



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 25th April 2012
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Bruce Baker, Catherine Dann, Jackie Redrup, Roger Brown, Ian Murray, Gawain Cox, Carolyn Derecki, Karen Spink, Keith Barnard, Ian Brooks, Tom Sharkey, Alan Phillips (Wentworth Drive - part)
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Eddie Lavery, Linda Laurie, David Payne, Andrew Retter, Alison Akerman, David Harper, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, Marg Bacon, Andrea Gohil
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 28th March were agreed.

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

- The footpath through Pembroke Park – the problems with this footpath do not appear to be much further forward. CG to write again to Hillingdon Planning.
- ACTION-CG.**
- Residents in Azalea Walk will be installing a new fence and locked gate between Azalea Walk and the footpath.
 - CG has been advised that the two new Notice Boards requested have now been order and will be installed soon.
 - The invoice for the Xmas Lights have been passed to the Council for payment.
 - At the last meeting a question was raised regarding the litter picking/cleaning of side roads – we understand that Hale End Close is swept weekly – no information was forthcoming regarding other side roads – EL to find out how often side roads are cleaned.

ACTION:- EL

5. **Representatives Reports**

5.1 Planning & Enforcement

- The latest planning report covering the period up to 23rd April is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
- IM reported that a 50-bed Care Home is to be built on a local brown-field site off Daymer Gardens. We understand that this land has a Covenant which states that the land is to be used for the benefit of the elderly. No formal application has been forwarded to the Council yet.
- We understand that a local Kebab Shop in Field End Road have applied for a Premises Licence for late night opening.
- 253 Field End Road (crossover and dropped kerb) – this house is on a bend, was refused by Council, went to Appeal and this was also refused.

5.2 Police Matters

- There has been no meeting since the last ERA meeting.
- Representative Nomination Form – this need to be filled in and returned. CG proposed that IM continue to be our Liaison Officer and IM agreed to continue – this was passed by a show of hands and nomination form completed.
- Police SNT – For Eastcote & East Ruislip we now have a new Acting Sergeant – A Sgt Richard Charlesworth – plus a new constable, Daragh Smith, hopefully we will have a full compliment soon. We have been advised that this SNT will be moving from Argle House in Northwood Hills to Ruislip Police Station.
- A new Inspector has been appointed to oversee all Hillingdon SNT's – Inspector Glenn O'Dea

5.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Alan Phillips of Wentworth Drive briefly explained his concerns regarding speeding traffic at this location. IB to liaise with AP
- ACTION:- IB/AP**
- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – Joel St and Field End Rd. Petition hearing was held on 18th April attended by IB and CG and other residents before Cllr Burrows. Having listened to the concerns of the petitioners the Cabinet Member decided to instruct officers to review the costs and benefits of LBH

joining the pan London enforcement scheme run by the London Councils. Although we have yet to secure a satisfactory outcome the result of the petition hearing is encouraging.

- Traffic safety in Cuckoo Hill – residents meeting held on 4th April, with Cllr Retter explaining the details of the proposed scheme, ERA attended in support. Public consultation on proposed scheme expected shortly.
- Cheney Street post scheme traffic monitoring has been undertaken. The review report from the Council is now been completed and will be circulated.

ACTION – BB/DP

- Field End Rd j/w Eastcote - difficulties experienced by pedestrians crossing at this location. Cllr Dann stated that consideration is being given to the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Field End Rd close to Georgian Lodge.
- Elm Ave West j/w Lime Grove – on-street parking is leading to inappropriate congestion on this main road. Issue to be raised with Cllr Lavery.

ACTION:- IB

- Eastcote High Road j/w Fore Street safety concerns – Cllr Baker stated that a number of remedial measures have been considered but felt to be inappropriate. Additional road white lines have now been painted to emphasize demarcation between road and pavement.

5.4 Community Voice

- Community Voice Newsletter and minutes of meeting are attached to these minutes.
- Subs are now due to Community Voice – CG proposed that we continue our membership and this was agreed and the necessary paperwork was passed to RB for attention.

ACTION:- RB

5.5 ERA Priorities/Constitution Changes – to be discussed at the AGM

- See website for further details :- <http://www.eastcotera.co.uk/index.php/about-us/consultation>

5.6 Parks Reports

Eastcote House Gardens –

- There was a recent meeting with the Council where it was explained more fully how Stage 2 of the application for the major awarded Heritage Lottery Fund bid was to proceed.
- There is to be a St. Georges Day Parade of Scouts on Sunday 29th April – starting at 1.45pm in the car park behind Budgens, marching up Field End Road and finishing in Eastcote House Gardens.
- It has been reported that people using very large remote-controlled cars have been seen in Eastcote House Gardens, causing a nuisance and damaging plants etc. KB has a telephone number and any incident should be reported to him so he can take the necessary action.
- On the 2nd Sunday each month, starting in June until October, a company is holding a Vintage Tea in the gardens for the general public from 11am to 4pm. This company will be bringing all the equipment necessary.
- Jubilee Gates – the locking arrangements from 7 locks down to 3 has now been agreed and, hopefully, the gates will be installed by the Jubilee weekend.

Cavendish/Bessingby Parks

- Litter Picking on Sunday 27th May starting at 11am.

5.7 Webmaster

- 1238 hits this month – very high.
- Website Survey – GC had received some of his survey forms back but requested that everyone return them to him as soon as possible and he will report back in due course the results of that survey.

ACTION:- ALL

5.8 Newsletter.

- The Newsletter is at the printers and, hopefully, will be available next week.

5.9 HARA

- At the recent meeting the speaker was Graham Hawkes the chief officer of Hillingdon LINK. At the next meeting in May the speaker will be Nigel Quantrel from SNT, this is also HARA's AGM.
- Harefield RA has a new Chairman – Paul Stone and he has had a meeting with Nick Hurd regarding HS2.
- Ruislip RA reported that major water main replacement work will be taking place in the area over the next year.

6 AOB/Correspondence

- AGM – CG/IB have been having discussions and the Agenda is attached. There will not be a speaker so as to give more time for questions and answers from the floor. Papers will be handed out at the door for people to write their questions and these can be passed to the Chair to be read out, hopefully this will encourage people to ask questions, particularly the ones who are reluctant to speak in front of everyone.
- KB/CG will be providing microphones.
- We have received the Invoice for the hire of Oak Hall in the Southbourne Community Centre for our AGM in May – it is £123. After discussion all felt the charge was unreasonably high, especially to a sister

organisation, when all present will be residents of Eastcote. Various members felt there should be no charge. After discussion it was decided that, with regret, despite its central location we should investigate to see if there are alternatives in the area.

- ROAD STEWARDS – a suggestion has been made, to ease the problem of collecting the subs, that we provide envelopes with the name and address of the collector so the householder can return them to the collector. Some of the Road Stewards already do provide this service but KS has found that it does not work very well.
- We have received an email from Fiona Brown, the Manager, of The Tudor Club at 461 Field End Road. She is asking for help in raising the profile of this club. After discussion, decided that an advert in our Newsletter, notice on the Notice Boards and on the Website was way forward. GC agreed to liaise with her. **ACTION – GC/CG**
- A question was raised regarding the Xmas Lights/Festival for next Christmas. CG will investigate this and report back to ERA.
ACTION:- CG
- BB advised us that he is moving to Herefordshire next week. He will be staying on the Council until the next Council Elections in 2014. He assured us that he will be at the end of a telephone or email and will continue to help us as he has done in the past. His Website remains unchanged and his contact for Council Business is 01895 250543

CG closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

The next meeting will be the AGM on WEDNESDAY 23rd May 2012 at the Oak Hall, Southbourne Community Centre. Oak Grove at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom.