

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017

### Venue – Upstairs Committee Room, St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Keith Barnard, Ian Murray, Cllr Catherine Dann, Deesha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Linda Laurie,

**Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes, Jackie Redrup, Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Nick Denys, Carolyn Derecki, Alison Akerman, Pamela Jean Marr, David Payne, Andrea Gohil, Elizabeth Beggs, Alison Dungworth.

1. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed by a show of hands,

2. **Matters arising from the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 meeting**

- CG reports that he is still looking for a speaker for our AGM next May. **ACTION:CG**
- The old access road to The Ascott has been marked out to be raised level with the paving.

4. **New Resident Issues:-**

- No new issues raised

5. **New funding requests :-**

- No new funding requests

6. **Committee Reports**

6.1 **Chairman's Report - AH**

- AH reported that she has been invited to the January meeting of the newly formed Eastcote branch of the National Women's Register in order to discuss the possibility of a dedicated community space within Eastcote Town Centre as part of the improvement scheme. AH and Cllr CD will attend in order to introduce themselves. **ACTION:AH/CLLR CD**

6.2 **Finance – AH**

The following amounts were authorized:

- £15.80 to LL for refreshments.
- The invoice for the Elsie Fischer Room – unfortunately the invoice is wrong and the correct amount will be authorized at the next meeting. **ACTION:- IG**

6.3 **Health and Community Voice**

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members.

6.4 **Newsletter - LL**

- LL had met up with the gentleman who may take over her role and emailed him previous copies of our Newsletter. He will think about it and LL will contact him again and invite to come along to one of our meetings. **ACTION:- LL**
- AH passed to LL a couple of items that could possibly go into the next issue, suggesting one regarding parking on white lines

6.5 **Parks Report - KB**

Eastcote House Gardens.

- The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens and the Conservation Panel held a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January morning in the Stables. The minutes will be distributed. Sadly a number of other "Friends" in the area are no longer operating i.e. Friends of Warrender Park, Friends of Highgrove Woods and Friends of Cavendish & Bessingby Parks.
- **Conservation Panel** – also held a quarterly meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January in the Stables. The minutes will be distributed.
- There is a problem with the public gate access to the Tennis Courts by Bishop Ramsey School as the gates are not being opened at the right times. **ACTION: -Cllr CD**
- Green Belt – It was suggested that ERA should join in its own right as well as paying the subscription for EVCAAP. Discussion followed and it was felt that the Conservation Panel

should be consulted on this matter. The subscription is £25 and was approved along with a donation of £25.

**ACTION:- AH**

## **6.6 Planning – JR**

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. She also highlighted the following:-

- **81 FER** – petition of 56 names submitted and accepted by Democratic Services. Letter asking for refusal also submitted. No date for Committee to hear as yet.
- **Eastcote Motor Services** – High Road Eastcote– Existing Garage is being changed/improved -works started on 9<sup>th</sup> January but there is as yet no date for North Planning Committee to hear application for change to canopy height. ERA objection letter to canopy height has been sent in.
- **Black Horse** – temporary structure in garden –ERA letter of objection being sent. It has come to our notice that the structure is already being used.
- **124A FER**, Old post office shop premises – application to change to children’s nursery - ERA letter being sent.
- **50 Rodney Gardens** – Cllr CD advises that the Council is taking the owner to court on Monday and he has been advised to tell the court the whole story.
- **52 FER** – Petitions have been raised and passed to Council. ERA letter requesting refusal has also been submitted. Will be heard by North Planning Committee but no date yet.
- **Case Is Altered** – we understand that revised plans were submitted to the Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> January.

## **6.7 Road Stewards – AA**

AA sent in the following report:-

- We are now seeking a replacement Steward for the top end of Lime Grove as Walter Weg needs to relinquish this role. We have sent our very grateful thanks and best wishes to Walter.
- Subscriptions from a few roads have been received over the past couple of months. Reminder that we need all subscriptions to be banked by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## **6.8 SNT/Police – CH**

- CH reports that the next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

## **6.9 Transport - IM**

- IM reported that the next meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup> January.

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

- IG was unable to attend the last two HARA meetings. The Agenda and the November Minutes were received on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January for a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January – this was subsequently cancelled by email late on the Monday afternoon due to the number of apologies received.

## **7. A.O.B.**

- Cllr CD reports that she had investigated the length of time that Blue Badge holders were permitted to park – she was advised that there was no limit.
- AH reported that a couple of organisations want to put notices up on our Boards – one is OK but the other one is not eligible as it is a profit making organisation.
- Sunshine Home for the Blind – they are asking for someone to do a collection for them in Pinner –Please contact the home direct.
- Zebra Crossing in FER opposite Georgian Lodge – Cllr ND advises that the crossing is to go ahead and will be installed when funds become available,
- Open Forum in October – IG emailed the church and is still awaiting a reply and will report back in due course.
- Xmas Fair/Lights - some of the lights were not working properly but when reported were repaired fairly quickly.
- Eastcote Christmas Fair at The Ascott :-AH sent a letter of thanks to Helena and company for their efforts on the day. The Council organised this fair but for 2017 it will have to be organised by the Chamber of Commerce, or if not them then by someone else.

**ACTION:IG**

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be **on WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**  
in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

**Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.**