



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28th September 2011
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church**

1. **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Keith Barnard, Catherine Dann, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Eddie Lavery, Pamela Jean Marr, Karen Spinks, Jean Gibson, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Lynda Massey, Ian Parkinson, Gawain Cox, Ian Murray, Paul Ashby, Michael White, David Payne, Andrea Gohil, Ian Brooks, Alison Akerman, Roger Brown.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Marg Bacon, Tom Sharkey, Bruce Baker, Ray Graham.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**
The Minutes of the 29th July agreed with one amendment – David Payne to be added to the Apologies.
4. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - The bad condition of the existing seat by the old bus stop in Bridle Road makes it impractical to move it – contact has been made to acquire a new one for the bus stop.
ACTION :- BB
 - The water mains work is now south of the shopping centre in Field End Road –information as to how long they will be on going is to be circulated.
ACTION:- EL
5. **Representatives Reports**
 - 5.1 **Planning & Enforcement**
The latest planning report covering the period from up to 28th September (2 months) is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
 - 5.2 **Police Matters**
 - 'There is a new Chief Inspector in the Borough although he seems to spend limited time in the area.
 - Burglaries are up throughout the Borough.
 - There was recently a knifing at Eastcote Station.
 - Some areas of Hillingdon did experience some problems during the rioting (locally in S Ruislip) and the shops were requested to close early.
 - CG has prepared an article in our next magazine regarding problems with the police SNT with its ever reducing staff.
 - 5.3 **Transport and Road Safety**
 - Hawthorne Avenue / Meadow Way speed complaint - speed survey results awaited, not clear whether petition will be forthcoming at this stage. (CD reported that two small cameras installed on lampposts have been removed). (post meeting note – speed survey results received)
 - Cheney Street - post scheme traffic monitoring and review – speed survey equipment suffered a fault, review now expected by late Oct. ERA received several emails expressing concern regarding effectiveness of chicanes.
 - Eastcote Road j/w Fore Street roundabout – a recent petition suggesting a roundabout at this location to improve road safety was presented to the cabinet member Cllr Burrows. It was clear as the hearing progressed that idea behind the petition was primarily a desire to seek an improvement in safety for children walking to school etc and that the roundabout idea was only a suggestion. Cllr Baker spoke against the idea of the roundabout and in support of a further review of location. Cllr Burrows instructed that this review of safety improvements be undertaken.
 - Field End Rd – noisy & speeding night time lorry movements. LBH do not enforce the London Lorry Control Scheme, they expect police to do so but the offence is decriminalized and police are unable to prosecute. The position of the LBH appears to be that the problem is not sufficient to warrant the cost of enforcement. Decision: IB to submit a petition; provide a brief to other RA's (HARA); and to approach the local newspaper.

ACTION :- IB

5.4 Community Voice

- Community Voice Newsletter is attached to these minutes

5.5 Christmas Festival

- An application for a two day event was refused, so an application for a one day event on Sunday 4th December has been submitted.
- At this stage it is intended to extend the Xmas lights to include the station and up as far as The Forresters in Field End Road. Also to illuminate two existing trees, one oak tree just before Southbourne Gardens and the other on the green area at the entrance to Eastcote Park Estate. It is also intended to enhance the lights with a bigger motif in the middle. All this intended extra lighting and the event itself are dependant on getting funding from the shop keepers, the Council and ERA. A formal application has been submitted to Hillingdon Council for funding for the lights.
- With the above in mind CG made the following proposal – “That Eastcote Residents Association provide the sum of up to £1,000 to support the supply and installation of Christmas Lights in Eastcote”, after a lot of discussion this proposal was agreed by a show of hands.

5.6 Open Forum

Open Forum - Tues 8th Nov 7.30pm, at St Lawrence Church Hall, Bridle Rd

IB updated the meeting on the details of recent Committee voting exercise and a useful meeting with Carys Walker (LBH) who has agreed to support the ERA by facilitating the meeting. It is suggested that time would be better used in determining local priorities and possible solutions leaving the ERA Constitution `objects` to be debated within the ERA Committee. Volunteers sought for role of `table` discussion chairs. Draft briefing document to be circulated by IB.

6 AOB/Correspondence

- **WEBMASTER:** No report
- **NEWSLETTER:** Has gone to the printers and will be available soon.
- **STREET CLEANING:** A new Street Cleaner has been appointed and he has now started work.
- **HARA:** IG was unable to attend the September meeting and to date no Minutes have been received, therefore no report.
- **EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS:**
 - The gardens have done very well in the recent London in Bloom competition coming second in all of London and second in an Award for Community Garden. They also collected a number of prizes at the Eastcote Horticultural Society Show.
 - The field behind the walled garden has been ploughed in readiness for replanting of a new orchard.
 - A very successful Open House was held on Sunday 18th September as part of London Open House.
 - The recently awarded Green Flag was raised in a ceremony on 14th September.
- **PEMBROKE PARK (RAF Eastcote) :** At present there is a road through the whole site (Flowers Avenue) connecting Lime Grove with High Road Eastcote, (crossing the footpath) but CG understands that new road barriers have been ordered and as soon as the new entrance on High Road Eastcote is open these barriers will be installed to stop through traffic. Occupancy – Phrase 1 (Lime Grove) – 90% - Phrase 2 (High Road Eastcote) – currently only a few houses occupied. We understand that proposed monument giving details of the previous history of the site will not be installed until the site is completed, approximately 18 months time. It was suggested that the newly formed Pembroke Park Residents' Association give a report at ERA committee meeting and GC agreed to liaise. **ACTION:- GC**
- **LIBRARY:** CG had asked for a new seat and cycle rack outside the Eastcote Library in Field End Road. It is now understood that the present equipment will be refurbished.
- **MANOR PUB:** We have been informed that the pub will be closed for a month for refurbishment work. It also informed that it proposes to change the name and suggestions are welcome and have been given by ERA, the local History Society and residents – “Ascotte”, the old name for Eastcote seems the favourite. The new name will be announced soon.
- **TELECOM MASTS:** Some time ago CG had a meeting with the company wishing to install a much taller mast and bigger boxes at the bottom of Field End Road at junction with Eastcote High Road, to date the responses from the company have been unsatisfactory. He will chase up.

ACTION:- CG

- **POSTCODE:** The petitions drawn up by BB have been collected and passed to Royal Mail for their attention.
- **WARD BUDGETS** Money is, once again, available for the use in the ward, suggestions to David Payne for the Councillors consideration. One suggestion made at the meeting was for a Rubbish Bin, to be installed at the Bus Stop outside the Catholic Church. KS agreed to make formal application to the Cllrs.

ACTION:- KS/Cllrs

The meeting closed at 9.50pm..

The next meeting will be **WEDNESDAY 26th October 2011** at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.

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