

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2016

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present –Chris Groom (Acting Chairman), Keith Bernard, Jackie Redrup, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Pamela Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, Daphne Waller, David Payne, David Stephens.

1. **Apologies for Absence** , Alison Holtorp, Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Teji Barnes, Andrea Gohil, David Harper, Gawain Cox, Deesha Chadha.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 27th January were agreed by a show of hands.

4. **Matters arising from the 27th January 2016 meeting.**

- Zebra Crossing, Field End Road – no more information but plans have been sent to the Committee. They are on the Council website but not yet in the Eastcote Library.
- Safety Problems in North View (from previous meeting) – no information. **ACTION:ND**
- Residents Parking in Crescent Gardens – new Notices have been produced but they are too big to go on the existing posts so new posts have been ordered.
- Street Lighting in Whitby Road – it would appear that this is in relation to lighting in the service road behind some premises – there is no lighting at all. We are advised that if the service road is privately owned then it is the responsibility of the owner to provide lighting, if the road is Council owned then the Council should be contacted.
- London Green Belt Contribution – the money has been paid and the Conservation Panel thanked ERA for paying the fee and a donation.
- Parking Machines in Devonshire Car Park – it was pointed out that there are two separate doctors practices in the building. We are informed that the two PPG's have jointly written regarding this matter. No other information available. Cllr CD will follow up.

ACTION:CD

5. **New resident issues** :-

- No new issues raised.

6. **New funding requests** :-

At last meeting it was proposed that we send a donation in memory of Jean Gibson. Formally proposed that we send a donation of £75 – this was agreed by a show of hands. **ACTION:AH**

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 Planning –JR

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. JR brought to our attention the following items:

- 186 Field End Road (old photographer's now training centre) – the plan is to demolish the current building and rebuild with offices for training centre on ground floor and 3 x 3 person flats on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors.
- 195A Field End Road (above Chiropractor's) – conversion of 4 bedroom flat into 1 x 2-bed and 1 x 1-bed self contained flats – Only change to outside is velux windows to rear.
- 8 The Glen – extensions and conversion of roofspace – previous application from October last year was refused – LC had objected. This resubmission looks to be very little different.
- 33 Bridle Road – conversion and extension of existing attached garage – previous application from October last year was refused – LC had objected. This resubmission shows very little or no change.

- 11 Chiltern Road – extensions and enlargement of roof space – previous application from October last year refused – LC had objected. This resubmission looks to be very little different.
- 81 Field End Road - erection of three storey building. This is coming before North Planning Committee on 3rd March. Both LC and CG will attend the meeting as they both submitted Petitions against this application. It should be noted that the ERA are not against a new and better doctors' surgery but what we are against is the design and size of the new building. It is also noted that ERA's email of objection has not been included in the paperwork.
- 7 Woodlands Avenue – extensions – JR did make a site visit as the owner of 52 Newnham Road was worried about party wall issues. This came on the back of 2 previous refused applications to build a separate dwelling in the back garden.
- Eastcote Motor Services, High Road Eastcote – LC has written to Cllr ND to ask that signage be sorted out properly as this has led to problems in the past. Cllr ND has passed this on to Planning Officers who say they will take matters up with the Agents.
- 2 Elm Avenue (Sky Tyres) – have lost their appeal against the Enforcement Notice.
- 50 Rodney Gardens – Appeal has been dismissed.
- Old Budgens Shop – rumours are going around that Aldi will be on two floors, not on original plans although a lift is being installed.
- R.E.Bar – not yet open but building work has now started on an approved extension at the back of the building.
- Pinner Post Office/Sorting Office/Parcel Collection – we understand that the Post Office is closing and will be out sourced to Smiths. The Sorting Office and Parcel Collection to stay.

7.2 SNT/Police.

- No report. The next Meeting is the 23rd March.

7.3 Parks Report

- Eastcote House Gardens:- A Story Telling Session was held on 6th February in the Stables.
- It was very good but was not very well attended, possibly due to the poor weather conditions.

7.4 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members

7.5 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

7.6 Finance - AH

- Formal approval was given for payment of the Invoice for the Hire of the Elsie Fisher Room for the year and AH expenses for the extra balloon sticks for the fair. **ACTION:- AH**
- Eastcote Chamber of Commerce – AH reports that she did attend a meeting before Christmas and that the CofC indicated they would hold a meeting in the New Year to decide event dates for this year. AH asked that she be invited to attend this meeting and she did get a positive response, to-date she has heard no more.
- AH reports that she is constantly hearing complaints about the state of the pavements, and would like to formalize her interaction with the shopkeepers. With the committees approval she would like to print council contact information on slips with ERA Logo and then ask each shop to report problems with pavements outside their premises directly to the council with photos if possible. This was agreed. Cllr EL reported that the Council does have a scheme for Town and City Improvement Programme and Eastcote is on the List but the Budget is not likely to cover the cost of pavement improvements. Any works will take some time and will not be of the scale of Northwood Hills or Ruislip Manor. There is a very limited separate Pavement Improvement Budget available under a different scheme.

7.7 Road Stewards – AA

- The subs are coming in and AA will contact Road Stewards to remind them to collect subs as soon as possible. AA is to liaise with AH regarding Direct Banking. IM will pass on to AA the name of the person who deals with this for the Pinner Association who may be able to assist.

7.8 Newsletter - LL

- LL reports that she needs help with the Editing of the Magazine. She has not received many articles and reminded everyone that the deadline is the 4th March. CG and JR offered to assist with the editing of the Magazine.

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

- No report.

7.10 Transport.

- IM attended that last meeting which was taken up with the development of Northwood Station area, the Planning Application for which is being held on the 12th April. It has been completely revamped and is mostly under cover with 296 car park spaces and living accommodation.
- The redevelopment of the Croxley Link is underway and will be finished by 2020.
- The work in the tunnel between Finchley Road/Baker Street will commence soon and everyone should be aware that there will be no Met Trains on certain days and at certain times of day.
- All Ticket Offices are now closed. We are also informed that Met Rail Station Ticket Offices' closures are also planned.

8. A.O.B.

- Harrow Council Charging – we understand that Harrow Council have now revised their policy and will be charged for collection of Green Waste. They will also now be charging for the use of parks and green spaces although voluntary groups will get a large discount.
- CG brought to our attention the fact that the toilets in the Devonshire Car Park are closed again and the notice reads “Closed due to Vandalism” Cllr CD will liaise with Cllr ND regarding this matter and report back. **ACTION:CD/ND**

There being no further business CG closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 30th March 2016 -in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm