

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018

Venue Elsie Fischer Room at St Lawrence Church

Present – Alison Holtorp (Chair), Irene Groom (Secretary), Deesha Chadha, Chris Hankin, David Harper, Ian Murray, David Payne, Mark Phillips, Arthur Plummer, Karen Spink, Chris Groom (President). Councillors: Teji Barnes, Becky Haggard, Michael White. Dev Chadha, Frank Gaughan, Andrea Gohill,

1. Apologies for Absence – Alison Akerman, Keith Barnard, Carolyn Derecki, Alison Dungworth, Malcolm Penny, Jackie Redrup. Melody Gordon, Marion Try.

Councillors: Catherine Dann, Nick Denys, Eddie Lavery

2. Amendments/Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the meeting on 29th November 2017 were approved by a show of hands.

3. Matters arising from the meeting on the 29th November 2017

- The Open Forum will take place on the 23rd October 2018
- There were a number of problems concerning the railings around the Christmas tree this year. Councillor MW advised that photos would be a helpful record to show the concerns being raised.
- Post meeting – AH received as many comments for as against a permanent Christmas tree – no further action at present.

4. New Resident Issues - None

5. New funding requests - None

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report - AH

- Date of January meeting to revert to last Wednesday of the month.
- AH sent 'Seasons Greetings' email on behalf of ERA and received a message of thanks to the committee for all they do for the community.
- A guest speaker has been arranged for the AGM to give a talk on rubbish and refuse collection.
- AH met with Councillor EL to discuss paving and flooding issues around Field End Parade and the concerns were to be elevated within the council.
- AH received complaint about safety at Audit House regarding the rubble being thrown out of windows rather than using a shoot.

6.2 Conservation

- There was nothing to report.

6.3 Finance – AD

- Approval was sought and agreed to pay CD £10.11 as reimbursement for refreshment expenses incurred during the AGM meeting.

6.4 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG

- The scheduled meeting was cancelled as Liz Segal the secretary of HARA and a long serving chair of the Vine Lane Residents Association passed away. It was noted that Liz made a tremendous contribution to the community and will be sorely missed.

6.5 Health

Community Voice - MG

- The invited speaker did not turn up to the meeting and instead future talks were discussed.
- The date for the next talk needs to be confirmed.

6.6 Newsletter – DH

- The ERA newsletter should be ready by mid-March for distribution in April. DH is looking to articles from the following organisations: Ruislip Woods Trust, Hillingdon Ramblers, AH (on flooding) and Lesley Crowcroft (10th anniversary of EHG). Photos of the redevelopment of Eastcote town centre will also be included.

6.7 Parks Report – KB

A number of events will be taking place in and around Eastcote:

- RSPB bird watch (27.1.18 at EHG),
- Eastcote Horticultural Society Show (Spring 17.3.18, Summer 16.6.18, Autumn 8.9.18),
- Tree walk at EGH (TBC May),
- FEHG Summer Picnic (9.6.18), ERA to attend ACTION - AH
- Judging for London in Bloom (18.6.18-13.7.18), Judging for Britain in Bloom (TBC August),
- London Open House including a classic car display at EHG (23.9.18) ERA to attend.

6.8 Planning – JR

- Eastcote Motor Services, illuminated and non-illuminated signage - the applicant's appeal against refusal was upheld by the Planning Inspectorate.

6.9 SNT/Police – CH

- Policing in and around Eastcote will be further limited due to funding cuts as comparatively less crime is reported in Eastcote. CH will summarise and circulate once minutes received from the chair of the ward panel, which is also meeting tonight.

6.10 Road Stewards – AA - nothing to report.

6.11 Transport – IM

- A full meeting of FOMLUC with Met Line management is planned for Wednesday 24 January 2018 at Baker Street which IM hopes to be able to attend.

6.12 Website – MP

- Will be arranging meetings to discuss new site

7. AOB

- AG on behalf of MT expressed her gratitude for the new trees planted on the field in Columbia Avenue. Councillor MW is to send Chair AH something about an accident for her to raise re her flooding group.
- It was suggested that yellow lines be added in Oak Grove due to large lorries blocking junctions.
- Overflowing skips cause littering between the service road and the car park in Abbotsbury Gardens. Councillor BH will look into the regularity and responsibilities for cleaning the site.
- The plans for the town centre improvements were then discussed. A number of points and concerns arose from this discussion that Cllr BH will look into on behalf of the committee:
 - It was reported that some shops did not have advance warning regarding the work currently ongoing in the High Street. It was unclear what messages were conveyed and by whom, although parking suspension signs did go up.
 - AH was concerned about the ramp in the disabled parking bay in Meadow Way as a disabled driver could not access it once parked.
 - The planned zebra crossing near Tesco may significantly increase traffic congestion.
 - There is a proposed bench outside Sainsburys, but it is unclear as to whether the proposed site is private land.
 - Street furniture is not visible in the plans.
 - Reprofiting of roads in some areas is necessary to guard against problems of rain puddling in gutters at crossings.
 - With the proposed new street lamps, current lighting will have to be removed.
 - There was a query as to how speed limits were to be monitored.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 28th February 2018 in Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm. Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.