



EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Committee Meeting - Held 25th July 2012
Elsie Fischer Room – St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Ian Murray, Elizabeth Beggs, Ian Parkinson, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Cllr. David Payne, Dympne McDermott, Denis Quigley, Jean Gibson.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Alison Akerman, Cllr. Michael White, Cllr. Raymond Graham, Cllr. Edward Lavery, Cllr. Andrew Retter, Andrea Gohil.
3. **Resident's Issues:**
 - DP reported that he had received a letter from the residents of Bishop Ramsey Close who appear to be having the anti- social problems similar to Pembroke Park – this is in Ruislip RA area and the letter passed to them for attention.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 27th June 2012 were agreed.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - The application to change a bungalow to a 4 bedroom house mention by Paul Ashby at last months meeting has been withdrawn.
 - Footpath alongside Pembroke Park – still no information.
 - Azalea Walk – the gate has been installed and residents given a key. This area is not Council land. The issue regarding the Right of Way – this needs to be investigated but if residents want to establish a Right of Way they need to get organised now as it is a very long procedure. We are advised that all Rights of Way will be reviewed by Hillingdon Council, as part of a National scheme, soon.
 - We are advised that no Police SNT meetings are taking place due to possible re-organisation.
6. **Representatives Reports**
 - 6.1 **Planning & Enforcement**
 - The report from JR was circulated before the meeting. JR brought to our attention some item namely:-
 - Pinova- Cuckoo Hill, 25 Cheney Street, Thatched Cottage- Cuckoo Hill (ERA to write) and Black Horse Pub.
 - Houses/flats fronting the road in Pembroke Park not being built to plans, awaiting decision from Council who are investigating.
 - Car Park Extension at Highgrove Swimming Pool – It is claimed that the reason for the extension is because teachers/pupils from the school are using the car park. We understand that the Council is considering charging in Leisure Centre car park.
 - 216 Field End Road –Old garden centre - the appeal was heard before the AGM – the appeal has been allowed.
 - 138 Linden Road – advice was given on how to write in but we now understand that the application has been withdrawn.
 - 6.2 **Police Matters**
 - There is no report – we understand there will be no meetings held until after the Olympics.
 - 6.3 **Transport and Road Safety**
 - Wentworth Drive – speeding: IB has liaised with Alan Phillips, Alan states there are still concerns but he is unable to progress. AP to come back to ERA if support required.
 - Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – Joel St and Field End Rd. Liaison has taken place with London Council (who organise enforcement of the LLCs) and Cllr. Burrows has been briefed.

A traffic survey in Civic Way (cables across the road) was vandalised and has to be re-done. It is hoped that some form of enforcement will be implemented – at some point.

- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety: Scheme has been approved and now awaits implementation.
- Cheney Street post scheme remedial measures – LBH (Chris Tasker) has arranged for an alteration to reduce flooding and this has worked. Remaining measures await decision by Cllr Burrows.
- Field End Rd near j/w Eastcote Rd – difficulties in pedestrians crossing the road. Update awaited.
- Elm Ave West j/w Lime Grove – obstruction re on-street parking: Ed Fuller (resident in Lime Grove) sought advice of ERA re repetition hearing (18th July) and IB emailed Cllr Burrows in support requesting that displacement be considered and consultation include Acacia Ave, Myrtle Av, Elm Avenue and Lime Grove north.
- HARA meeting on 16th July included a very interesting presentation from David Knowles (LBH Transport and Projects Manager) on Road safety in Hillingdon
 - A debate took place around School Travel Plans and the potential for such plans to reduce congestion whilst improving health issues etc. It was suggested that residents association `adopt` a local school and work in partnership to reduce car dependency.
 - IB asked that the LBH include resident's associations in their road safety and transport policy development consultations in the future - currently LBH do not.
 - NB A pdf of the David Knowles presentation has been posted on the ERA website

6.4 Community Voice

- No Report.

6.5 Eastcote Christmas 2011 and 2012 plans:

- IP report was circulated prior to the meeting. He advised us that he is a member of Community Trust and he set up the Festival Team in July 2011, registered with Hillingdon Voluntary Services, has a Constitution with meetings and an AGM in January. A copy of the draft Accounts for the 2011 Christmas Festival were circulated and he advised that full accounts would be available within about 6 weeks following an EGM.
- Questions from the floor then followed and he explained in more detail some of the problems encountered like some of the lights were defective and some not as ordered, some costs were not fully anticipated ie money for licences, electricity cost for Christmas Lights, First Aid Cover, costs of complying with a licencecd public event on the highway. The annual event cost now exceeds £10,000, some organizations and traders pledged to donate but did not., Some capital items were purchased banners, etc.,and can be used every year.
- Secretary's note: Post meeting LBH have now confirmed the licence and fees paid as shown in the draft accounts.
- IP then circulated a Budget sheet for 2012. The Budget is £24,000 with a contribution from the Council of £10,000 and the Festival Team raising £14,000. A question was raised from the floor as to whether it was expected that ERA will contribute. IP hoped that ERA would contribute and also the new Pembroke Park Association. IB then confirmed that he would want to see the full accounts before ERA would contribute.
- IP then went on to explain that in 2012 money will be required to pay for electricity, licences and ensuring that all the lights have low energy bulbs, conform and are certificated to current wiring standards.
- Regarding the 2012 Festival, EFT is already in formal meetings with the Council regarding licences, grants, etc., and he is expecting to confirm in mid August regarding the date. Once known, the Festival Team can then start to get fully organized.
- Some suggestions from the floor included a proper debriefing session after the event (IP pointed out how difficult that might be with so many people involved, shopkeepers, churches, community groups and ERA although a number of informal evenings with stakeholders have are planned to take place) - better stage positioning and access to the stage - investigate whether it would be possible for the Candlelight Parade (which was very well received) to go down the main road rather than the pavement. Further suggestions are requested.
- Most of the feed back from the public was very positive and the market, fair and community groups were very pleased with the support and a large sum was raised between them, some of the money being distributed to various community groups.

6.6 Parks Reports

- The application for listed building consent for the repair at EHG was approved at the North Planning Committee Thursday 19th July. Work is due to commence Monday 23rd July.
- The trail Archaeological dig as part of the development of the stage 2 HLF bid, was a great success. Years 5 & 6 Warrender School took part in the 'dig' as did members of the 5th Eastcote Beavers and Scouts. Three trenches uncovered the foundations of Eastcote House, and a fourth the foundations of the Coach House. The entrance to the cellars with a vaulted roof were uncovered,

as was a small chamber outside the wall also with a vaulted roof. Pottery shards dating back to the 14th Century and fragments of medieval bricks were found showing evidence of the site being inhabited for over 700 years.

- The geo physical survey showed an out line of a very large building on the area in front of the Dovecote, leading down to the Pinn. The Archaeologists think this could be the foundations of a medieval barn. If HLF funding is secured, this area could be excavated.
- There will be a public consultation late September regarding the proposals for the Heritage Lottery Fund, stage 2 bid. Please look out for information and take part in the consultation.
- EHG has been judged for 2 categories with in London in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood and Community Garden. August 9th EHG will be judged as part of Hillingdon's entry into Britain in Bloom

6.7 Webmaster

Webstats: May 1,930 hits, June 1,471 hits and July 921 hits.

6.8 HARA

- The last meeting was the 16th July 2012.
- The speaker was David Knowles from Transport/Highways talking about policy and safety issues in Hillingdon. A copy of the sheet issued is on the Website.
- We have a new Borough Commander – Steven Kershaw.
- Hillingdon's Core Strategy decision is due shortly.
- A temporary 50mph speed limit has been imposed along the A40 alongside RAF Northolt.
- Both Tesco and Morrison have now put in planning applications for shop/hotel/flats at Hillingdon Circus.
- Between 2nd July and 8th October NHS North West London is consulting on plans to improve hospitals and community services. A document is available. Consultation events will be taking place. To get more information ring 0800 881 5209 or www.healthiernorthwestlondon.nhs.uk. Or write FREEPOST SHAPING A HEALTHIER FUTURE CONSULTATION (this must be written in capitals & on one line – stamp not required).

6 AOB/Correspondence

- **ROAD STEWARDS** – A suggestion has been made that we hold an event for all Road Stewards later on in the year – suggestions requested.

IB closed the meeting at 9.30pm -

The next meeting will be on the 26th September 2012 (there is no meeting in August) at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom.