



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26th June 2013.
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church**

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, David Harper, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, Desha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Edward Lavery, Ian Crew (Bessingby Park Bowles Club), Karim Allidina (Wiltshire Lane).
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Elizabeth Beggs, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, Keith Barnard, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr David Payne, Cllr Andrew Retter. Andrea Gohil.
3. **Resident's Issues:**
 - Ian Crew from Bessingby Park Bowles Club is seeking ERA support in their application for Chrysalis Funding to build a new clubhouse to replace the very rundown existing club house, to enable the two clubs on site, namely Bessingby and Deane Park Bowles Club to offer a better, hygienic and a safer environment for both players and spectators. After discussion it was decided that we would write to the Council in support of this application. IC to provide data for IB letter
ACTION:- IB/IC
 - Karim Allidina from Wiltshire Lane brought to our attention the recent problems associated with Arens (The Woodman), under new management, namely anti-social problems, loud music until late and noise from the car park etc (2am at weekends). We advised him that he should endeavour to get more neighbours involved in logging all disturbances with dates and times and these should be passed onto the Council via the Contact Centre, also to get Northwood Hills Councillors involved. We understand that there are three planning applications in the pipeline and JR will write regarding these applications.
ACTION: JR
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**
The Minutes of the Meeting of the 24th April 2013 were agreed, with the following amendments – 138 Linden Avenue was approved and 150 Field End Road appeal upheld.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - Flowers on Lamp post in Elm Avenue – awaits further review by Cabinet member in November. Cllr MW, as Chair of Residents and Environmental Services Policy Committee, is due to review council policy on roadside/public memorials at end of the year. This is welcomed in view of inconsistencies in current policy.
 - AGM – the Minutes were approved at this meeting but will be formally adopted at the next AGM.
 - AH presented KS with a plant in appreciation of all her hard work for ERA over the years as our Senior Road Steward.
6. **Representatives Reports**
 - 6.1 **Planning**
The Planning report was distributed. JR brought to our attention the following:
 - 38 Coleridge Drive – refused.
 - Appeals – we should be notified of the dates of appeals particularly if letters have been written.
 - 6.2 **Finance**
AH report was distributed.
 - 6.3 **Road Stewards**
 - AA advised that there is to be a meeting on the 9th July at the Elsie Fisher Room. The problems and confusion regarding collecting subs is one of the items to be discussed at this meeting.
 - 6.4 **Police Matters**
 - IM reported that there had been no meeting. Although he will not be our representative on any subsequent committee, we still need to fill in the usual form, this was done.
 - 6.5 **Transport and Road Safety**
IB reports –
 - Cheney St – the VAS (vehicle activated speed) sign should now working since the obstructing foliage has been cut back although its close location to Bridle Rd undermines its effectiveness.
 - Lime Grove parking obstruction: Consultation on a parking scheme has been concluded. The results indicated whilst there were some support for a scheme the majority were against. It is understandable that the council will not take this matter further. However it is disappointing that the matter has not been resolved for all.
 - Field End Rd: concerns regarding defective lighting have been raised and now apparently resolved by Trevor Hyde.

- ERA added weight to concerns regarding unsafe vehicular exit across footpath into Eastcote Rd from RAF Eastcote. Taylor Wimpey installed several bollards to prevent it.
- HS2 construction phase. Email has been sent to Nick Hurd MP requesting that HS2 be challenged to prove that their on-road vehicle journeys, especially lorries, comply with safety management good practice as per `Driving at work` guidance contained within INDG382 (HSE/DfT).
- There is also an excellent opportunity for the Council to innovatively contribute to road safety through responsible procurement and promoting compliance within the planning process with regard to larger developments.

6.6 Parks and Conservation Reports

- No report. We understand that the Lottery decision will be known between the 26th and 29th June.
- The next Vintage Tea at Eastcote House Gardens is next Sunday 7th July 2013 from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

6.7 Webmaster

- 600 hits this month – a lot less than usual. The website is being updated.
- It was proposed by IB and seconded by IM that we pay GC £30 for the server costs for the website – this was agreed by a show of hands.

6.8 Heath & Community Voice

- The Community Voice report from Joan Davis is circulated.

6.9 HARA

- No report – next meeting is Monday 15th July 2013.

6.10 Newsletter

- Articles for the next edition of the Newsletter are required – email to LL by the end of August.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- Footpath R154: Sigers to Highgrove House - An on site meeting took place on 24th Jun with John Fern (Head of Highways); PPRA, Sigers RA and ERA following petition from PPRA requesting action to improve the footpath in line with RAF Eastcote planning approval. The intention at present is to install a 3m width shared cycle footpath from western end (Eastcote Rd) to where it crosses Flowers Av (to be `adopted`). The remainder of footpath will be 2m (where possible). Upgrading to lighting to manage crime & disorder issues also to be incorporated. Some reservations were expressed regarding unsafe cycling behaviour and JF confirmed that suitable barriers will be installed. The initial planning permission (Feb`06) with a 3m shared path is now not achievable due to the positioning of private property (RAF Eastcote) and decisions to retain several trees. This is disappointing and undermines promotion of cycling in the borough. Next stage involves LBH requesting Taylor Wimpey to submit a plan for consultation. IP pointed out that any restriction might affect and stop wheelchair and mothers with prams access. It was also mentioned that free access may result in it becoming a mini speedway track.
- ECC – John Clouting, Chair of Eastcote Cricket Club invited NHRA, ERA and EVCAAP to a meeting. Club are likely to progress efforts to secure permission (from Council) to install speed humps on their drive to protect children. They are not now intending to seek approval to implement a one-way traffic management scheme in Southill Lane. ECC are keen to be supportive of local area and we expressed support for their provision of an important local amenity.
- FRONT GARDENS – it has been reported that a number of front gardens in our area have been paved over to allow for off-road car parking. After some discussion it was suggested that an article should be put in the Newsletter and on the Website. JR agreed to research this. **ACTION: JR**
- OVER HANGING FOLIAGE – this problem should be reported to the Council via the Contact Centre particularly if the over hanging foliage covers road signs.
- We understand that Nick Hurd has a meeting on Thursday 27th June regarding HS2.
- OPEN FORUM – the suggested dates are October/November time. Any ideas re speaker and/or topic to IB. **ACTION: ALL**
- PEOPLE CHOICE AWARD – the cut off date for ideas for this award is 7th July – This is a pot of money to be distributed around the Borough for improvements etc. Any ideas?? **ACTION: ALL**
- Cllr EL advised us that there is a change in Planning Rules and they are now in operation. He will email a flyer to IB to be distributed through our system to everyone. **ACTION; EL**

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 31st JULY 2013 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom.