

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2015

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** –Keith Barnard (Acting Chairman for the meeting), Irene Groom, Ian Murray, Karen Spink, Chris Groom, David Harper, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, Linda Laurie, Alison Akerman, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Becky Hagger.
2. **Apologies for Absence** Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Gawain Cox, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, David Payne, Cllr Edward Lavery, Andrea Gohil, Cllr Teji Barnes, Cllr Nick Denys, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson.
3. **Welcome** KB opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
4. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 26th November 2014 were agreed with no amendments.
5. **Matters arising from 26th November 2014 minutes.**
 - Cllr ND reported that the issue of the alleyway by Eastcote Station is ongoing and he will report further progress as it occurs. **ACTION:- ND**
 - War Memorial fencing – still not repaired BH to chase. **ACTION:- BH**
 - Cllr BH will contact Tree Officer regarding the tree and also check regarding the position of the CCTV. **ACTION: BH**
 - No new information as to the position regarding the repair of the pavements.
 - CG contacted Community Voice regarding the non-appearance of their reports. This was due to incorrect notification and latest reports are now with these minutes.
 - The flooding along High Road Eastcote, we understand that it occurs when the flow in the River Pinn is high and the road drains cannot work effectively. Thames Water to deal with. They are being pressed to deal with it as soon as possible.
6. **New resident issues:** -
 - AA plus residents brought to our attention the bad state of repair and mess alongside High Road Eastcote/New Cottages on the Taylor Wimpey site , CG agreed to deal with this as he understands that they are waiting for the Electricity Board to deal with the old switch box in this area. He also will check that the Memorial Plaque has been sealed. **ACTION:CG**
7. **New funding requests** :- none raised
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 **Planning** –JR

The Planning Report up to the 28th January 2015 was distributed. Items brought to our attention were:

 - Bishop Ramsey School- Floodlighting to Multi Use Games Area – various neighbours and organizations objecting – ERA to assist and lodge objection. **ACTION:- JR**
 - 103, Field End Road – Three storey, 2 bed detached house in the rear yard of the shops- ERA with Cllrs- submitting a letter. **ACTION- JR**
 - 151, Woodlands Avenue – Conversion to 3x2 bed flats with associated parking – Going to Committee- ERA have objected. **ACTION:- JR**
 - 33a Kent Gardens – 2x3 bed detached house - approved

- It was noted that proposed works at 76, Castleton Road and 61, Elm Avenue have been refused but have gone to appeal.
- Eastcote Motor Services- High Road, Eastcote – application for 4x4 bed houses- stalled. Site up for auction on 2nd February.
- 84, Field End Road – various residents have complained about use of house as commercial premises.
- Sainsbury Local (retail unit at the flats opposite the station) – their revised application is due to the re - positioning of the air conditioning units.
- 262/270 Field End Road – conversion to flats – still undecided.
- 40 Coombe Drive – refused – new application – JR is assisting.
- 7 Robarts Close – refused – new application has appeared in the Gazette.
- 24 Field End Road – ongoing problems – various residents have contacted the Council and we are waiting for a response. KS reports that they are not following the plans regarding windows. It was suggested that photos be taken, also diary notes with date, day and time so that we have written proof of the various infringements.
- It was brought to our attention that various planning applications are not being displayed in the local Library despite the fact that they are appearing in the Gazette. Agreed to write to Jean Palmer regarding this matter. **ACTION:JR**

8.2 Police Matters

- SNT Panel – the local panel has no chairman or secretary at the moment. A suggestion has been made that areas close together could join forces to form one panel. Cllr BH agreed to investigate and try and get things moving. **ACTION:BH**

8.3 Transport /Road Safety

IM reported

- The Eastcote Station ticket office will close in Oct-Dec and more ticket machines will be provided.
- There will be major closures of the Met Line over Easter.
- Trials will be starting soon of the platform information signs so in future they will indicate times and destinations of trains as is normal in central London.
- Following local action heating is now provided in Eastcote Station waiting rooms.
- It has also been reported that the Digital Clocks on the platforms and within the station all show different times.

8.4 Parks Report

- **King College Playing Fields. Pinn Meadow** - The work to resurfacing the running track and installing the outdoor gym equipment has been delayed because of the ground conditions. The contractors have laid a track for the vehicles to protect the ground, but the amount of water has made laying the new surface difficult. The land drainage has also been held up because the ground is too wet and soft to take the weight of the vehicles.
- **Eastcote House Gardens** - Currently we are informed that parts of the project will overrun by at least 8 weeks. Because of the overrun and the amount of concrete in the east wall border of the walled garden, planting will be delayed and the garden will not be in best order for the summer. The official opening by the Mayor of Hillingdon will take place on 12th May 2015. The Friends of EHG will still stage the Summer Picnic on 6th June 2015. The café will not be finished in time for the picnic but the Friends will be providing tea and cakes.
- Cavendish/Bessingby Parks - Cllr MH reported that the new building for the bowls clubs in Bessingby Park is being built.

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- Community Voice Minutes etc attached with these minutes

8.6 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

8.7 Finance - AH

- Last report circulated to the committee members. AH also reported that she was fine with the quote for the new membership cards, we have money in hand to cover next years expenses.

8.8 Road Stewards – AA

- Subs are coming in but AA will contact Road Stewards to remind them that the money is required by the end of March.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- The Newsletter is now in colour and more information has been welcomed.
- Membership Cards – the printer has given a price for black and white and one for colour of £47. After discussion it was decided to have a print run of 1000, in green, to start with and more can be ordered as and when necessary.
- Date for receiving articles for the next Newsletter is the beginning of March and no later than the 10th March. CG gave LL a list of names of people who have agreed to write articles for the magazine.

8.10 HARA - IG

- Last Meeting -. The speaker was Hillingdon Borough Commander, Detective Chief Superintendent Nick Downing.
- Various other items were discussed plus the usual reports from other RAs.
- The speaker for March is the CEO of LBH Fran Beasley.

8. AOB –

- Hillingdon Council have confirmed that Eastcote – Field End Road shopping area- will be included in the 2015 programme for hanging baskets similar to 2014.
- Circulation of the minutes of Ruislip Woods Management Group will be circulated to not only the committee but our wider group mailing list when received.
- We have been informed that the Budgens store in Field End Road is up for sale and the rumour is that Aldi have pulled out of the deal.
- We have now been officially advised that we are getting a new Post Box outside the new Post Office and that the one on the corner of Moreford Way will be staying.
- Cllr EL is investigating the Trading Licences of the shops in Field End Road. **ACTION:- EL**
- We are advised that various small road within our area are now being resurfaced.

There being no further business KB closed the meeting at 9.10pm..

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

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