

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29th July 2015

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Jackie Redrup (Acting Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Ian Murray, Elizabeth Beggs, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, Alison Akerman, Keith Bernard, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Becky Haggart, Cllr Michael White, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, Daphne Waller, Visitors :- Mary Loosely, Kim Hatton

1. **Apologies for Absence** Carolyn Derecki, David Harper, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes.
2. **Welcome** JR opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and welcoming our two visitors.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 24th June were agreed by a show of hands.
4. **Matters arising from the 24th June 2015 Minutes.**
 - Flooding along High Road Eastcote – there are three separate problems along the High Road between Joel Street and Fore Street, but after inspection they are deemed not to be connected. Apparently it is connected with the River Pinn backing up after heavy rain and there are limited options Cllr BH will continue to pursue. **ACTION: BH**
 - Cheney Street – CD is unable to attend this meeting but sent the following email – A meeting on 9th July at 23 Cheney Street was attended by Caroline Haywood, Technical Assistant, Transport and Projects, Bill Black and Chris Williams – Cllr ND was unable to attend. Caroline presented new proposals consisting of alterations and additional safety measures. The granite setts in the road which are ineffective in calming traffic will be removed; the chicane at the end of Cheney Street near the junction with Bridle Road will remain. Raised tables at relevant intervals will be installed which is hoped will effectively reduce the traffic speed. The proposals to be discussed with Ward Councillors and if agreed Cheney Street residents will then be consulted.
 - North View – It is reported that several white markings have appeared along the side of the road and pavement. – Further action required . **ACTION:- ND**
 - The Resident Issue brought up last month (north to south bus route)– Cllr ND reports – Officers say this matter has been considered previously and it was found that the service would not be financially viable. However, Transport for London are currently reviewing the local bus network, so it takes into account the Crossrail opening in 2018. One of the things they are considering is the reinstatement of a north-south bus service. Research by TfL suggests some of the people that travel by bus north to the Piccadilly and Metropolitan lines may prefer to travel south to Hayes and Harlington once Crossrail opens. This change in travel behaviour may be enough to support a north south bus route. He will report back in due course. **ACTION:ND**
 - Missing Finger Signs (junction Field End Road/Bridle Road)– Cllr ND advises that Officers have confirmed that the sign arms have been removed so that the post could be re-aligned and painted. New sign arms have been ordered and are being manufactured by sign supplier, these will be fitted as soon as the Council receives them. He will report back in due course. A query was raised that this sign post may be a locally listed sign. **ACTION:ND**
 - Uneven Pavements in Eastcote – Thirteen places were identified and reported and after inspection have now been repaired.
 - Website:- GC sent the Invoice to AH and a cheque has been issued.
 - Parking at the new Sainsbury Store – the Council have installed new parking notices but they are still covered up but, hopefully, they will uncovered soon.

5. **New resident issues** : - Our two visitors, who are wheelchair users, reported a problem regarding the access to the café in Eastcote House Gardens for people who are in wheelchairs. They were also unhappy with the response from the Manager. CG will deal with this. **ACTION:CG**

6. **New funding requests** :- None

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 **Planning** –JR

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. JR brought to our attention the following items:

- The Budgens store will be closing on Sunday 4th August.
- Catlins Lane – it has been reported that somebody is building on land they do not own – JR will investigate. **ACTION:- JR**
- 26 Curzon Place – this has been refused.
- No 4 Blackhorse Parade – this has been refused. This has always been a restaurant/take-away, but they have been refused as they cannot prove that they have been a Take-away for the last 10 years.
- 40 Coombe Drive – this has been submitted again.
- 6 Bridle Road – this has been submitted again.
- 7 Moreford Way – this has been refused.
- 12 Abbotsbury Gardens – enforcement still under consideration.
- 146 Field End Road – part shops and part flats, increasing the height of the building – JR will investigate. **ACTION:- JR**
- 170a Field End Road – both LC and KS have written in.
- Larkside – coming up at the Planning Meeting on the 5th August – possible breach of planning control – this is actually in Northwood Hills area.
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – two section of the roof have been replaced with modern tiles, this is being followed up by the Enforcement Dept.
- R.E.Bar – they have applied to extend their licensing hours up to 2pm at weekends. Cllr MW will contact the Licensing Committee to register objections. **ACTION:MW**
- The Forresters – 12 trees are to be removed within the grounds and will be replaced with eleven new ones.

7.2 **SNT/Police.**

- EB attended a meeting – she reported that most of the SNT task force from the north of the Borough have been working in the south of the Borough – she has made an official complaint. It is proposed that a Dispersal Area in Columbia Avenue, currently in force, is to be extended on the pathways up to and including Field End Road.

7.3 **Parks Report**

Eastcote House Gardens:-

- The café is now open and appears to be working well and is very busy.
- Judging is taking place for London in Bloom in August.
- London Open House is Sunday 20th September – the Stables, Dovecote and walled garden will be open.

7.4 **Health and Community Voice -EB**

- The latest reports have been received and distributed.

7.5 **Webmaster - GC**

- The Social Media site is picking up.
- The new Events site now automatically goes to other sites.
- Long Term Plans – to update the sites as and when necessary.

7.6 **Finance - AH**

- No report.

7.7 **Road Stewards – AA**

- A possible new road steward hasn't worked out for one of the roads, but AA will follow up with the help of someone in the road.
- Last Year the Road Stewards event was successful and it has been decided to hold another one but this time to extend the invitation list to include all committee members as well as road stewards. AA will report with date and venue in due course. **ACTION:-AA**

7.8 Newsletter - LL

- LL has sent out an email to everyone regarding the final date for newsletter articles – mid September.
- AH will chase the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce for their article for the next Newsletter.
- JR will give LL some Planning Department information to be included in the next Newsletter.

7.9 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG.

- The speaker was Lloyd White – Democratic Services – this department seems to cover a large range of services including the Birth, Deaths and Marriage Registry.
- There was the usual complaints in most the RA's reports about the lack of response and the length of time it takes various Council Departments to respond to emails, letters etc.

7.10 Transport.

- Nothing to report.

8. A.G.M.

The date was decided – it is to be WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2016. It was decided that we will again use the facilities at Thomas More Church. CG will make the necessary booking. **ACTION:CG**
(POST MEETING - Thomas More Church has been booked for the AGM on Wednesday 25th May 2016, the invoice will be forthcoming soon.)

9. AOB

- Freedom Passes – it has come to our attention that some people can use their passes at any time, including before 9am while other cannot use them until after 9.30am Cllr BH will investigate and report back in due course. **ACTION:BH**
- We have been given the following contact details for Boris Johnson – his agent is Cllr Wayne Bridges on 077250-38944. Boris Johnson number is 0207-219-4682 – his secretary is Alice. His Surgery is at the Civic Centre and the one that should have been on the 10th July was cancelled, no information available as to when or where the next one will be.
- Xmas Lights – CG will investigate what is happening regarding Eastcote Xmas Lights. It was agreed that we will, if necessary, make a monetary contribution again this year. **ACTION:CG**
- Pembroke Park – various queries have been raised – firstly when is the untidy area on the main road going to be sorted out, we understand a meeting is being arranged. Secondly what is happening regarding their Community Centre. Thirdly, has the 106 payments been paid to the Council and if so where has the money gone too. **ACTION:AA/CG**

There being no further business JR closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 30th September 2015. in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm

PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLOGIES AND REPORTS TO IRENE GROOM.

Chairman for the next meeting is Chris Groom.