

Eastcote Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 31st July 2013.

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Ian Murray, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, Lesley Crowcroft, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, Nick Denys (St.Lawrence Drive), Dev Chadha.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Elizabeth Beggs, Ian Parkinson, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, Keith Barnard, Cllr David Payne, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Raymond Graham, Cllr Edward Lavery, Desha Chadha.
3. **Resident's Issues:**

- An issue has been raised to our attention the problems regarding Warrender Park –anti-social behaviour, smoking of cannabis. drinking of alcohol and playing games in the early hours of the morning by large groups of youths. These problems had been reported a number of times to the Council and the police but not enough has been done. After discussion, it was suggested that neighbours are involved to strengthen complaints and that a diary of problems be documented with dates and times reported to the Council and police. **ACTION: Cllr Catherine Dann agreed to pursue this matter.**

4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 26th June 2013 were agreed with no amendments.

5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**

- The proposed Letters of Support for the two bowls clubs to the Council for Chrysalis funding has been sent.
- Arens (Woodman) – letters have been written regarding the anti-social problems. The evidence of problems are being gathered and documented and have been reported in the local Gazette. The pub is in Eastcote but in the Northwood Hills Ward, we understand that Northwood Hills Residents Association are taking the lead in dealing with this with ERA supporting as appropriate.
- A letter has been received from Leslie Crowcroft, Chairman of Friends of Eastcote House Gardens asking for a donation of £1000 towards the match funding they are required to raise under the Heritage Lottery bid, namely £150K, this is split between volunteer hours of £125K and hard cash of £25K, to-date they have raised hard cash of £10K. LC came along to explain more fully what is required under this Lottery bid. After a short discussion it was decided that this matter would be discussed in more detail under the Executive Meeting that would be held at the end of this Committee Meeting. IB thanked LC for coming and for all her hard work for the gardens and Conservation.

6. **Representatives Reports**

- 6.1 **Planning**

The Planning report was distributed and accompanies these minutes.. JR brought to our attention the following:

- 216 Field End Road- flats and shops – approved – work has now started – alcohol licence has already been applied for.
- Barnhill –new house in garden of existing property - refused – gone to appeal – JR to write. **ACTION:- JR**
- Pembroke Park –
 - Appeals 25th September at the Civic Centre and 27th September on site.
 - The 12 Live-Work units, conversion to flats- approval meeting coming up on the 26th September.
- Alison Close (The Retreat) – we have received copies of an email from a resident in Azalea Walk regarding building work taking place and also tree removed – no planning application in the pipeline – CG agreed to investigate. **ACTION: CG**
- 54 Cheney Street – building work taking place, probably not planning but Conservation only.
- Esso Garage- High Road Eastcote –application for 4 detached houses on the petrol station site- a number of petitions being prepared – LC/JR have written. Unknown what is proposed for remainder of the site, currently wilderness. CG agreed to contact D P to try and get a clearer picture as to what is happening, via contacts the owner of the site. **ACTION: CG/DP**
- There have been revisions to the planning laws with regard to permitted development such that only immediate neighbours will be notified and if, within 21 days, there has been no objection the plans will be approved. EL to prepare article on this for ERA Newsletter. **ACTION: - EL**

- 6.2 **Finance**

Nothing to report.

- 6.3 **Road Stewards**

- AA reported that a very informative meeting was held recently and it gave her a chance to meet up with her Road Stewards. Further meetings are planned.

- 6.4 **Police Matters**

- IM reported that there had been no meeting, next meeting in September. IM reported that Harrow Council was putting up car parking charges on the 12th August.
- Cllr Dann reported that she was attending a meeting shortly to discuss the future of police SNT.

- 6.5 **Transport and Road Safety**

IB reports –

- Cheney St – the VAS (vehicle activated speed) sign is not working due to very close proximity to Bridle Rd. **Action IB**
- Micro road resurfacing are planned later this year in Azalea Walk, Bormy Wood, Flag Walk, Horns End &

Lovatt Drive (information from Cllr Baker). None apparently in Cavendish Ward and it is not known when Elm Ave and Field End Rd `unevenness` will be addressed.

- IB proposed and IM seconded that we continue our Membership of the Association of Met Line Users (cost £8) – this was agreed by a show of hands.

6.6 Parks and Conservation Report

- The next Vintage Tea in Eastcote House Gardens is Sunday 3rd August and then Sunday 22nd September to coincide with London Open House weekend.
- LC advised us that Bessingby and Cavendish Parks and Pine Gardens now have Green Flag status.

6.7 Webmaster

- No report except he is hoping to come up with some logo designs shortly and new website shortly to be launched, email will be circulated.

6.8 Heath & Community Voice

- The Community Voice report from Joan Davis is circulated.

6.9 HARA

- No report – IG was unable to attend the last meeting. No Minutes currently received.

6.10 Newsletter

- Articles for the next edition of the Newsletter are required – email to LL by the 15th September.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- CG/IG attended the RAF Northolt Family Fun Day – the focus was on the Military – most all the stalls appeared to be run by various Military groups and charities. GC had sent an email `thank you` on behalf of ERA to the Station Commander
- OPEN FORUM – after discussion it was decided that we would go ahead with an Open Forum meeting as it was felt that it gives the residents a chance to ask questions. It was decided to make it a general meeting covering all aspects i.e. planning, police, health etc. The meeting to be held October/November time. IB to contact Thomas More Church regarding date. **ACTION:IB**

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

8 Eastcote House Gardens Restoration Fund Request to ERA for £1,000 –(Executive Committee only)

- AH estimated that £1,000 amounts to approximately 25% of our annual income (if donated in one year) & was affordable this year (assuming predicted subscriptions were received during the year).
- After discussion it was decided unanimously that we donate £500 after the Heritage Lottery Bid has been ratified by the full Hillingdon Council Cabinet meeting, which is due to be held in September, and a further £500 when the work actually starts which will probably be in the middle of next year (next ERA financial year).
- It was also agreed that ERA would write formally to LC confirming ERA's support to FEHG on this project and decision to provide £500 + £500. **ACTION: IB**

The part of meeting finished at 9.45pm.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm. Apologies to Ian Brooks