constables – the programmed number required is 119 and to date 96 are in training at Hendon and will be deployed in March 2012.
- Operation Bumble Bee – has been re-activated .
- A recent operation regarding uninsured drivers/vehicles took place -300 vehicles confiscated and 54 people arrested.

5.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Hawthorne Avenue / Meadow Way speed complaint – awaiting action from residents.
- Cheney Street post scheme traffic monitoring - review is still awaited – Cllr Payne to follow up
ACTION:- DP
- Eastcote Road j/w Fore Street safety review – Council dealing Cllr B Baker to monitor
ACTION:- BB
- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements. The E petition ended on 30th Nov - petition hearing date to be arranged. IB attended the HARA meeting on 21st November and secured support to ERA campaign. Key principle at stake – that it is wrong that the Council have decided not to have the capability to enforce a regulation that is enforced in 29 of the 33 London boroughs. It was agreed that this matter be pursued further.
At request of David Knowles of Hillingdon Highway and discussions with Alan Tilley (Aviation and Transport Manager) - useful exchange of information briefing him on our key issue (i.e. no LLCS enforcement capability). Updated recommendation to the meeting was that LBH be given an opportunity to demonstrate a problem solving approach in the short term, failing that we lobby both MPs (with vigour!)” – agreed.
Details of various lorries and companies using the local roads illegally, received from residents, have been communicated to the relevant authorities.
- It was reported that the junction of Windmill Hill, Ruislip Road and Kings College Drive is being looked at with possibly making the roundabout bigger and improving the sight lines.

5.4 Community Voice

- Community Voice Newsletter is attached to these minutes

5.5 Christmas Festival

This is being held on Sunday 4th December, starting at 9am. The ERA table, which will be outside the old Petros shop, will be giving away Mull Wine and Mince Pies for a small donation. The stage will be put up near the Station. The lights are going up now.

5.6 Open Forum

The Open Forum meeting was attended by 70 plus people who were then split into 9 discussion groups with facilitation support from Carys Walker (LBH). Each group was then invited to rank in order of importance local priorities with following three issues securing the highest `scores`

- Planning and Conservation
- Road Safety, Transport and Traffic Congestion
- Anti-social behavior and Crime & Disorder
- Each of the table groups then suggested a range of ideas as to how the priority issues could be addressed. The feedback on the night regarding the process was positive.
- As follow up a subcommittee has been recruited and the following actions agreed:-
 - To review suggested solutions and determine an Action Plan – by Jan 2012
 - Review ERA Constitution and propose amendments
 - Present conclusions at AGM in May
 - Updates on progress to be posted on ERA website – Dec, Jan, and March

6 AOB/Correspondence

- **WEBMASTER:** Large increase in hits on the ERA website in November with 2,183 pages loaded and 1,148

unique visits. If any local resident wants an item of news or publicity for a local charity or community event to be put on the Website please email the information to CG and GC or apply through the ERA website.

- **HARA:** There was a meeting recently and IB attended with IG – there was a very good response/support from some of the other RAs regarding the ERA campaign against noisy lorries at night.
 - **NOTICE BOARDS** – CG raised the problem with the notice board outside The Ascott which is rotting away. An application has been made for Ward Funds in Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward to replace it, at a cost of £1500. The Counsellors have indicated that they will support this application provided that ERA make a contribution. CG proposed that ERA make a contribution of 20%, which will be approximately £300, towards the cost of a new board. After discussion, it was passed by a show of hands.
 - After further discussion regarding the sighting of notice boards, it was suggested that one in Cavendish should be considered and the most likely place would be in Whitby Road, by the shops. An application will be put in for payment by Ward Funds. (there was a previous application which was not approved)
- ACTION- CG**
- **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY;** The dates for the future Committee Meetings are as follows: 25th January, 29th February, 28th March, 25th April, 23rd May (this is the AGM at Southbourne Gardens Community Centre), 27th June, 25th July, No meeting in August, 26th September, 31st October, 28th November, No meeting in December.

CG closed the meeting at 9.10pm – **WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.**

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 25th January 2012, at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.

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