



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 29th September 2010 Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Cllr Catherine Dann, Roger Brown, Jean Marr, Karen Spink, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Cllr Ray Graham, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Keith Barnard, Jackie Redrup, Paul Ashby (Linden Avenue), Gawain Cox, Lynda Masey, Tom Sharkey, Andrea Gohil, Alison Akerman.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Bruce Baker, Elizabeth Beggs, David Payne, Eddy Lavery, Lesley Crowcroft, Michael White, Jean Gibson

2. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the July Meeting were agreed after the following amendments:

- Item 4.7 should read ‘Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group’.
- IP is now the Business Community Liaison Officer liaising with the traders of Eastcote.

CG introduced and welcomed Cllr Ray Graham, Gawain Cox and Lynda Masey to the committee meeting as new visitors.

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

- The boards reading “Welcome to Eastcote” (or similar) on the boundaries of Eastcote have now been approved but a consultation is to be conducted to decide the precise positioning. LC has asked that the Conservation Panel be involved in discussions. Cllr Dann suggested that Nick Hurd be consulted for his input. (post meeting note –Nick Hurd has been informed) - **ACTION :- LC**
- Potholes – the funds have now been resolved and if potholes are seen, they should be reported to Hillingdon Contact Centre. TS reported that the ones by the Post Office have not been done properly. (POST MEETING; IG reported that the ones in the service road by the Vets were being dealt with on Thursday morning).
- The CCTV in The Sigers – this was installed for a period of 3/4 months. There is now a petition review on the 7th October at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre. The papers re this petition are on the Council website and CG will circulate papers. There have been several incidents since the camera were installed. - **ACTION:- CG**
- Footpaths (Salisbury Road Area) – IP reported that the agreed works have been done. Green Spaces have taken over the maintenance. The problem regarding the bollards has not been resolved and, hopefully, Mobility will follow this up.
- Pembroke Park Footpath – the problems regarding this path still not resolved, it would appear to be a lack of communication between Wimpy and Council.
- In the absence of MW the problems regarding clamping to be discussed at the next meeting.
- The problem of exiting the service road, travelling south, on the left, by the traffic lights has been resolved by extensive hedge cutting to improve visibility lines.

4 Representatives Reports

4.1 Planning & Enforcement

Matters Arising

- 41 Rushdene Road. Appeal was dismissed. Owner had three applications refused. They have now lodged another appeal.
- 8 Sunningdale Ave. Site visit by the Planning Inspectorate took place Tuesday 28th September.
- Change of use for Bellway offices to a College - approved.
- Highgrove House Application has been resubmitted and is available on the Council website for comment.
- 12 Gladsdale Drive – still awaiting Inspectors visit

New Applications

- 269 Field End Road, Television House- application for change of use from Office to Education facility.
- 63 Lime Grove. To demolish detached house, and erect a terrace of three x 4bed houses. Both ERA & the Conservation Panel have objected.
- Eastcote Library – general internal improvements and amendments to the entrance area – ERA and Conservation Panel have commented on application but are generally in favour.
- Telecom equipment at Junction of Field End Road/Eastcote High Road – ERA have objected and requested that equipment is moved back into woodland area (on Council Land not on footpath) to be less obtrusive.

Enforcements

- Redstone building- . Cllr. Baker has made further enquiries and the owners have been asked to submit a planning application for change of use, from office to educational college.
- The Barn House (fronting onto Field End Road) -Sethi Partnership. Large advertising boards have been erected, these are under scrutiny by the Enforcement dept. Sethi have also added a large clear glazed side window that looks over the amenity space of the house next door, this is being investigated.
- Tudor Lodge have now re-instated gates at the Field End Road/Bridle Road junction.

Other Matters

- Reports from various members that planning drawings and reports are not available in the Library, including the ones covering the actual Library amendments.
- KS reported that Tudor Lodge is now under new Managements. There have been complaints regarding construction noise and also installation of security lights, which are left on all night. It was noted that No.54, The Sigers, is owned by The Tudor Lodge and used as an office. It was decided that a meeting needs to be set up and RB would make the necessary arrangements and report back. - **ACTION : RB**
- Pembroke Park – Regular meeting will be held in approx 10 days time. There have been several complaints regarding dust. Additional houses/flats have been applied for but detail plans are not yet available yet, CG will bring this up at his site visit. .
- It was reported that the incomplete history board at the junction of Bridle Road for Eastcote Park Estate is to be removed as EPEA do not want it, the board will be used elsewhere. (Post meeting note –final decision on removal yet to be made).
- The Public notice-board for Devonshire Car Park has still not been installed due to problems with fixing of the board.
- The land behind Pretty Corner (corner of Fore Street)– the council could not come to any agreement with the land owner so the ugly green hoarding has to stay.

4.2 Conservation

Conservation

- The Pinn Bridge, designs for the new balustrade are being drawn up.
- Pretty Corner - the interpretation board content has been circulated for comment. The Yew trees that failed are under discussion with Enterprise for replacement together with the dead new tree on the green by St Lawrence Drive/Field End Road/Bridle Road.
- John Randall MP has been successful in his request for road signs at the entrances to Eastcote.

Friends of Eastcote House Gardens.

- The London Open House Weekend on 19th September was a success.
- Coteford Infants School enjoyed their visit to EHG.
- The Cabinet has approved the Conservation Management Plan. A grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund will now be sought. Hillingdon has granted £150k for emergency repairs to the Stables, Dovecote and garden Wall.
- Diary Date- Gardening sessions Thursday October 21st & November 18th.

Eastcote Community Volunteer Day Sunday October 31st - 10.30am -Bulb Planting in the Eastcote House Gardens Walled Garden and at Forge Green.- meet in car park of Eastcote House Gardens

4.3 Police Matters

- A dedicated Status Dogs Unit is to be set up to deal with the number of dangerous and status dogs which are being used as weapons.
- The Policing Pledge which was created as a public promise regarding the level of service we should expect is to be abolished.
- The Safer Neighbourhood teams are to come under scrutiny in the Autumn.
- Civil Liberties and the use of DNA samples from innocent people are to be reviewed and the evidence-gathering phase is due for completion in November.
- A London Crime Reduction Board is to be set up and chaired by the Mayor London and the first meeting is due to take place in late September.
- Specials and Volunteers who play a crucial role in policing are to be increased.

4.4 Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street improvements – The Council following completion of their topographical survey have presented their proposals to the Councillors.
David Knowles (LBH) presented these to CG/CD/LL/IB on 29th September. IB/LL has drawings and text of proposals. Proposals were generally well accepted and now there will be a formal consultation with residents local to Cheney Street
- Cuckoo Hill petition – update awaited
- The Chase, concerns regarding sharp bend – ongoing
- Eastcote Rd & Field End Rd, speed concerns – Site visit took place on 27Aug with LBH & JR/AA/IB. Further adjustments to Eastcote Rd signage provisionally agreed. Taylor W still yet, long overdue, to submit plans to LBH re entry treatment to RAF Eastcote north side. Post meeting note – plans now submitted and on Hillingdon Website.
- Southhill Lane – concern expressed about parking/blocking of the lane on cricket match days – meeting being arranged with cricket club to discuss.

4.5 Community Voice

No report, but if anyone would like to see a copy of the formal meeting minutes of Community Voice they are available.

4.6 Press Officer/Newsletter:

Newsletter is going to the printers tomorrow and will be back in about 10 days time for distribution.

4.7 Ruislip Lido

Next meeting of Ruislip Lido MAG is 12th October – CG to attend **ACTION:- CG**

5 Proposals

The following proposals were considered

Proposal - That Eastcote Residents Association provides the sum of £500 towards the cost of the Eastcote Christmas Lights. Cost £500 – after discussion this was approved although it was reported that the Eastcote traders association was having problems raising the remaining funds.

Proposal - That Eastcote Residents Association meet the costs of 2000 mixed crocus bulbs for planting on Forge Green. Cost :- £86.45. £50 was approved at a previous meeting for 1000 bulbs. The additional £36.45 was approved

6 A.O.B./Correspondence:

- HARA – At the meeting in September the main topic for discussion was the High Speed Rail link from London to Birmingham. It is obvious that certain areas of Hillingdon are going to be badly disrupted if this rail link goes ahead. It would appear from the various RA's reports that they are experiencing the same problems as ourselves with the Planning Department.
- The 4th December – IP reported that there were problems regarding the lights due to funding problems. Five Charity groups so far have signed up for stalls. BB is working on getting the service road closed free of charge.
- A new shop has opened up at 96 Field End Road, there appear to be doubt as to whether they are a charity and they are being investigated by Trading Standards. CD reported that they are Buddhists and a shrine has been set up in a back room but the Council has advised them they need planning permission for a change of use.
- The Open Forum on the 9th November is to be discussed more fully at the meeting in October.
- The 9th July Fair 2011 is to be organised by ERA led by IP. Regularly meetings defining the event will be held. A

committee has been formed and regular updates will be forthcoming.

- A resident has complained about the excessive use of sirens by the emergency vehicles. It would appear, after general discussion, that nobody else had noticed the problem.
- Highgrove Residents Association has had a couple of meetings. In its present form it is being run by Council Officers and is more a Tenant Assoc. (post meeting note- officers have now been elected.)
- The proposed crossing outside St. Lawrence Church is going through the usual planning/consultation process.
- The problem of schoolchildren riding bikes on the pavement was brought up. SNT are aware of the problem and are doing all they can to combat it. CG will raise the matter at the next SNT meeting. **ACTION:- CG**
- AG had bought a book at Kew Gardens and this book had a wonderful picture of the Dovecote in Eastcote House Gardens, in Winter.
- The expansion of the car park inside the Lido was raised, it was felt that this needs to be sympathetically constructed, not asphalt, and that both the main car park and the new one needs to increase the number of spaces for disabled drivers. There is to be a meeting soon and ERA will comment on planned car park works after the meeting.
- Cllr CD advised us that she had been the victim of an attempted telephone scam and advised us to be on our guard.

The Meeting ended at 10.10pm

The next Meeting will be 27TH October 2010 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm

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