



Eastcote Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 30th January 2013.

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Cllrs. Catherine Dann, Raymond Graham, Edward Lavery, David Payne, Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Jackie Redrup, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, David Harper, Paul Ashby Tom Sharkey, Ann Wright (Azalea Walk), Andrea Gohil, Dev Chadha, Dr. Deesha Chadha.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Cllr. Bruce Baker, Cllr. Andrew Retter, Cllr. John Morgan, Cllr. Jonathan Bianco, Gawain Cox, Elizabeth Beggs
3. **Resident's Issues:**
 - Ann Wright from Azalea Walk regarding Pembroke Park – full report and discussion under Planning.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 28th November 2012 were agreed with the following amendment – mis-spelling of Ray Puddifoot's name for which the Secretary apologises – Cllr. David Payne was left off the Apologies for Absence list, for which the Secretary apologises.

5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**

- The flowers on the lamp post in Elm Avenue have been reported to the Council but they have done nothing and it would appear that they do not intend to do anything for some time.

6. **Representatives Reports**

6.1 Planning

- The Planning report was distributed. JR reported that she found the new system being used by the Council very confusing. JR brought to our attention 16 Field End Road – back on again, 138 Linden Avenue – her comments on the planning report, Pinova, Cuckoo Hill and 30 Barnhill – this is outline planning application only at this stage, we understand a petition is to be sent in by local residents, it appears to be “garden grabbing”, ERA will write.
- RAF EASTCOTE – PEMBROKE PARK –
 - Various residents have reported to ERA giving details of unapproved roof windows being installed, overlooking adjacent properties and these have been reported to the Council. Wimpy has now submitted planning applications for some of the unapproved works but ERA are writing to the Planning Department asking them to refuse these applications and that further investigations be undertaken. On a recent site walk it was noticed that certain houses facing Flag Walk were also different including additional dormers at second floor level. After discussion a Petition was raised and distributed for signatures. We are advised that the planning applications will be going to the full Planning meeting.
 - JR gave a vote of Thanks to Cllr Catherine Dann for attending the Part 2 item at the last planning meeting on our behalf. CD reported that she was able to speak and reported that a good hours' discussion took place regarding the item she raised on our behalf regarding unapproved development at RAF Eastcote.
 - IB reported that he had had a very positive response from Ray Puddifoot regarding this matter.
- It has been reported by email that “Shop and Stop” are applying for a licence to extend out onto the pavement by one meter. No objections raised but it needs checking that they have the necessary Public Liability Insurance.
- It has been noticed that the small Betting Shop in High Road Eastcote is having extensive work carried out. The main door was seen open and the whole shop has been demolished. No planning application has been submitted. JR will investigate and KS will contact Lesley Crowcroft.

ACTION:- JR/KS

6.2 Finance

- The Nationwide Instant Access account is now open.
- The following adjustments to our current accounting procedure were proposed and agreed:-
 - We amend the financial year end to coincide with the normal financial year 31st March. This then ties in with the subscription sheets, allows the Stewards to collect early in the year with the 1st newsletter, and makes more sense of the quarterly treasures reports. (June-after subs collected, so we know how much we have to spend during the rest of the year. September – Christmas planning. December – How we did at the Christmas Fair, and March – year end.)
 - We collect the subs from April to June with the Newsletter.
 - We take advantage of the fact that we are currently in a ‘break even’ situation and for accounting purposes re-label the subs already collected as belonging to next year. Then next year they can be collected from April.

6.3 Road Stewards

- KS reported that about a fifth of the subs have already been collected. 24 new members were signed up during the Christmas Festival event. Liaising with GC to distribute 160 spare copies of the magazine to households in Pembroke Park.

ACTION:- KS/GC

6.4 Police Matters

- IM reported that there was a meeting last week but the speaker did not turn up. The statistics were distributed. 2,600 fewer crimes in the Borough in the last nine months. This Police Consultative Group will finish in September and no information was forthcoming regarding a replacement. The Priority Sheets need to be submitted and IM will do it on our behalf.

6.5 Transport and Road Safety

- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – LBH have provided some example traffic monitoring data that indicates that HGVs are breaching the ‘night time lorry ban’. The challenge remains as to how to get the Council to take action.
- Cheney St – temporary installation of VAS (vehicle activated speed) awaited **ACTION:- BB**
- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety scheme installation works now scheduled for 4th Feb`13 still awaited – congestion expected.
- Lime Grove parking obstruction: Consultation on parking scheme is due out shortly covering Lime Grove and nearby roads that may suffer displacement issues.

6.6 Parks Reports

- WARRENDER PARK now has a lockable notice board situated near the Myrtle Avenue entrance. This was financed from the Ward budgets of Eastcote/East Ruislip and Cavendish Wards. There will be a working party on 23rd March for the Wild Flower Meadow. Next QGM Tuesday 12th March tbc.
- BESSINGBY/CAVENDISH/PINE GARDENS PARKS – The Friends group will be organizing another Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday 2013. The next QGM 28th February at 8pm at Cavendish Pavilion.
- ULMUS LONDINIUM – The elm trees have now been planted, 6 in Long Meadow, 3 in Elmbridge Drive and 5 in Kings College Road, both part of the Pinn Meadows, 1 at Warrender and 1 in Bessingby Park, all trees have been registered and their progress will be monitored for at least 20 years. Hillingdon Borough also received 150 trees for planting around the Borough. The Conservation Forum said that Hillingdon was one of the few Boroughs to respond to the offer of free trees.
- EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS AND LONG MEADOW – FEHG have formed a Countryside Conservation Group led by Steve Place, dedicated to work in Long Meadow. This group meets the 4th Thursday of each month. The HLF bid is due to be submitted 28th February 2013. A second Consultation regarding this project took place recently and the general feeling was that people were a lot happier with the proposed scheme. The Vintage Tea Garden season starts 5th May 2013. Next QGM tbc.

6.7 Webmaster

- No report

6.8 Heath & Community Voice

- No report. The Newsletter and Minutes received from Joan Davis (Chairman) has been emailed to the Committee.

6.9 Business Liaison

- No report

6.10 Newsletter

- LL asked that all articles for the next magazine to be emailed to her by the ERA meeting in March. DH agreed to help LL.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- EASTCOTE FESTIVAL – IB asked for a copy of the draft accounts and when the AGM was taking place.

We were advised that no actual AGM had taken place but there had been various meetings. The accounts have not yet been finalized. We were given the following figures: Income £25,500, Expenditure £14,000 (General), £10,000 (lights), they are still awaiting some pledges to come in and once they are in and some small amounts paid out will leave £770 in reserve. The present contract for the lights is finished and retendering will be taken place soon. The lights were damaged by the outgoing contractor and the cost for replacing the 6 unusable lights and the repairs to others will cost approximately £1000/£2000. We were advised that a "stand alone" charity is to be set up to enable the Festival committee to get money from elsewhere instead of relying on donations from the traders, ERA etc.

- HARA – At the last meeting the speaker was CI Steve Kershaw regarding policing in Hillingdon. There is to be a Public Seminar at the Civic Centre on Wednesday 6th February at 6pm giving details of policing in Hillingdon. The next meeting is 18th March and the speaker is Graham Hawkes.
- RUISLIP WOODS – A copy of the meeting on the 15th January has been emailed to the committee.
- AGM – IB asked for suggestions for speakers, particularly someone who could give us information on how to set up a Chamber of Commerce for Eastcote.
- It was noted that there was a couple of problems at the Elsie Fisher Rooms– the outside light by the main door was broken and a curtain pulley was also broken. IG to report to Church.

ACTION; IG

This part of the meeting closed at 9.35PM.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: no meeting.

The next meeting will be on the 27th February 2013 at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.
Apologies to Irene Groom. (POST MEETING – IG reported problems to the Church the following morning)