

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th February 2015

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Alison Holtorp (acting Chairman for the meeting), Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Keith Barnard, Cllr Nick Denys, David Harper, Dev Chadha. Visitors: Rosemary Bucksey and Malcolm Penny.
2. **Apologies for Absence** Gawain Cox, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Becky Hagger, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, David Payne, Cllr Edward Lavery, Andrea Gohil, Cllr Teji Barnes, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, David Stephens.
3. **Welcome** AH opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and introduced two visitors – Malcolm Penny who has taken over as a steward from Jean Gibson. AH went on to thank Jean for all her hard work over many years for ERA. AH also welcome road steward Rosemary Bucksey.
4. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 28th January 2015 were agreed with no amendments.
5. **Matters arising from 28th January 2015 minutes.**
 - Cllr ND reported that the tree in the Alleyway leading to the station car park is being removed and the pavement repaired and improved lighting added
 - War Memorial fencing – has now been repaired. The contribution money from ERA for the new hedging will now be sent to LBH and when received the hedging will be ordered and planted.
 - Cllr EL reported that all the shops that needed a License did, in fact, have them. This License needs to be renewed every six months.
 - CG to check that the required sealing work on the Memorial to RAF Pembroke V has been done. **ACTION:CG**
6. **New resident issues** :- The issue reported last month under this heading regarding the untidy area on Eastcote Road, within Pembroke Park, is on going and various emails have been exchanged between AA and the contractor. They are aware of the problems and will be chasing to try and get things moving. **ACTION:- AA**
7. **New funding requests** :- none raised. AA reported that we have up to £1500 of funds available for donations to local groups –ERA would welcome requests to be put before the committee and will add an article in the next Newsletter. **ACTION:- AH/LL**

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Planning –JR

The Planning Report up to the 25th February 2015 was distributed. Items brought to our attention were:

- Bishop Ramsey School – floodlighting to games area, 151 Woodlands Avenue and 103 Field End Road have all been recommended for refusal, they are coming before the Planning meeting next Thursday and JR will be speaking.
- 7 Woodlands Avenue – refused – JR did speak at the last Planning meeting – A new application has now been submitted, a new petition has been raised and JR will follow up.
- 24 Field End Road – the on going problems plus alleged unauthorized alterations to the door and windows and possibly to the internal layout have been noted.
- 95 Elm Avenue – conversion into flats – JR to write.

- Eastcote Motor Services – the auction site reports that whole area was divided into two lots and were sold prior to auction. The photo on the auction site showed an artists impression of the original planning application, which has not been approved.
- No information is forthcoming as to what is going to happen to the old Post Office in Field End Road shops.
- Betting Shop, High Road Eastcote – some work has been done but it now appears that work has stopped – reason unknown.
- The new Sainsbury Local by the station is to open on the 11th March.
- The Planning applications in the Library are now being stored in a different area – ask the staff.

8.2 SNT/Police.

- The suggestion that adjacent SNT panels join together to form one panel is not favoured. CG has been informed that Chris Head has offered to stand as chairman of the Eastcote & East Ruislip local panel.

8.4 Parks Report

- **Eastcote House Gardens** – Works on refurbishment are proceeding- however there is currently an 8 week delay.
- **Kings College Playing Fields** – the refurbishment of the running track is progressing despite some difficulty due to wet conditions.
- **Missouri Court** – improvements to the gardens by local volunteers- new plants are now been bought.
- **Cavendish Rec.Gardens** – Cllr MW reports that the leak has finally been dealt with. Speaking to the contractors whilst the work was proceeding they maintained that the problem was not the steel pipe leaking, rather, the soakaway pipes leading from the cricket square that were blocked up. A trench was dug and the old pipes (earthenware) were replaced with the modern equivalent. So, apart from some landscaping and so on, the problem seems to have been resolved.

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- Awaiting current report -CG has made some progress and in future we will now get the reports which will be emailed to everyone.

8.6 Webmaster - GC

- **No report.**

8.7 Finance - AH

- .No report – see AH note under New Funding Requests.

8.8 Road Stewards – AA

- The subs are coming in and, hopefully, all monies will be in by the end of the financial year.
- AA welcomed Malcolm Penny as Road Steward to replace Jean Gibson, and also to report that there has been some success in getting people on board as Road Stewards but more are needed. It would appear that people are happy to deliver the Newsletter but do not always like knocking on doors to collect the subs. IM reported that the people who produce the Pinner Magazine have the same problem.
- A suggestion was made that we collect the subs through the Bank Account but it would be very difficult to marry up the money to the house and street.
- A Leaflet drop has been proposed to recruit members in some streets where we have limited members. This would be difficult to do as there would need to be someone to follow it up.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- LL has received several articles and more are expected. CG gave her the name of the new Police Borough Commander to contact particularly as he has agreed to come and speak at our AGM.

ACTION:- LL

- LL has the new membership Cards if stewards need them.
- It was proposed that we put a short article in the Newsletter explaining what our £2 sub is for and how we spend it. **ACTION:-AH**
- It has come to our attention that there are various email and door-to-door scams doing the rounds and CG will circulate information by email.

8.10 HARA - IG

- No report – the next meeting is the middle of March.

8.11 Transport.

- Federation of Met Line Users -No report as there has been no meeting. There is now a group up and running in Harrow, but IM is unable to attend their meeting.
- Although the Gazette has reported that the electronic train information boards are working on Eastcote Station it would appear that they are not working everywhere but it is hoped that all stations will have working boards eventually. Currently do not rely on the boards check the front of the train.

8. A.O.B.

- LL contacted the ex chairman of the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce and was given the name of the new chairman and will contact her to see if she will do an article for the Newsletter. Cllr ND and AH will contact her to encourage her to come along to one of our Committee Meetings to see what we do. **ACTION: ND/AH/LL**
- It was brought to our attention that the Road Sign indicating the number of accidents in the area is seriously out of date.
- It was reported to us that the public toilets in the Devonshire Car Park are closed and have been for some weeks – Cllr ND will investigate and report back. **ACTION: ND**
- Malcolm Penny brought to our attention the problem of walking in Eastcote after dark, particularly around the junction of Field End Road and Deancroft Road, it would appear that either a light is out or there is a light standard missing. **ACTION: ND**
- The flooding is continuing along High Road Eastcote, and although some work has been carried out, it has not solved the problem. Cllr BH is still working on this problem and will report back when she has some news. **ACTION: BH**
- **Car Parking at the Civic Centre-** if you want to park your car at the Civic Centre while attending a meeting there, you need to book in – Telephone 01895-250111 – EXT.2629 (Car Park Security)

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 25th March 2015. Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

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