



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 29th January 2014.

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Ian Brooks (Chairman), Irene Groom (Minute Secretary), Cllr David Payne, Cllr Michael White, Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Jean Gibson, David Harper, Pamela Jean Marr, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Deesha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Elizabeth Beggs, Graham Le-Gall (Dene Way), Nick Denys.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Edward Lavery, Gawain Cox, Cllr Raymond Graham, Andrea Gohil,
3. IB welcomed everyone to the meeting and Graham Le-Gall indicated that he had a Resident Issue he wished to bring to our attention.
4. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 27th November were agreed with no amendments.
5. **Matters Arising from 27th November meeting:**
 - Aren's Bar (Woodman Public House) – at a recent Licencing Review the late night hours for Fridays and Saturdays were reduced but only from 3.00am to 2.30am. There is to be regular meetings with residents regarding any problems. IB had attended the recent one but not many of the residents turned up, there appeared to be an issue on informing residents of the meeting.
 - Christmas Lights – Thanks were given to the Council for the substitute Christmas lights although they were not quite as good as the original lights. The Council is assessing the damage to the original lights and will report back to ERA. At the relevant time, if no other organisation has applied for lights for 2014, we will apply to the Council. Some confusion has arisen with residents regarding funding of the lights, some people are not happy as they believe the money went towards the Festival and not the lights as they were informed. **ACTION:CG**
 - Basket and Troughs – CG/AH/IB had a positive meeting with Council last week and it now looks promising that Eastcote shopping area will have baskets, troughs and possibly new bushes for the summer. CG will monitor the situation and report back. **ACTION: CG**
 - Blackhorse Pub – Disabled Toilets- IB has had contact with Danny Hayward from the brewers Head Office regarding this matter. KB has had a meeting with Sarah Harper (Council) and the Blackhorse Pub and the Council have said that they do not want this listed building damaged with further building work. IB will inform the person who brought this to our attention. **ACTION: IB**
 - Memorial Flowers (Elm Avenue) – a long discussion took place and we were advised by MW that meetings have taken place and further meetings are forthcoming – we will be advised of the outcome in due course. **ACTION:- MW**
 - Service Road, Field End Road- Repairs – Cllr CD reported by email as follows: I have just received the reply concerning the various pot holes in the service roads at the rear of the shops from North View to Budgens and from Barclays Bank to the car park at the back of the station – “The Highways Engineer for the area has inspected the service roads and found a number of defects that are above the Council's intervention levels. These potholes have now been made safe. He also assessed the condition of the

carriageway and has added the service roads to the list of roads requiring works for possible future resurfacing.” We have no information as yet regarding the service road behind the shops from the Library to the Ascott.

RESIDENT ISSUES: Graham Le-Gall from Dene Way and Jean Gibson from Farthings Close brought to our attention the dreadful condition of both of their roads. Despite numerous phone calls and emails to the Council (and a petition from Farthings Close which resulted in an agreement by the Council to do the work) no information has been forthcoming as to if or when these roads will be dealt with. There is a list of roads awaiting work but unable to ascertain which roads are on the list. After discussion Cllr DP said he will continue to press for answers and report back. G L-G was advised to do a petition for Deane Way. IB will write to Council on Farthings Close. **ACTION: DP/IB**

5. **Committee Reports**

5.1 **Newsletter** – LL requested articles and the Committee reports as soon as possible to enable the editing, printing and delivery to take place in time for the AGM in May. The magazine will be issued before the end of April to give plenty of notice of the AGM on Friday 16th May.

5.2 **Planning**

JR distributed her report that covers the period from October 2013 to January 2014 and this will be distributed with these minutes.

JR brought to our attention two items:-

- A new planning application for 150 Field End Road (Initial House) – this is to be determined by the North Planning Committee – ERA to write on increased density (45 flats instead on 42 flats) **ACTION:- JR**
- 187A Field End Road – this is to be determined by the North Planning Committee – JR will be writing on this objecting to the appearance. **ACTION:- JR**

5.3 **Police Matters/Safer Neighbourhoods** – IM

- IM reported that the last meeting of the police committee before its is disbanded will be in March and he will attend. **ACTION:- IM**
- CG attended the first Police SNT Panel meeting in 18 months and reported:-
 - Since June 2013 the make up of local policing across the London has changed and under a Metropolitan Police Plan called “One Met Model” Police Safer Neighbourhoods Teams (SNT’s) now co-reside with other officers under a larger team called the Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT’s)
 - In the north of Hillingdon there are, as previously 9 teams based on the local political wards.
 - All 9 teams are now based at Ruislip Police Station and other offices have been closed e.g. the base for the Eastcote & East Ruislip SNT (E & ER – SNT) has moved from Argyle House in Northwood Hills to Ruislip Police Station.
 - The 9 teams are managed by an Inspector David George.
 - Under Inspector George there are 5 Sergeants (or acting Sgts). Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward is grouped with West Ruislip under acting Sergeant Rob Dryell. Dedicated to Eastcote and East Ruislip is PC, Daragh Smith and PCSO Gemma Robinson.
 - Dedicated to West Ruislip is PC Helen Low and PCSO Paul Brighton again under the direction of Sergeant Dryell and Inspector George.
 - The Cavendish Ward is grouped with Ruislip Manor and the Cavendish team is Sergeant Neil Roberts, PC Celine Robinson & PCSO John Dickens.
 - The Northwood Hills Ward is grouped with Northwood the Northwood Hills team is Sergeant Alison Jeffery, PC Max Christmas & PCSO Ricardo Soler De Los Rios.
 - The 9 teams at Ruislip are also joined by members of the Response Team and CID.
 - The SNT teams now work alongside a number of officers dedicated for the whole of the North who will assist as well the Ward teams well as undertaking other roles such

investigation of beat crimes, general crime patrols, front office duties, crime scenes and will be directed by Inspector George to deal with arising and ongoing issues identified in the North of the Borough.

- Our area Emergency Response Teams and cars now muster/parade at Ruislip police station, rather than at Hayes.
- Although you can still call the police NPT on their mobile phone it is preferred that for an emergency you call 999 and for non emergency 101.
- The civilian Ward Panel for Eastcote and East Ruislip has currently decided to remain separate from the panel for West Ruislip (they may amalgamate in the future). The Panel has agreed to meet quarterly, with the next meeting on 9th April.
- Ruislip Police Station has public access days – Wednesday & Thursday 7-8pm and Saturday 2-3pm.

5.4 Transport /Road Safety

- No information regarding Cheney Street – BB is trying to get information. **ACTION: BB**
- AA reported that various people living in High Road Eastcote has asked:-
 - Why is there was no central reservation in the middle of the zebra crossing (by Pembroke Park). This makes it dangerous to cross due to nearby bends and thus short sightlines.
 - Also by Hume Way the bus stop is within the zig-zag lines of the zebra crossing which again appears dangerous. AA has had contact with the Council and she has been advised that it will be looked at. DP agreed to chase these items. **ACTION:- AA/DP**

5.4 Conservation & Parks Report :

- Eastcote House Gardens :- Minutes of recent meetings, dates and information has been distributed and put onto the Web site.
- KB advised that the Conservation Panel/EHG have signed up to be members of the Colne Valley Community Interest Company (CIC) and suggested that ERA do the same. IB to action. **ACTION:IB**

5.5 Health and Community Voice

EB reported:-

- Shane McGaris, Chief Executive Officer, Hillingdon Hospital gave a talk on the financial constraints experienced by all NHS Hospitals and the challenging times ahead, with pressures on all departments within the Hillingdon Hospital Trust to cope with more frail, elderly and vulnerable patients entering the system, thereby, causing increasing strain on the financial and staffing resources available, but new pathways are now being devised to counteract this. Between the months of April and October the Trust achieved an efficiency saving of £4.4m and expects to break even by March 2014.
- There has also been a big issue in respect of the number of deaths that occur over the weekends and holiday periods due to lack of staffing and availability of Social Services We were told that this was being addressed but by whom I am personally unsure.
- Hillingdon Hospital has initiated “Clinical Fridays”, this enables the Senior Nursing staff to go and talk to the patients on the ward and having bedside chats to listen to their views and if necessary, put counter measures in place as and when required.
- The North West London Programme “Shaping a Healthier Future” will impact on Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals. Hillingdon will provide a 7 day week emergency care, it will expand the 24/7 emergency service to accommodate the expected higher A&E workload.
- Beaconsfield East ward has won an award of over £845K to create a dementia friendly environment for patients by using colour, extra lighting, signage, plus have a new day room, sensory room and sensory garden. This should be completed by February 2014. Dementia is an increasing problem within the community with people living longer and therefore requiring more nursing and expertise in dealing with their requirements.
- Electronic prescribing is being introduced in England, instead of receiving paper prescriptions from your GP, an electronic one will be sent to your own choice of pharmacy.

- I attended a Care Quality Commission meeting recently (the old PCT) with the majority of members being GPs, with attending members of the public as observers and non-voting. My prime concern was on the cost of setting up these boards and the increasing amount of money involved in extra administration salaries.

5.7 **HARA** –

IG reported on the HARA meeting was Monday 20th January 2014.

- The speaker was Dany Nobus, Vice Pro Chancellor Brunel University, in charge of Strategy, Development and External Relations. The university was granted Royal Charter in 1966, over the last 10 years they have spent £400m on expansion. At the present time they have 15,000 students and 3,500 members of staff.
- Tesco/Morrisons developments at Hillingdon Circus were both turned down, no information available as to whether either or both will go to appeal.
- The proposed Powerday/West Drayton site (recycling plant) is to possibly go forward to a Public Enquiry.

5.8 **Road Stewards** – Things are coming together. Another Road Stewards meeting/social is in the pipeline.

5.9 **Finance** – AH distributed the latest Financial Report.

5.10 **Webmaster** - No report.

7. **AOB**

- AGM – Please note change of date – **FRIDAY 16th MAY at 7.30pm at Thomas More Church, Field End Road.** As this is a Friday it will be interesting to see how many people turn up. As we are unable to get the speaker from RAF Northolt, suggestions please. Cllr DP has a contact and will report back. Any other suggestions email IB. **ACTION:DP**
- **POST MEETING** – Cllr DP phone on Thursday morning to advise that he has secured a speaker for the AGM, it is Mr. Stewart Pomeroy, manager of the Colne Valley Regional Park – IB to liaise with this Stewart regarding title/content of talk. **ACTION:IB**
- On 4th January owners of The Old Forge, High Road Eastcote contacted AA requesting ERA help in having constant flooding following rainfall rectified, which is at the entrance to their property/adjacent to the zebra crossing. During major rainfall cars drive into centre of road causing safety issue, is a “no go” area for pedestrians and extreme issue re entering/exiting the property. This is known to have been the case for a considerable period of time. The Owners have contacted the Council many times. Council drains people attend and Thames Water but still the problem endures. Cllr Bruce Baker took the matter up and has reported Highways state “road gulleys and main drainage pipe was cleaned and jetted on 9th January and all were running freely. Problem being River Pinn extremely high and a number of the drainage lines that discharge in to it unable to cope with the amount of water which has caused a back up and considerably reduced the time it takes to disperse any collection of water. This area is one of a number that the Council's Flood Management Officer is looking into.” Flooding is still reported during major rain. Situation needs to be watched.
- A visit/tour has been arranged for ERA members to RAF Northolt on Wednesday 25th June from 2pm to 4pm – anyone interested in being included in this visit, `first come first served` basis, email chairman@eastcoteria.co.uk
- Deesha C is a member of the Faiths Forum and she bought along some calendars for distribution. She has also emailed and distributed to the committee the RSA Catalyst - Application Form with the intention of getting young people interested in being more involved in the local community e.g. ERA. Other ideas/suggestions to DC please. **ACTION:- DC/IB/ALL**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday 26th February 2014 at Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm. AS IG WILL NOT BE AT THE NEXT MEETING – PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLIGIES AND REPORTS TO IAN BROOKS .