



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2014
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Alison Holtorp (Acting Chairman for the meeting), Cllr Catherine Dann, Irene Groom, Cllr Becky Haggard, Alison Akerman, Cllr Nick Denys, Chris Groom, Ian Murray, Deesha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Karen Spink, Keith Barnard, Jackie Redrup, Carolyn Derecki, Jean Marr, David Stephens
2. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Edward Lavery, Gawain Cox, Cllr Duncan Flynn, David Harper, Linda Laurie, Andrea Gohil, Cllr Michael White, David Payne, Cllr Teji Barnes, Jean Gibson.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 25th June 2014 were agreed with the following amendments – Item 8.7 Finance “It was agreed to continue to pay this small sum.” - Item 8.1 Planning - after Alison Close delete the words “there does not appear to be any planning application in the pipeline”.
4. **Matters arising from 30th April meeting:**
 - Baskets – the hanging baskets have been installed. Thanks to CG for getting this organised.
 - JR is getting Planning Appeals and weekly lists but no individual lists though. **ACTION:- CG**
 - CG will complete the duty lists for the September meeting. **ACTION:CG**
 - The bulbs for Warrender Park & Highgrove Woods will be provided by Eastcote Horticulture Society and they will send us an invoice in due course.
 - For the new hedge behind the war memorial The Eastcote Conservation Panel will be buying the hedging and an invoice will be sent to ERA in due course.
 - All the estate agent “for Sale” boards have now been removed from outside Pembroke Park.
 - Liaison with Bishop Ramsey School- DC has contacted Maxine Goswell and a further contact will be made after the school holidays.
 - The overgrown trees in Columbia Avenue were reported by TB and have been cut back. MW also requested the greenery be cut back from the path alongside Cavendish Pavilion.
 - Roadside Memorials – we understand that a petition is being prepared but people are reluctant to put their name on it due to concerns regarding publicity, Cllr ND will check whether any petition will be made public. Both Cllr MW and DP were investigating but as they were not present we have no further information. AH will write to Hillingdon Council regarding Elm Avenue memorial on behalf of ERA. **ACTION:AH**
7. **New resident issues:**
 - Area and footpath alleyway leading from Field End Road to the station car park. It is full of rubbish and is dangerous due to poor surfacing and lighting. Cllr to see what action can be taken to improve this alleyway. **ACTION:- Cllrs**
BH/ND
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 **Planning** – JR
 - The Planning Report for July was distributed. JR brought to our attention the following items:-
 - 7 Woodlands Avenue –extra house in the garden refused – it was noted that the letters from ERA and LC were not included in the planning committee pack – a formal letter of complaint

will be sent by JR.

ACTION:- JR

- 40 Coombe Drive – no information.
- 80 Lime Grove – refused.
- 92 Catlins Lane – still outstanding.
- Thatched Cottage – refused – extension too big and windows did not match existing windows – has now gone in again.
- Cannon Lane School – to be discussed under AOB
- 24 Field End Road – very large extension is being erected, foundations appear to be incorrectly placed– the Council planning officer has been advised.

8.2 Police Matters

- No report.

8.3 Transport /Road Safety

- No report.

8.4 Parks Report

- Cavendish Park - A large area has been left uncut as it is now a flower meadow which is being tended by the Council.
- Warrender Park/Highgrove Woods.
 - The park has been judged for Park of the Year and It's Your Neighbourhood. Jean Pye of the 6th Eastcote Cubs/Beavers has taken over the old paddling pool flower bed with the cubs/beavers, and will continue to maintain it. Part of the bed is infested with comfrey, and this is being sprayed by the Grounds Maintenance team LBH. Once the comfrey menace is dealt with the whole bed will be replanted.
 - Waitrose Ruislip have chosen Warrender Park for the August Community Matters, so if you should shop there please put your tokens into the Warrender pod.
 - Highgrove Woods was judged for Small Conservation Area.
 - All these categories are part of the London in Bloom individual judging. The results will be announced September 8th at the Oval.
- Eastcote House Gardens.
 - Judging has also taken place at EHG. The gardens were part of the London in Bloom and Britain in Bloom tours. As well as being individually judged for Park of the Year. For the first time Long Meadow was judged as a Conservation Area. Britain in Bloom results will be known in October.
 - Work on the river has begun. This includes a dipping platform near the Sheila Liberty Bridge, reconnecting the original river channel, altered in the 1930s and re-instating one of the backwaters. Many hundreds of wetland plants will be planted by volunteers.
 - The dipping platform will be used in conjunction with the outdoor classroom by local schools and uniformed groups, as well as individuals.
 - The Archaeological dig was a great success. 500 young people aged between 7-19 took part. FEHG gave all groups a history tour of the buildings explaining how information has been found to increase our knowledge of the Gardens.
 - The contractors for the building work are due to start 11th August, completion date is 31st March 2015.
 - During this time gardening work will continue fitting in with the builder's schedule. Regrettably there will not be any public events until 2015.
 - JR raised the question of rent for hiring the refurbished stables. We were advised that it was too early to be dealing with this and the first thing is to find out what the Council charge for the Manor Farm Complex so that we can get a feeling as to what is normally charged.

ACTION:- Cllr ND

- The gates have been broken and fly tipping was discovered inside EHG. Quickly cleared by the Council.
- The balance of the money due from ERA to Friends of EGH will be sent out at the end

of August.

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- No report.

8.6 Webmaster_ GC

- No report – Invoice for Website Hosting was approved for AH to pay.

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AH

8.7 Finance - AH

- AH drew attention to a transcription error in the notes to the Year End Accounts as handed out at the AGM. Under 'Christmas' a prior year item £181.48 shown as 'Lights – Eastcote Festival Team' should read 'Fair – Mulled Wine Stall'
- The Metropolitan Line Users have requested an email address so they can send us information in the future – IM agreed to be act as liaison. The subs of £8. will be due soon and it was agreed that we should continue this subscription.

8.8 Road Stewards - AA

- Three new people have agreed to become Road Stewards but more new Area Road Stewards are still required.
- A meeting is to be organised for September and both Area Road Stewards and Road Stewards are to be invited. It was agreed by a show of hands that the sum of £20 being given towards the cost of the event.

.ACTION:-

AA

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- No report.

8.10 HARA - IG

- The speaker at the last meeting was due to be Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby but he did not turn up.
- Road Side Memorials – TE has received a number of complaints and he is investigating and will report back to HARA in due course.
- Mobility Scooters – they do not have insurance or any form of training. We were advised that if the scooter can go on the main road, they MUST HAVE insurance and training.
- Ruislip Car Park at the station is closed to the general public. The car park is being used by TfL as a storage area for the works between Ruislip & Uxbridge and also an area for the parking of the replacement buses.
- Ian Brooks attended this HARA meeting and reported as follows: "Two wards of Hillingdon do not have police SNT panels set up. Some RA;s did not know that these panels existed or how to contact them, he will send details of the panels to various RAs so they can make contact and arrange for a representative to attend the meetings, it is essential that RAs sit on these panels as this is the only way to now receive police information. There is to be a Public Meeting on Saturday 7th February 2015 – details to follow in due course."

9. AOB –

- **EASTCOTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** – AH has received various items of correspondence from them and further meetings are being arranged. It was suggested that they advertise in our next Newsletter with details of the committee etc. Another suggestion was that one of the things that they could take on was the state of the pavements in Eastcote. Although it may be too late for them to organise a Xmas Festival; they could organise a switch on of the Xmas Lights with the shops having stalls staying open late and ERA running a Mulled Wine Stall. They have asked whether the ERA would be prepared to make a financial contribution to start them off, after discussion it was felt that this needs to be discussed more fully at a later date. AH is liaising with them, and will write to them regarding the lights and the two items suggested above, i.e. the pavements and the advert in our Newsletter. It was

felt that it would be better if they appoint someone from their committee to attend our Committee Meetings as an 'observer.

- **EASTCOTE POST OFFICE** – There is to be a Public Meeting at the Tudor Lodge on Thursday 31st July from 4pm to 8pm. Where representatives from the Post Office and Trade Unions will be there to answer questions. Discussion then followed and everybody present would like the Post Office to stay where it is. The consultation will end on the 20th August and the proposed month of change will be October 2014. (**Post Meeting** – IG attended the meeting and a brochure is available in the post office giving details on how to make comments etc.).
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – CG has received the Application Forms for a grant and details of how to fill them in. He will submit an application for funding on behalf of Eastcote to ensure the deadline for submission is met and advise the Chamber of Commerce who may wish to take this over in future. The original lights from 2012 have now been found and repaired and will be installed this year, the money for the repair and installation has already been allocated. CG suggested that we make a donation to the Council of £500 towards the cost of the Christmas lights, after discussion this was agreed by a show of hands.
- **TRAFFIC CALMING AT CANNON LANE SCHOOL** - Cllr ND is investigating this and will report back in due course, although this school is in Harrow it is on our border and needs to be monitored. **ACTION:- Cllr ND**
- **EXHIBITION**– The local History Society are holding an Exhibition -Rural Ruislip, Farms and Farming in Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Before Metroland - at Manor Farm Complex from 17th August to 20th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 24TH September 2014 at the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLOGIES AND REPORTS TO IRENE GROOM.
Keith Barnard will be chairing this meeting.