



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th April 2014

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Ian Brooks (Chairman), Cllr David Payne, Irene Groom, Chris Groom, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Raymond Graham, Ian Murray, Alison Holtorp, Alison Akerman, David Stephen, Deesha Chadha., Elizabeth Beggs, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Keith Barnard, Jean Gibson.

2. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Edward Lavery, Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, David Harper, Gawain Cox.

3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 26th March were agreed, with the following amendment – our thanks to IM for all the work he has done on our behalf, on police matters, during his 13 years on the Police Committee and our Councillors for their hard work and support during the year.

4. **Matters arising from 26th February meeting:**
 - Baskets and troughs of flowers – Council have ordered them for Eastcote – details to be clarified by CG in due course.
ACTION: CG
 - Eastcote shopping area pavements – IB emailed Jean Palmer regarding this matter and we have been advised that the pavements and road were examined at the end of March and there will be a further visit shortly.

5. **New resident issues:**
 - None

6. **Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 **Planning** – no report (POST MEETING – the Planning Report has now been issued and distributed to members.)
 - 6.2 **Police Matters** – IM/IB
 - IB reported that there had been a recent Police Safer Neighbourhood Board Meeting focusing on getting SNT Panels in place and that they should meet every three months. The Board Membership includes two youth members and they will be contacted after the school exams as they seem to be keen on getting involved.
 - Details of the ERA representatives on the SNT panels –
 - Eastcote and East Ruislip – Chris Groom and Councillors Catherine Dann and David Payne
 - Cavendish – Elizabeth Beggs and Councillors Michael White and Ray Graham
 - 6.3 **Transport /Road Safety** –
 - Cllr D Mills has endorsed the intention of the Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board to include traffic policing (road safety) issues with its remit.
 - 6.4 **Parks Report**

Eastcote House Gardens

 - A second session of gardening and tidying-up at the War Memorial in Field End Road has taken place and there are plans to add a new hedge at the rear of the gardens.
 - The Tenders for the major refurbishment works at EHG have gone out. Site work is due to commence in August after the new Archeological dig.

- The monetary contribution required from the Friends of EHG is coming along well and hopefully they will have collected all the money in time for the opening.
- The opening date is approximately June 2015.

6.5 **Health and Community Voice**

- EB has advised that she has been asked to join a Steering Committee and she will advise us as and when any information is received.
- The Community Voice newsletter has been received and distributed.

6.6 **Webmaster** – No report.

CG advised that he and GC keep the Website up to date with contacts and event dates from various organisations. If any group/organisation would like an event added to our website please make contact through the website – contact us or with CG directly.

6.7 **Finance**

- AH distributed a provisional report for year ending 2014.
- AH has found someone to audit our accounts, a Mrs. Caroline Reid.
- It was suggested that we have three signatures with two to sign and after discussion IG and EB agreed to become signatures. This was agreed by a show of hands. AH will organise the necessary paperwork and contact IG and EB in due course to make arrangements for visits to the bank. **ACTION:AH**
- AH is to investigate Internet Banking. **ACTION:AH**
- AH then gave a brief resume of what she plans to say at the AGM.
- Discussion then followed of what we should do about our excess funds and it was decided that we should make efforts to increase contributions to Eastcote based organisations to enable them to do work within the Community. One suggestion from the floor was that ERA pay for new hedging behind the War Memorial (Action KB) further suggestions required. **ACTION KB/ALL**

6.8 **Road Stewards**

- The Newsletter has been distributed by the Road Stewards.
- In an effort to recruit new Senior Road Stewards and Road Stewards a leaflet and flyers are going to be distributed around the area particularly in roads that have no Road Stewards.
- AA has sent a letter of thanks to all of her Road Stewards.

6.9 **Newsletter**

- The Newsletter has been printed and distributed.
- We were advised that the next Newsletter in the Autumn will possibly be in full colour and that the approximate additional cost is likely to be £150.

7. **AOB** –

- AGM – IB has distributed a draft Agenda. AA to give a report and a plug for more Road Stewards etc.
- There is to be a meeting of the proposed Eastcote Chamber of Commerce and IB and AH will attend and report back. (Post meeting update – it is highly likely that an Eastcote Chamber will be formed at meeting scheduled for early June. ERA have offered support with Alison Holtorp as the link.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM on FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2014 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Field End Road, Eastcote at 7.30pm

The next ordinary Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE 2014 at the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm. PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLOGIES AND REPORTS TO IRENE GROOM.