

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th August 2016

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, Linda Laurie, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Ian Murray, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Cllr Nick Denys, Deesha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Susan Toms.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Michael White, Elizabeth Beggs, Gawain Cox, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes.
2. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 29th June were agreed by a show of hands.
3. **Matters arising from the 29th June 2016 meeting**
 - The two actions down to Cllr MW to be held over to the next meeting. KS reported that she had had no real answer as to why various plans were not in the Library. **ACTIONS:- MW**
 - Car Parking behind Aldi – all the exits have been looked at and although the car park is busier, no serious problems have been seen.
 - AH is writing to the Council to thank them for the flower baskets etc but also to report that one of the baskets in Blackhorse Parade has been vandalized. **ACTION:- AH**
 - Shelving unit outside the grocery shop by the station– the owner of the shop does have the necessary license.
4. **Presentation by Cllr Nick Denys on Eastcote Town Centre Improvements**
 - Cllr ND started his presentation by handing out a booklet – Eastcote Town Centre Improvements – Update July 2016, for everyone to read while he went through more fully to explain what is being proposed, how the scheme will work and dates of starting and finishing of the work.
 - It was then thrown open to the floor for comments and suggestions. Cllr ND made notes of the comments and suggestions and AH also suggested that everyone send her an email with their comments, etc and she would incorporate them into one letter to be sent to Cllr ND.
ACTION:- ALL and AH
 - Susan Toms (History Society) expressed her dismay that neither the History Society nor the Conservation Panel (Leslie Crowcroft) had been invited to take part in the consultation.
5. **New Resident Issues:-**
 - No new issues raised
6. **New funding requests :-**
 - None were received
7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 **Chairman's Report- AH**
 - Met with the Chairmen of the Residents' Associations bordering the woods individually for an informal chat as a means of introducing myself.
 - Attended HARA with IG.
 - Northwood RA has offered to sell us a database they had specially commissioned to record membership. They are also looking at a website which allows people to pay on line, taking 1% commission.
 - Met with Phil Hill ("International Visual"- Eastcote Town Centre Improvement) again to discuss Eastcote and have asked him to review our various letterheads/logos and suggest what we can do to unify them.
 - L Crowcroft has asked if we would like a stall at the London Open House 11-4 on Sunday 18th September. There is no fee for this. It would be nice to hand out balloons again, as this helped target younger residents. Could give out simple flyer at the same time, listing help needed. It was agreed to action this. **ACTION:- ALL**

- Reviewing Public Liability Insurance.
- **Chamber of Commerce** - Met Carole Patterson in July, the Chamber of Commerce now has 50 members of which 8 are on the committee. She has asked that we channel all questions through her.
 - The C of C hopes to fund the Christmas Tree again this year and is arranging an event for the turning on of the Festive Lights. This will be a musical event with school choirs, bands etc. organised by an events committee to include myself.
 - It has been suggested that it would be nice to have a parade once the shop front scheme is completed.

7.2 Finance – AH

- ERA has been asked to pay Community Contribution of £500 for the Festive Lights, as this was to be approved w/c 8th August it was agreed that subject to ratification at the next meeting we would do so.
- LL has submitted expenses for Road Stewards Afternoon Tea £14.68. This year we had decided to offer wine as well and although she purchased 5 bottles at 4.99 only 1 was used. The remaining 4 bottles will be offered at the Evening Event along with soft drinks and savoury nibbles. Total £39.63.
- 500 Balloons cost £114 plus set up fee of £15 and the sticks cost £45 - Total £174
- Hall hire for Open Forum.
- Volunteer found to become Treasurer, Alison Dungworth FCA, who is a local resident of Eastcote for the last 22 years and believes community is very important. Agreed ask AD to become treasurer and attend next meeting if possible.

7.3 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members

7.4 Newsletter - LL

- LL reported that the autumn edition of the Newsletter will hopefully go out to the Road Stewards by the 17th October.

7.5 Parks Report- KB

- EHG Work now starting on the refurbishment of the Ha Ha located on the left hand side of the main entrance.
- Open House at EHG September 18th - 11am to 4pm to include a Classic Car Show, refreshments and stalls.

7.6 Planning –JR

- JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. She also highlighted the following:-
- **The Malt House** - The building owners, Home Group, held their public consultation on 7th July between 4 and 8 pm. There was a good turn out from residents and we thank all those who took the time to attend, offering their interest and comments. Home Group felt that the main concern expressed related to parking issues – particularly regarding the loss of the parking spaces in Sunningdale Avenue, due to the off street parking at each of the 4 houses shown on this elevation and the parking within the site being adequate for the numbers of occupants. Another concern expressed to ERA committee members was the height of the proposed houses in Woodlands Avenue, in relation to existing, adjacent properties. Home Group has yet to submit their applications to the Council for either the Malt House in Sunningdale Avenue or the car park in Woodlands Avenue.
- **The Case is Altered Public House** – A planning application, together with a listed building consent application, has gone in to create a new kitchen area and alter the internal configuration of part of the premises. The owners have consulted with the Council Planning Department and also a Conservation Officer. They have also had a detailed Historic Building Appraisal undertaken. *Post this meeting*, it is known that the Northwood Hills Residents' Association and the Eastcote Conservation Panel have sent in objections to these applications. ERA has also objected and it is understood that a petition of some 50 residents has been submitted which would suggest that these applications will be determined at a future Hillingdon Council North Planning Committee Meeting.
- **Petrol Station, High Road Eastcote** – The application for the proposals to discharge Condition 5 Sustainable Water Management, as related to the requirements of the previously approved application, has been refused. It had been expected that works would have started

on this site already and this may be the cause of any hold-up. However ERA cannot currently provide any further information on this.

- **Applications that continue to be undetermined and are now variously well outside the 8 week period:-**
- Land forming part of 225 & 227 Eastcote Road
- 17 Kent Gardens
- 1D Kent Gardens
- 64 Woodlands Avenue
- 11 Elstow Close
- 3 Pavilion Way
- 3 Pikes End
- 186 FER
- 17-21 The Close, land to the rear.
- 72 Bridle Road
- 1 Rushmoor Close

7.7 SNT/Police - CH

- The last monthly update was circulated at the beginning of July and covered incidents June. The report included 1 burglary and 2 attempted burglaries. Reinforcing the statistics from the Ward Panel meeting, there were 8 incidents of vehicle crime.
- Issue 2 of the Communicator was circulated on 3rd August. This is a commendable initiative by the Safer Neighbourhood Team. The newsletter is packed with information about who does what in the team and sound crime prevention advice.
- Chris Head has started to circulate what may become a weekly update. I have only seen one so far but that listed no fewer than 7 burglaries or attempted burglaries. Three of these involved vehicle theft using keys taken from the properties – 4 vehicles were stolen.

7.8 Road Stewards – AA

- A social gathering for Road Stewards for afternoon tea at The Stables, Eastcote House Gardens was held on Friday 15th July. This was a very pleasant affair.
- An evening social event to which all Stewards are again welcome is being held, also at The Stables, on Wednesday 14th September (7-9pm). Drinks and snacks are to be served and a talk will be given on the Colne Valley's Industrial Past (a Heritage Lottery funded project). It is hoped that between the afternoon and evening events all Stewards will have had the opportunity to attend and mingle with fellow Stewards and Committee members. Both events organised by Alison Holtorp and Linda Laurie. **ACTION:- ALL**
- We are to expect the Autumn newsletter to be ready for circulation around mid October.

7.9 Transport.

- IM reports that the next meeting is in the middle of September. He also reported that two petitions have been raised locally against speeding and road humps.

7.10 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

7.11 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG.

- IG The last meeting was 18th July and the speaker was Insp. Rob Bryan who gave a short talk on Policing in Hillingdon. He did advise that the police do have contingency plans in place to allow police cars and personnel to move freely throughout the Borough when construction starts on HS2. He also asks that we encourage the community to report burglaries etc to the police.
- Other items mentioned:
 - Flooding – we were advised to report to the Council any flooding problems and problems with drains not being cleaned regularly.
 - Heathrow/Gatwick – a decision is expected in October.
 - Powerday plant application- West Drayton – no report.
 - Road Humps – a petition has been raised regarding illegal road humps in Park Road Uxbridge.

8 A.O.B.

- There have been serious problems recently with very noisy motorbike/scooters both during the day and at night. We are advised to try and spot them, notice the colour and number plate reference, and report to the police. **ACTION:- ALL**
- Cheney Street – CD reports that, at the moment, there is nothing resolved regarding the problems in the street. The most recent attempt at locating a raised table was not possible due to the wrong measurements being taken by the Technical Advisor. It has been also reported that there is problems further down the road and both CD and Cllr ND will investigate and report back in due course. **ACTION:CLLR.ND/CD**
- Alleyway to Station Car Park – once again it has been reported to be in a dreadful state and filthy, it obviously has not been cleaned recently. Also big crowds of young people gather there at night. It needs much better lighting and CCTV coverage.
- Tudor Lodge Hotel Enforcement – no report on the outcome of the enforcement notice so JR said that she will follow up. **ACTION:JR**
- It has also been reported how dirty it is outside the Station with cigarette butts etc – is cleaning the area up due to station staff or the council street cleaner? **ACTION:- EL**
- A couple of comments – A-Boards etc have to be alongside the actual shop window and some of the shop awnings are too low and dangerous.
- David Harper requests that his name and the word “Editor” be inserted on the list of committee members on our notice boards. **ACTION:- IG**
- It was suggested that we have an OPEN FORM later on in the year. Various names of speakers were suggested and AH will follow up. **POST MEETING – the date for this meeting has been booked for Tuesday 15th November 2016 at St. Thomas More Church.**
- Another date for your diary – 2017 AGM has been booked for Tuesday 30th May 2017 at St. Thomas More Church.

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 28th September 2016 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

As IG will not be at the next meeting please email your reports and apology to Carolyn Derecki, cc to AH also.