

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2016

Venue - Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

Present: Keith Barnard (Acting Chairman), Carolyn Derecki (Acting Minute Secretary),

Chris Groom, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Linda Laurie, David Stephens, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Becky Haggard, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, Chris Head.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Irene Groom, Ian Murray, Alison Akerman, David Harper, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Teji Barnes, Pamela Jean Marr, Andrea Gohil.

2. **Welcome** KB opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

3. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of 30th March were agreed by a show of hands after two small amendments – Chris Hankin not Holtorp was present and the word 'sign' to be deleted from in front of the word "posts" in Matters Arising.

4. **Matters Arising from the 30th March 2016 Meeting**

- Parking Machines in Devonshire Car Park - no reply from Cllr ND as yet. Two Brown Badge spaces have been installed but there is no additional ticket machine.
- Toilets in Devonshire Lodge Car Park - CG reported that the toilets have again been closed on a regular basis despite assurances that they would be kept open. Cllr CD will pass this on to Cllr ND. **ACTION: CLLR CD**
- Out of date notices being displayed in the shopping area - Cllr CD thought these had now been removed by the Street Cleaning Team.

5. **New Residents Issues**

- A resident expressed concern that situated in the service road behind Barclays Bank and the Newsagents was a large container which was an eyesore and had been in situ for more than a year. Members thought most likely it was used for storing fireworks in which case it would be legal to have it there. Members queried whether there was a time limit for such items and perhaps the owner could paint it in order to make it more acceptable. Cllr Dann advised that she would make enquiries. **ACTION: CLLR CD**
- Pavements outside Sainsbury's. AH fell here and has since heard of three other falls. AH has reported to council who say Sainsbury's own the land; they say otherwise. **ACTION: CLLR BH**

6. **New Funding Requests**

None were received.

7. AGM Arrangements and Committee Nomination

- The election of Officers is planned to be on-block as usual with others putting their names forward as Committee Members.
- Tea/coffee/wine and light refreshments will be provided.
- All Committee Members to be at the hall by 6.45pm.

8. Town Centre Improvements

- AH thanked Cllr Nick Denys and Cllr Eddy Lavery for agreeing to make a presentation at AGM. AH will continue to collect suggestions from residents/traders and present at June meeting.

ACTION: AH

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Newsletters - LL

- LL reported that all Newsletters had been distributed and there were approximately 250 remaining. CH offered to give out some to members of Eastcote Park Estate Residents' Association in May.

9.2 Planning - JR

- JR stated that the following are still undecided:- 186 Field End Road, 195A Field End Road - the resubmitted application, 8 The Glen - the most recent application for a single storey extension and the conversion of the garage, 3 Pikes End, 17-21 The Close, land to the rear.

On 19th April, Lesley Crowcroft, Chris Groom and Jackie Redrup attended the meeting with the Architect, a representative from the company that owns the building (Home Group) and their planning consultant. Home Group have put in an application already under the protected rights legislation that allows a change of use from office premises to residential without a full plans application. Home Group state they do not want to convert on the basis of the plans submitted but did want to establish the change of use to residential. The architect presented early stage plans for the application they say they would like to make. This would involve the demolition of the existing building and the building of an apartment block on Field End Road and houses on the Sunningdale elevation. Home Group also own the car park in Woodlands Avenue and showed further early stage plans for a mews development of houses.

9.3 Police and Safer Neighbourhoods - EB

EB had nothing new to report as up to date emails are sent round.

9.4 Transport - IM

No report

9.5 Park Reports - KB

- KB reminded members that the Eastcote House Garden Summer Picnic will take place on June 4th.
- Mayor of Harrow 's Charity Fun Walk at Roxbourne Park on 15th May.
- AH reported that the disabled parking bays at Bessingby Park have been marked out on the old uneven road surface and so potentially a hazard.

9.6 Health and Community Voice - EB

No report - Community Voice emailed round.

9.7 Road Stewards - AA

No report.

9.8 Webmaster - GC

No report

9.9 Finance - AH

- Payment by transfer of £595.00 (only 16 pages) for newsletter approved. Also Community Voice subscription £22.00 approved. Accounts will be ready and audited for the AGM.
- Eastcote Chamber of Commerce - AH met with Carole Paterson to discuss the Town Centre Improvement Scheme. Will work more closely and meet on a more regular basis. CP visited all shops encouraging them to apply for grants and attend meeting for traders 10th May 2016. AH and CD to attend. There will be no events organised by the CofC this year but they hope that future events will be jointly organised with ERA; maybe starting with Christmas.
- Pavements - AH reported that some paving stones had been marked up for repair.

AOB - Traffic Calming Cheney Street - New Measures. LL raised concern that the residents in CS had not been informed of the changes in the proposals for enhanced measures or the date of the Statutory Consultation. CD added that until by chance such information was received by one resident and relayed to others a week of the time to address the issues had been lost. Cllr CD advised that the 'formal' consultation was still ongoing and residents would be kept informed.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 21.15.

The AGM is on Tuesday May 24th 2016 at St Thomas More RC Church, 32 Field End Road, Eastcote at 7.30pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday 29th June 2016 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm

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