



EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Committee Meeting - Held 27th June 2012
Elsie Fischer Room – St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Elizabeth Beggs, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Cllr.Catherine Dann, Cllr. Michael White – Visitors: Dympne McDermott, Denis Quigley, Alison Holtorp, Paul Ashby, John Wood, Brenda Harper, Alan Harper, Eve Blunt, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, David Harper.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Jackie Redrup, Ian Parkinson, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Bruce Baker, David Payne, Raymond Graham, Edward Lavery, Andrew Retter, Andrea Gohil.
3. **Resident's Issues:**
 - Paul Ashby raised the issue of a bungalow, which is being demolished, and a 4-bedroom house built in the space – this is to be referred to JR for attention.
ACTION:- JR
 - Potholes and condition of roads – MW advised that roads will be resurfaced but was unable to give dates. MW advised that all potholes and road conditions be reported to the relevant Council Department.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**
 The Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th April 2012 were agreed.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - Footpath – CG has written but to-date no response.
 - Litter Picking in side-roads – no information.
 - Azalea Walk – not every resident is happy for a gate to be installed, possibility of a Right of Way infringement, several legal teams are investigating.
6. **AGM**
 - The Minutes of the 81st AGM held on the 23rd May 2012 were agreed.
 - Discussion then followed and the consensus of the committee was that it went well without a speaker, but from time to time, it would be necessary to have a speaker. There did not appear to have been as many people as in the past.
 - IB then raised the question as to where to hold next year's AGM. We are being charged commercial rates at the Community Centre and it was felt that we investigate other alternatives. After investigation the best alternative is St. Thomas Moore Church in Field End Road, it is a bigger room and has an in-built PA system. IB has booked the hall for next year's AGM for THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2013.
7. **Representatives Reports**
 - 7.1 **Planning & Enforcement**
 - There is no report but it will be issued in due course and circulated.
ACTION :- JR
 - One problem mentioned at the meeting was the planning application to increase the car parking facilities at Highgrove Swimming Pool, the main concern being that it backs onto Highgrove Woods. It was decided that JR, IB and CG investigate this matter further. We understand that LC has already written to the Council on this matter.
ACTION:- JR, IB & CG
 - 7.2 **Police Matters**
 - There is no report as there has not been a meeting and no more meetings are planned until after the Olympics.

- EB is going to an SNT meeting and will report back.
ACTION:- EB
- We are advised that Eastcote SNT unit is moving to Ruislip Police Station. POST MEETING:- The Police SNT panel is currently suspended/disbanded as SNT's are to be reformed but the eventual position of SNT Panels is unknown.

7.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Wentworth Drive – speeding: Outstanding - IB to liaise with Alan Phillips.
Action IB
- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – Joel St and Field End Rd. Awaits Council decision and action.
- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety: Scheme has been approved, in-line with public consultation, and budget approved. Implementation of engineering measures await and Procurement expected soon.
- Cheney Street, post scheme, traffic monitoring has been undertaken and circulated. Additional consultation and a site meeting with Council staff, CD & IB has identified some aspects where adjustments are being sought. Awaits Council (Chris Tasker) response.
Action IB/CD
- Field End Rd near j/w Eastcote Rd – difficulties in pedestrians crossing the road: Cllr Dann
- Elm Ave West j/w Lime Grove – obstruction re on-street parking: This is being considered along with petition to have controlled parking in southern section of Lime Grove.
- Federation of Met Line Users (FOMLUC): This committee continues to liaise with, and challenge, LUL via regular meetings and contact with aim of improving quality of service. IB proposed that annual membership, £8, be renewed – IM seconded. Carried.

7.4 Community Voice

- Community Voice Newsletter and minutes of meeting are attached to these minutes.

7.5 Eastcote Christmas 2011 and 2012 plans:

- IP has emailed his report on last year's event and also what is happening regarding this year's event. To enable his report to be discussed more fully it is being put as a separate item for July meeting when everyone will have had a chance to study the report. IB asks that all committee members give the report some consideration and come to next meeting with suggestions and comments. If you are unable to come to the July meeting, please email IB with your suggestions and comments.
- The only item discussed this evening was the item on financial matters. It would appear that the last two festivals have made a loss. A proper Budget should be set and adhered too and any request for money should be applied for NOW not in December. This is NOT an ERA festival but 2 Councillors were invited onto the Committee as observers.
- We are advised that anyone running an outside event MUST work with the Council and follow the rules and regulations set by the Council.

7.6 Parks Reports

- Conservation Panel – in recent months the Panel has adopted a different format. All "Friends" groups from local parks now meet together at QGMs and AGMs. Stuart Hunt (Hillingdon Council) also attends to answer queries. It will now be possible to give updates on Warrender Park and Highgrove Woods, Cavendish and Bessingby and Pinn Meadows after each quarterly meeting. There was a meeting on the 7th June and the next meeting is 6th September.
- Pinn Meadow (Rob Cousins) – FoPM has been supporting the Green Spaces team in creating wildflower meadows, the seeds have been sown and the residents have been complimentary. They have also been supporting the Conservation Officer with a bat walk and a weekly butterfly count. They had a meeting with Jean Palmer to discuss designating Pinn Meadow area as a village green. The Planning Department have advised that they will only consider the three reasons for refusing Eastcote Hockey Club's previous planning application if a similar application is submitted, unless a statutory body puts in an objection. The three reasons being traffic, parking and proximity to trees. They have a meeting on 20th June with the Environment Agency to discuss the concerns regarding any new planning applications.
- Warrender Park/Highgrove Woods (Ed Fuller) – the all weather path through the woods have been completed. Regular walkers through the woods have commented on the benefits that will be gained in the winter. The new path along the western edge of Warrender is almost complete, completion is expected during the second

week of June. Comments have been received that the path is not as wide as previous but it was explained that the money available did not run to a wider path. The seeding of the Wildflower Meadow should be completed by the end of the second week in June. The seed mixture used is 100% wildflower mix + an 80/20 seed mix of grasses and wild flowers plus a cornfield mix. The garden in the park, made on the site of the old paddling pool, is in need of attention and this is being investigated. Outdoor gym equipment and further benches are expected to be fitted by the end of the year. At a recent meeting discussion took place about encouraging further social use of the park and the future of the group.

- Bessingby/Cavendish Parks (Nick Woodley) – the wild flower area is progressing. Two notice boards installed but 2 more needed. 6 cycle track signs have been installed but it was thought that there should be more. The fencing around the playground area of Pine Gardens is dangerous and needs attention. A rotten tree has been dumped in Pine Gardens and there has been some overnight tree felling. An update on the bike humps would be appreciated. The photographic competition will run later in the year but funds are needed. A suggestion was that Ward Councillors be approached.
- Eastcote House Gardens – The Jubilee Gates to be dedicated by the Mayor on Thursday 28th June at 5pm., the car park will be closed to visitors. AOC Archaeology will be running trial digs 28th to 30th June. Volunteers and various schools/scouts/cubs/beavers will be taking part. Open day for general public on the Saturday. Displays and information available, also guided walks. Geo-physical and topographical surveys have been carried out also archaeological survey of the Stables, results are awaited. Emergency repairs are still on hold as are the alterations to the Decontamination Unit at Haydon Hall. The Snooker Club has agreed to sign a lease and move once the alterations have been carried out. During July and August the gardens will be judged for two categories of London in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood and Community Garden and Britain in Bloom (part of Hillingdon entry). The Jubilee Picnic 2nd June and Vintage Tea 10th June were a resounding success. The next Vintage Tea is 8th July 2012 from 11am to 4pm.

7.7 Webmaster

No report.

7.8 HARA

- The last meeting was the 21st May but unfortunately we have not received the Minutes for that meeting.
- The speaker was Nigel Quantrell speaking about policing in Hillingdon.
- The first part was the AGM. It was announced that as HARA was OK financially there was no need for subs this year.
- The problems of Tesco/Morrison supermarkets at Hillingdon Circus were discussed. We were advised that Tesco has submitted a further application for a shop and flats and a similar one for Morrison is expected to be submitted in due course.
- The next meeting is the 16th July 2012

6 AOB/Correspondence

- **TREASURER** – Roger Brown has stood down as Treasurer and IB introduced Alison Holtorp who has agreed to take over the task of Treasurer. Formally proposed by Ian Brooks and Seconded by Ian Murray – carried by a show of hands. IB then welcomed Alison onto the committee. It was pointed out that it was not necessary to attend every meeting, but from time to time, a financial report would be required.
- **ROAD STEWARD** – KS reported that she had received the last of the subs due. 1910 subscribers, 30 down on last year. One volunteer came forward at the AGM and two more have come forward since.
- The footpath at the junction of The Sigers and Farthings Close is very dangerous and more bollards are needed to stop cyclists speeding.
- The hedges along the footpath from Field End Road into The Sigers need attention. The Right of Way Officer will be informed.
- It has been reported that flooding has again taken place in Field End Road near the Tudor Lodge – this is to be monitored.
- A query was raised regarding a gate near Acorn Centre – we are advised that this gate does not belong to Acorn but to the Council, therefore it is their responsibility.

IB closed this session of the meeting at 9.10pm. – There was a short break while the visitors and Councillors departed.

A meeting of the Executive Committee then took place.

Present IB (chairman), IG (secretary), EB, IM, CD, AH, KS, KB.

Discussion It was decided that only a few meetings a year would be necessary to enable the committee to discuss items that were not for the public. It was also suggested that these meetings could be held at a committee members' house. IB then went on to itemize some of the problems facing us. We need to recruit more people onto the committee and get them more involved by asking them to take over or help some of our existing members, such as KS (Road Steward) and LL (Newsletter). EB suggested that as she and IM were on the same Police Committee they could share that duty. IB suggested that we all give it some thought and come up with comments and suggestions. IB then closed this Executive Committee meeting at 9.40pm.

The next meeting will be on the 25th July 2012 at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.

Apologies to Irene Groom.