

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26th April 2017

Venue Elsie Fischer Room at St Lawrence Church

Present – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Deesha Chadha, Malcolm Penny, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Catherine Dann, David Stephens, Dev Chadha, David Payne.

1. Apologies for Absence - Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Alison Akerman, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Teji Barnes, Cllr Becky Haggar, Alison Dungworth, Pamela Jean Marr.

2. Amendments/Approval of Minutes - Both the Minutes of the 22nd February (held over from last month's meeting) and the 29th March were agreed by a show of hands.

3. Matters arising from the 29th March 2017 meeting –

- Ward Budget Grant to Cricket Club has been sent to Council for approval.

4. New Resident Issues:-

- A complaint was received about the parking at the Cricket Club on a Friday evening for the 'colts section', as follows – 'Cars were parked almost from Joel Street to the pub junction. Cars were having to reverse back onto the main road, people were yelling at each other. Total chaos.' The Cricket club responded very quickly and proactively by sending out again the sensible parking instructions that they had already issued before the beginning of the season. They have suggested a one-way system during dropping off and picking up such that drivers enter Southill Road from Joel Street and leave via the High Road.

5. New funding requests :- None

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report - AH

- RAF Northolt Community Liaison Group meeting -found out about all the activities going on at the airfield and Sqn. Ldr. J. E. Tenniswood's talk at the A.G.M. promises to be very interesting.
- Will be attending Residents' Planning Forum on Thursday.

6.2 Finance – AH

- AH has emailed provisional accounts to the committee.
- It was suggested that a sub-committee be convened to review procedures re payment of donations ahead of the AGM. This was agreed and Alison Dungworth, Ian Murray and David Payne agreed to be on this sub-committee.

6.3 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG

- IG has now received the Minutes of the March meeting together with the Agenda for the meeting on the 15th May, which is the AGM. Unfortunately IG is unable to go to the next meeting, AH will try to attend.

ACTION:- AH

- It was suggested and agreed after discussion that IG will forward to the committee copies of the HARA minutes as and when received.

ACTION:- IG

6.4 Health and Community Voice

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members.

6.5 Newsletter - LL

- LL reports that the Magazine is back from the printers and is being distributed to Road Stewards.
- LL has had a meeting with DH and AP regarding the handing over of the production of the Magazine to commence with the Autumn edition.

6.6 Parks Report - KB

- Eastcote House Gardens – The gardening sessions are continuing and progressing well.

6.7 Planning – JR

- JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. She also highlighted the following:-

Case is Altered – various people have contacted Lesley Crowcroft over recent weeks to state that it appears that a building is being erected at the back of the Pub that was not in the approved plan. Today Enforcement have stated that a structure has been built that is larger than approved and Enforcement are asking the Applicant to remove it or make a further application for the new structure.

81 Field End Road – no news on the appeal as yet.

Old Shooting Box – JR has talked to a concerned resident. Owner and Council are in consultation over exactly how the elements of this application can be achieved to ensure general and conversation issues are met and the application can be approved.

Eastcote Motor Services – still no date for the North Planning Committee to determine. New drawings have been posted, reducing illuminations to a small extent but not satisfactorily, in our opinion, thus further submissions, confirming original objections have been raised. **Post meeting** 5 further new drawings were posted and a 14 day formal consultation period was put in place. Both ERA and ECP will be objecting again.

Frank Welch, High Meadow Close – this application was refused by the Major Applications Committee on 6th April. (IM reported that there was a very professional “in person” presentation of objection by Daymer Gardens Resident and ERA member MK. He also asked for thanks to Jackie Redrup, Leslie Crowcroft and Andrew Riley for their eloquent and reasoned letters of objection.)

52 Field End Road – Still no date to come before the North Planning Committee. A Design and Access Statement has been added to the website. Although ECP and ERA have already objected, it is noted that this statement contains inconsistencies and inaccuracies, so further submissions of objection are being made.

124A Field End Road – still no further news on the application – no further information/drawings posted on the website.

Black Horse Pub – no news on any appeal or enforcement action. Lesley Crowcroft has been in touch with Licencing over the use of the back garden late into the night and has received an email from Steve Dormer of Licencing stating that they have been in touch with the relevant person at the pub to discuss what they might consider doing on a voluntary basis. We do not know the outcome as yet

6.8 SNT/Police – CH

- There was a meeting of the Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward Panel on 3rd April 2017.
- Whilst the headline of a 31% reduction in crime in the Ward over the last year is good news, there were 47 burglaries in the three months December 2016 to February 2017, although February saw a reduction on the previous month. There was also a reduction in vehicle crime but that remains quite high at 21 incidents over the three month period. There is now a new police web site with crime statistics, although these are reported at a coarser grain level than previously: <http://beta.met.police.uk/your-area/hillingdon/eastcote-and-east-ruislip>. (Please note that this is a beta test site at the moment – so you can send in comments).
- The Safer Neighbourhood Team ran an exercise at Eastcote Tube Station. They have only received 7 calls about Anti –Social Behaviour between December and February and none in February. Criminal Behaviour Orders have been issued to identify trouble makers.
- The sessions at Eastcote Library have been well-attended. The last scheduled session, on cyber crime, was held on Friday 21st April.
- An issue arose about the knife bin in Eastcote Health Centre car park: due to poor design, there is a ledge where knives collect and they can easily be removed – if depositing knives, it is important to ensure that they are pushed fully into the bin. We understand that Cllr CD has reported this matter to the Council but has not had a reply. **ACTION Cllr CD**
- The SNT have conducted a speed trap in Cheney Street and will continue to monitor the situation.
- The SNT now have Twitter and Facebook accounts. Their Twitter handle is @MPSEastcoteXH.

6.9 Road Stewards – AA

- Grateful thanks to Road Stewards for collecting membership subscriptions for the year ended March 2017.
- Newsletters are about to be distributed to Stewards with new membership forms. We have two more Road Stewards having to stand down and so are seeking replacements - re Boleyn Drive and Kent Gardens. Their support has been very much appreciated. However elsewhere four new Road Stewards have recently been recruited and we welcome them to the team.

6.10 Transport - IM

- IM reported:- There has been no meeting, therefore no report.
- An article has appeared in a magazine indicating that the Croxley Link has been cancelled – this is not true, this project is still live.

7. A.O.B. –

- Norfest 22 Jul 2017 tickets £10 on sale from SeeTickets. Could have a stall for £5 including 4 free tickets, however it was felt that it was a lot of work for not much gain as out of area. Suggested ask ECP and FEHG if would like to share. **Post meeting** offer declined.
- FEHG Summer Picnic 03 Jun 2017. Stalls £10 but need to provide own gazebo and table, which we don't have. Suggested ask if we could have table in Stables. **Post meeting** Stables full so will not be attending as can't expect members to stand out in sun/rain. Maybe we need to consider buying own gazebo.
- Xmas Fair – possibly liaise with Council, Ascott and Get Thrifty to have craft fair in car park again.
- Christmas Street Lights – AH met with council, the colour can be changed but there would be a cost. Spacing could be altered providing electrics already on the post.
- Christmas Tree – would have to be paid for by community plus protective banners on railings. Would it be cheaper/possible to buy it ourselves? **ACTION:-AH**
- Using empty shops for community use would require the need to use professional advisors so there would be a cost involved. Decided not to proceed at present.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next Meeting is the AGM and will be held on TUESDAY 30TH May 2017 at St. Thomas More Church, Field End Road, Eastcote, starting at 7.30pm. Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.

The next ordinary meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 28th June 2017 in Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm. Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.