

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### Venue Elsie Fischer Room at St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Alison Akerman, Keith Barnard, Deesha Chadha, Carolyn Derecki, Chris Hankin, David Harper, Ian Murray, Malcolm Penny, Arthur Plummer, Jackie Redrup, Karen Spink, Elizabeth Beggs. Councillors Catherine Dann, and Eddy Lavery. Dev Chadha, Melody Gordon.

**1. Apologies for Absence** - Alison Dungworth, Chris Groom (President), Councillors Teji Barnes, Nick Denys, Becky Haggard and Michael White.

#### **2. Amendments/Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved by a show of hands.

#### **3. Matters arising from the 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- Were picked up during the meeting.

#### **4. New Resident Issues:-**

- None

#### **5. New funding requests**

- None

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **6.1 Chairman's Report** - AH

- AH reported that she had received an email from Heathrow Community Funding asking if there was anyone wanting funds. Will forward to interested parties.

##### **6.2 Conservation**

- No report.

##### **6.3 Finance** – AD

- The following amounts were approved by a show of hands:
- £8 to Federation of Met Line Users.
- £36.33 for expenses for Road Stewards Afternoon Tea.
- £90.94 (includes £5.95 P&P) for Gazebo
- £45 for hire of Hall at St. Thomas More Church for Open Forum, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
- A suggestion was made that we set a limit that AD can pay immediately without coming to committee for approval. To be discussed at a future meeting.

##### **6.4 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG**

- No report – the next meeting is not until the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

##### **6.5 Health and Community Voice**

- No report – still need someone to represent ERA at CV Meetings.

##### **6.6 Newsletter**

- Approximately 12 pages of articles so far, photos and other articles still to come.

##### **6.7 Parks Report – KB**

- Eastcote House Gardens – The Plough has now been installed in the new bed below the dovecote.
- Open House Weekend – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Eastcote House Gardens. Stalls including refreshments, plants, EHS, tombola, Raffle, classic cars, etc.
- Eastcote Horticulture Society Show Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Community Hall, Southbourne Gardens.

##### **6.8 Planning – JR -**

The planning report for July and August will be distributed with the minutes. JR reported the following:-

- 52 FER – finally came before the NPC on 23<sup>rd</sup> August – it was recommended for refusal and the committee upheld this decision.
- 197 FER – came before the NPC on 23<sup>rd</sup> August – the application for the orange shutters was recommended for refusal and the committee upheld this decision. This site is also subject to enforcement action.

- 124a FER (old post office) – further documents were posted on the LBH planning website, dated 1<sup>st</sup> August and re-consultation took place. However, there is no further information regarding when a decision will be forthcoming and the date for this is still shown as being 6<sup>th</sup> July!
- Black Horse Pub – an appeal has been made against the LBH refusal decision regarding the temporary structure to the side – a national planning inspectorate decision will not be forthcoming for some time.
- Eastcote Motor Services – LBH are continuing to take various actions in relation to this site and this includes enforcement action. However, EMS have the right of appeal and it will be some time before we have any further information/knowledge of any final resolution(s).

#### **6.9 SNT/Police – CH**

A Consultation Document called “Draft MOPAC/MPS Public Access Strategy” has been distributed to members and an urgent response is required by the 6<sup>th</sup> October. We are advised that all local police stations north of the Borough are to be closed and everything moved to Hayes. We understand that it will take anything up to 45 minutes response time for a car to reach north of the Borough. The nearest counter service for north of the Borough will be in Harrow, as we understand that the station in Pinner is also to close.

For Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward

- The anti-social behaviour in The Sigers has been reported and the police will be making random visits to monitor the situation.
- Suzy Killip from the Pembroke Park Residents association is in touch with ERA, Ruislip Residents Association and the police regarding the anti-social behaviour in Pembroke Park and Ruislip High Street – this is being monitored.

#### **6.10 Road Stewards – AA**

- Next Road Stewards meeting Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm at The Stables. Talk by Paul Busby about the Volunteer program monitoring the River Pinn outfalls for pollution.

#### **6.11 Transport - IM**

- IM reported that the next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> September. “There is to be a meeting in October at City Hall between the local Watford MP (with others) and the Mayor of London to try and progress funding for this project. The critical time line is December 2017 for at least some work on the infrastructure to start in order to activate the planning permissions which would otherwise lapse by August 2018. Assuming this is achieved and work continues then the expected completion and opening of the new line is likely to be some time in 2022.”

**7. EASTCOTE TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS.** – a leaflet giving details of the Consultation dates and the proposed improvements has been distributed by the council There have been some complaints that not everyone has received it. Distribution was limited to those closest to the shops. Consultation meetings are being held at Eastcote Library on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **8. A.O.B –**

- Zebra Crossing in Field End Road – we are advised that the crossing is in the right place as it has to be a certain distance from the Bus Stop. It is still not in operation as one beacon is still not flashing and no advance signage is in place advertising the crossing. No information as to when it will be in operation is forthcoming.
- It was reported that a notice against new “Street Lighting” has been put up around the area but there is no indication as to who has produced it. After discussion it was decided that as anonymous we would not follow it up.
- ERA will be having a presence at the Open House in Eastcote House Gardens on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and help is required on the day. **ACTION:- ALL**
- It has been reported that some of the new paving slabs are already cracking and some have moved. We understand that remedial work is done very quickly but it takes some time for more detail works to be carried out. Cllr EL to investigate. Also questioned how paving laid in past as there are many slabs in backstreets still whole after many years. **ACTION: Cllr EL**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm.** Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.