

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29th April 2015

Venue – Vestry, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Alison Holtorp, (acting Chairman for the meeting), Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Edward Lavery, Linda Laurie, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha.
2. **Apologies for Absence** Gawain Cox, Jackie Redrup, David Harper, Alison Akerman, David Payne, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Teji Barnes, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, David Stephens
3. **Welcome** AH opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
4. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 25th March 2015 were agreed.
5. **Matters arising from 25th March 2015 minutes.**
 - Flooding along High Road Eastcote – this has been reported several times but still no information as to whether anyone has been to investigate this matter. **ACTION:- BH**
 - CG did contact LC regarding the decision of the Executive Committee meeting.
 - Eastcote and East Ruislip SNT Panel – there is a meeting on the 7th May at which a new chairman will be appointed.
 - AH is chasing the subscription request from Health and Community Voice and will pay the £22 in due course. **ACTION:- AH**
 - Cheney Street – Cllr ND advises that the Council has monitored the speed of the traffic and the results have been analysed and are to be discussed with the Cabinet Member soon. The results will be passed to the Ward Councillors and then residents. He is chasing again to see if the results are ready. **ACTION:- ND**
 - Coaches in Wentworth Drive – Cllr ND advises that he has contacted the Council and if enough residents wanted to make the Drive “residents parking” then the Council will consider this. The Council will write to the school letting them know the residents concerns.
6. **New resident issues** : - None
7. **New funding requests** :- None
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 **Planning** –JR
 - JR was unable to issue a report but did bring the following to our attention:
 - Land to the rear of 103 FER – no sign of an appeal. Cllr Duncan who was at the Planning Committee Meeting where the application was refused asked that additions be made to further safeguard existing householders (eg 103A) – these additions were reflected in the minutes of the meeting and in sum are around overlooking issues.
 - 7 Woodlands – was again refused at Committee on 14th April – JR did attend and spoke on behalf of the petitioners. Refusal was very quick.
 - 12 Abbotsbury – JR wrote to James Rogers who passed it on to Enforcement – have not heard anymore but did let the two concerned neighbours know what was happening.
 - 8.2 **SNT/Police.**
 - The Eastcote and East Ruislip SNT Panel next meeting arranged for 7th May. The date of the Cavendish next meeting is not known.
 - 8.4 **Parks Report**
 - Bessingby/Cavendish/Pine Gardens -The 4th Eastcote Beavers working in conjunction with Dragana Knezevic LBH & the Forestry Commission, will be planting trees in a wild area in the autumn.
 - Warrender Park - LBH will be supplying some more picnic tables, and the tennis court nets should be installed soon. The 6th Eastcote Beavers and Cubs are still maintaining the old

paddling pool flower bed. Friends of Warrender Park are funding the annual planting for this bed. They will be recycling polyanthus and tulip bulbs from the Municipal Planting, sharing with FEHG.

- War Memorial - LBH are in charge of ordering the hedging plants and the planting of said plants. No time for this has been given. The FEHG volunteers/British Legion will be having another tidy up day as soon as it can be arranged.
- Missouri Court -FEHG have been working with residents at Missouri Court to remake a flower bed. Funding came from the Ward Budget. Some annual planting will be added later.
- Eastcote House Gardens - A Park Manager has now been appointed; Nick Porter. Nick is currently the Boroughs Allotment Officer. The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens are looking forward to working with Nick. The Mayor of Hillingdon will be officially re-opening the Gardens on May 12th with a very limited list of invitees. Although the contractors will not have finished the works. The date for completion is now set as 12th June 2015, but this may change. The last element of the works to be finished will be the new building. The date of opening for the café is not known.

FEHG have been unable to re-plant the walled garden borders because the walls are still under construction. Notices explaining the lack of planting will be displayed in the walled garden.

The GEHG Community Picnic will take place Saturday 6th June 2015 11am -4pm.

The Hinman Shield will be presented to the 4th Eastcote Beavers at the picnic for their 'litter picking' sessions at EHG and their forthcoming work at Bessingby Park.

FEHG Community Archive will launch their first publication "Eastcote House & Gardens the People and the Place" at the Picnic. FEHG have received financial support from FEHG volunteers, residents, businesses and Northwood Hills RA., to produce this book.

A query was raised regarding Garden security – we are advised that CCTV cameras are to be installed and activated on the Stabling, New Build Café and Toilets, Dovecote and Gardeners Compound, once the gardens are fully open.

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed.

8.6 Webmaster - GC

- Full detailed report last month.

8.7 Finance - AH

- .AH submitted a provisional financial report which has been distributed to committee members.

8.8 Road Stewards – AA

- AA was unable to attend the meeting but reported by email that the latest Newsletters have been distributed to Area Road Stewards and Road Stewards have already been distributing them.
- AA will report at the AGM that the total number of members for 2014/2015 being 1832+ against 1945 for 2013/14. We have some roads which due to loss of and changeover in Road Stewards have had collection of subs missed last year but during 2015/16 should catch up again.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- The latest Newsletters have been distributed – there are some left over this time – 250 to 300, For next Newsletter we may print 2,500 instead of 2,700 thus reducing the cost slightly.

8.10 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) - IG

- The speaker at the last meeting was a repeat visit by Fran Beasley, CEO of LB Hillingdon, giving details of her first few months in the post.
- Other items discussed were Transport, Poice, Heathrow, Health, HS2, St. Andrews Park (the old RAF Uxbridge site) Licensing and reports from other Resident Assoc. The May meeting is the AGM and the other meetings for this year are 20th July, 21st September and 16th November.

8.11 Transport.

- There are no major closures of the Uxbridge/Met Line in the near future. The next major works is the tunnel at Finchley Road when there will be a number of weekend closures.
- West Harrow station booking office and hall are being refurbished starting this weekend.

8. A.G.M.

AH, JR and AA will give short reports.

The election of Officers is planned to be on-block as usual.

Tea/Coffee/Biscuits and Orange Juice will be provided.

ACTION:- LL/CD

All Committee Members be at the church before 7pm to set up table and chairs etc.

CG will be producing copies of last years Minutes plus Agenda. He has also raised leaflets for the Notice Boards, and emailed other residents association and other local organizations, and a letter to the Gazette.

ACTION:- CG

AH will produce copies of the accounts for the meeting.

ACTION:- AH

AH will take AGM posters around the shops in Eastcote to ask them to display them.

ACTION:- AH

Jacque Scott who wrote an article for the Magazine on St.Vincent Hospital has produced a book called "The Hospital on the Hill" will be coming along to the AGM with some copies of the book for sale.

9. AOB

- KS reported there is still a problem with inappropriate positioning of Estate Agents Boards and despite repeated reporting to the Council nothing seems to be done. **ACTION:- KS**
- KS reported that there was six large vans parked on Forge Green and they were replacing the concrete plinth and cabinet with much large items. They were also digging a very large hole and would not say what the hole was for. (this appears to be early work for replacement mast and cabinets)
- AH had discussions with the Carole Paterson Chair of the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce (CofC). Xmas Lights came up and CG will contact the Council to see whom and when the lights should be applied for and to advise the CofC accordingly. It is understood that the CofC will organize the Christmas Lights. It was also decided that we should offer a contribution to the Chamber of Commerce towards the Xmas Lights, the amount to be decided at a future date. Cllr EL will contact her to remind her on who to contact regarding planters/hanging baskets, etc. (current officer responsible is very ill- Post Meeting Note- sadly the officer has died – ERA to express condolences). AH will give her copies of our Newsletter. **ACTION:- EL/CG**
- IM reported that he had attended the Pinner Assoc AGM and that Harrow Council came under fire from local residents regarding their plans to build houses on Pinner Park Farm. Nick Hurd also attended the AGM but did not speak.
- AH showed us copies of the Funding Request Form to be used when requesting funds.
- A problem has been brought to our attention regarding a "blind Spot" and lack of bus stop road markings in North View, the junction to the entrance to the service road behind the shops. Cllr EL and AH will contact Cllr ND, and CG will also bring it up at the next SNT Panel meeting next week. **ACTION:- EL/CG/AH/ND**
- We have had a request from Cllr MW for ERA's support for the occupier of the shop at 198 FER, who has had her planning application and appeal turned down, to support her in a new planning application. CG to discuss matter again with Cllr MW and report back. **ACTION:- CG**

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

The next meeting is the AGM on WEDNESDAY 13th May at St. Thomas More Church, starting at 7.30pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2015 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm

PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLOGIES AND REPORTS TO IRENE GROOM.