

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Keith Bernard (Acting Chairman), Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, Pamela Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, Daphne Waller, David Payne, Cllr Becky Haggard.

It is with sadness we have to report the death of Jean Gibson, a long standing and valuable member of the ERA, as well as being on the Committee she was also a Road Steward. She was also very active within the community, particularly St. Lawrence Church. The ERA Committee send their condolences to Jean's family. Unfortunately we do not have any contact details for her next-of-kin but KS will try and get details. A suggestion was made that we send a donation to a charity and this was agreed in principal and KS will try and get details of this as well. KB then announced 30 seconds silence as a mark of respect. We understand that the funeral is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, at 2pm at St Lawrence Church and various member of the committee indicated that they will attend. (POST MEETING – KS was able to get details of her next-of-kin and a card has been sent.)

1. **Apologies for Absence** Chris Groom, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Gawain Cox, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Teji Barnes, David Stephens, Andrea Gohil, David Harper
2. **Welcome** KB opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> November were agreed by a show of hands, with one small amendment – The date for the January 2017 meeting should read the 25<sup>th</sup> January.
4. **Matters arising from the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Minutes.**
  - Vehicle Counting wires in Field End Road – this is in relation to the proposal for a Zebra Crossing in Field End Road near the junction to Pamela Gardens. There is no information as to time scale or whether funding is available and Cllr CD will come back to us as and when she has any further information. **ACTION: CD**
  - RE BAR – no information but all items, including the cross, have been removed.
  - Planning Notices on Lamp Posts – the Council puts these notices on the lamp post and the Street Cleaning teams are responsible for taking down the out-of-date notices.
  - Residents Parking in Crescent Gardens – the dates and times are not displayed on individual lamp-posts but can be found on one near by. We understand that new notices and/or amendments will be forthcoming soon.
  - 81 Field End Road – a petition against the proposed development of the doctors' surgery has been raised. A petition from the doctors supporting the application has now been raised. We understand that LC has written on behalf of the Conservation Committee.
  - Tudor Lodge Hotel – roof tiling problem- we understand that they have gone to Appeal and the decision will probably be made May/June time.
  - Telecom mast at the bottom of Field End Road/junction with High Road Eastcote– has been refused.
  - Licencing at the old Gri-Gri – we understand that they do have all the necessary licenses.
  - Flooding in High Road Eastcote – Cllr BH reports that it is down to Thames Water but a "Flood Group" consisting of residents officers and Cllrs is being formed and their first meeting is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the Civic Centre.
  - Christmas Lights – ERA's contribution towards the lights has been paid. We understand that the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce has not yet paid their contribution.
  - Traffic Safety Problems in North View – we understand that the Council has been to look at the problem but Cllr ND is investigating. **ACTION:ND**

**5. New resident issues :** - Two items raised:

- A resident has reported to KB a street lighting problem in Whitby Road – he will investigate and report back in due course. **ACTION:KB**
- Parking Machines – a request has been made to have a Parking Machine installed by the Doctor's Surgery in the Devonshire Car Park. The Council said "no" but we now understand that the Surgery have now written to the Council on this matter. At the same time a request was made that the parking spaces in that area be made Brown Badge and/or Disabled. It was also suggested that ERA should also write. We were informed that each machine costs approximately £3000 each and that there is a serious problem of vandalism at the moment in various car park within the Borough.

**6. New funding requests :-**

- No funding request received.

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.1 Planning –JR**

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes.

**7.2 SNT/Police.**

- No report.

**7.3 Parks Report**

- Eastcote House Gardens:- Various meetings have been held. The bookings for the Stables is going well.

**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**

- No report.

**7.7 Road Stewards – AA**

- The meeting last year went very well and was very well attended. AA requested that the Autumn edition of the Newsletter be issued a little earlier, possibly the middle of October, to make it easier for delivery and collection of subs before the clocks change, LL agreed to look into the matter. AA also said that she will liaise with AH about changing the method of collection subs, i.e. arranging for members to pay the money direct into the bank instead of being collected by the Road Stewards.

**7.8 Newsletter - LL**

- LL has emailed everyone with the date for submitting items for the Newsletter which is 4<sup>th</sup> March, to make it easier to have the magazine printed and distributed before the AGM in May.

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

- IG was unable to attend the last two meetings due to being away.

**7.10 Transport.**

- No report. The next meeting is 28<sup>th</sup> January at Baker Street.

**8. A.O.B.**

- IM informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from the London Green Belt Council ie. Subscription reminder £10 and a suggested voluntary donation of £15. The subscription of £10 is paid by the Conservation Panel and it was agreed that the ERA would pay the voluntary donation of £15. **ACTION:- KB**
- A suggestion was made that we put into the Newsletter a short piece giving the rules and regulations regarding the materials that should be used when converting front gardens into off-road parking spaces.

- It has come to our attention that Harrow Council proposes to charge Community Associations and others for the use of parks, public outside spaces and also private land for the holding of functions such as band concerts, firework displays etc. It is something we should monitor in case Hillingdon should decide to follow suit.
- The untidy area outside Pembroke Park in High Road Eastcote has still not been cleared. Cllr BH will find out when Wimpy will be vacating the site. **ACTION: BH**
- The problem with Estate Agents Boards has been raised again – the Council used to remove them if the Estate Agent didn't, but now only letters are written.

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

**The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 -in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm**

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