



Eastcote Residents' Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2014
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** – Chris Groom(Acting Chairman for the meeting), David Payne, Irene Groom, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Becky Haggar, Cllr Teji Barnes, Ian Murray, Alison Holtorp, Deesha Chadha, Dev Chadha, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, David Harper, Elizabeth Beggs, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Jean Marr, Jean Gibson. Andrea Gohil.
2. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Edward Lavery, Keith Barnard, Gawain Cox, Alison Akerman, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Duncan Flynn (Northwood Hills RA).
3. **Welcome** CG opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing the new Councillors to our meeting. In the absence of a Chairman he went on to ascertain whether the committee members present were happy for him to Chair this first meeting since the AGM, this was agreed. See AOB for arrangements at future meetings
4. **AGM** – Although it was not proposed that we seek approval of the AGM minutes at the meeting, the following amendments were recorded. a) The name of the speaker is Stewart Pomeroy not 'd' as shown in the minutes. b) Mrs. Caroline Reid should have been recorded as the Auditor under the Finance Report. c) Under AOB the email address of the Contact Centre should have been recorded, it is contact@hillingdon.gov.uk and d) spelling mistake, should read 'deplorable'
5. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 30th April were agreed, with the following amendment – Item 6.4 Para 3 should read "The monetary contribution required from the Friends of EHG is coming along well but unlikely they will have collected all the money in time for the opening as no fund raising activities can be carried out during the building works".
6. **Matters arising from 30th April meeting:**
 - Baskets - the hangers for the flower baskets are being put up on the lamp posts from the library to the station and hopefully the baskets will follow soon. (Post Meeting note- flower baskets erected – a success for ERA).
 - After pressure from residents ERA and Councillors Farthings Close has, at last, been resurfaced.
 - The same applies to the main road and service roads through Eastcote shopping area in Field End Road. A significant improvement and thanks to those involved.
 - IG and EB are now signatories on the bank account. AH will continue to deal with internet banking for the moment.
 - On the question of requests for funds held by ERA, this was be discussed under a following item.
7. **New resident issues:**
 - None
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 **Planning** – JR

The Planning Report was distributed and covers May and June. JR brought to our attention the following items:-

 - 40 Coombe Drive – JR did write but to date no information.
 - 7 Woodlands Avenue – Petitions have gone in, both LC and JR have written in.
 - Esso Garage – still outstanding, no information.
 - CG pointed out that 80 Lime Grove and 92 Catlins Lane have very similar planning applications, dividing a current house into two.– JR to investigate. **ACTION: - JR**
 - KS mentioned that work was being carried out in Alison Close but there does not appear to be any planning application in the pipeline. KS will monitor. **ACTION:- KS**
 - There is a Planning Forum Meeting on Thursday 26th June, CG cannot attend but has made his apologies, he understands that LC will be attending.
 - 8.2 **Police Matters** – IM
 - In future any information will only come from SNT Panel Meetings. ERA will have representatives at the Eastcote SNT Meeting on 9th July and Cavendish SNT Meeting on 30th July. Also it is expected that IB will, occasionally, submit a report from the SNT Board of which he is Chairman.
 - 8.3 **Transport /Road Safety** –

- No report.

8.4 Parks Report

- Eastcote House Gardens- The Archaeological Company are in the process of setting up and the DIG will start on Saturday 28th June for two weeks.
- Cavendish Park- Cavendish Pavilion have left a large area uncut and is now a flower meadow. Unfortunately the Friends of Cavendish & Bessingby Parks have ceased. **ACTION:- MW**

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- EB has advised that a Steering Group had been set up and she will report back when she has any information.
- The Community Voice Newsletter is sent by email and sent to Website for distribution.

8.6 Webmaster GC

- Updated contact details are on the Website. Three news items will be on the Website in the next few days.

8.7 Finance - AH

- AH had found some very old paperwork that indicated that we had been paying the sum of £1.05 since 1974 to Campaign for Rural England.

8.8 Road Stewards -AA

- Nothing to report.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- Nothing to report.

8.10HARA - IG

- The meeting on the 19th May was the AGM. No change, Chairman Tony Ellis (Northwood RA), Vice Chairman Nin Jalaf (Tudor Vale RA), Treasurer Jim Dunsford (Home Farm RA), and Secretary Liz Segal (Vine Lane RA). The Treasurer reported that for this year no subs were required from RAs but may have to collect subs from RAs in the future.

9. AOB –

- With no Chairman JR asked how are we to deal with items that the Chairman usually distributes. CG pointed out that many items still came to him and he distributed them. JR pointed out that she did not get copies of any consultation documents or copies of the Appeals, CG will contact the Planning Department to arrange for these documents to be sent to her direct in the future.
ACTION:CG
- Without a Chairman to allow a better distribution of duties CG will prepare a list of tasks which can be allocated to other members at the next meeting. **ACTION:- CG**
- After discussion a number of committee members agreed to act as Chairman for individual meetings. Alison Holtorp will chair the July meeting. **ACTION:- AH**
- Eastcote Chamber of Commerce – AH and IB attended the last meeting and there is another meeting on Thursday 26th June and AH will attend. It is unlikely that they will be up and running in time to take over the responsibility of applying for the Xmas Lights as Cllr MW pointed out the Council would expect a formal application for the Xmas Lights to be forthcoming. A question was raised as to the whereabouts of the original lights, they were handed over to the Council but we have no information as to their whereabouts. Although AH will be liaising with the Chamber of Commerce CG will assist them in applying for the Xmas Lights, also trying to find out what has happen to the original lights which we paid for. (**POST MEETING** – at the meeting last evening the Constitution was agreed, a Committee consisting of 8 persons was set up, also a bank account is to be opened.) **ACTION:CG/AH**
- **REQUEST FOR FUNDING –**
 - i. Friends of Warrender Park/Highgrove Woods have requested £90 to cover the costs of bulbs to be planted in the Autumn. Discussion then followed and this was agreed by a show of hands. CG will contact them and request that a proper invoice be submitted to us for payment.
ACTION:- CG
 - ii. The second request was for ERA to provide funds to plant a new hedge behind the War Memorial. Much work has been done by Volunteer Groups to improve the area but a new hedge is required at the rear to supplement the existing chain-link fence. Monies are coming from other sources, namely Ward Budget and British Legion, but there is a short fall of £500. After discussion the sum of £500 was agreed by a show of hands. The Eastcote Conservation Panel will be handling the money and arranging for the planting.
 - iii. Further discussion then continue and it was decided that, in future, any organisation requesting funds should, if possible, send a representative to one of our meetings to make a personal application.

- Pembroke Park – discussions took place between Wimpy, ERA and the History Society about erecting a Memorial at the entrance to the site to commemorate its wartime history. A plan of the plinth has now been received and once it has been erected the History Society will arrange for a plaque to be installed giving details of what the original site was used for. Once completed some form of unveiling will take place- details to be agreed but to include residents of Pembroke Parks, etc.
- KS has complained to the Contact Centre re the number of “For Sale” boards that keep appearing alongside road outside Pembroke Park. Cllr BH to investigate. **ACTION:- BH**
- CG had received an email from MG of Pikes End on behalf of Bishop Ramsey School who expressed a wish for better liaison with ERA. Deesha Chadha volunteered to liaise with the school and MG. As the email was requesting details of the Road Steward for that area AA will contact MG to see if she would be prepared to become a Road Steward for Pikes End. **ACTION:AA/DC**
- The Waste Centre in South Ruislip has now definitely closed but the Council are still in talks with the company. The site in Harefield seems to be coping OK but the fear is that there will be an increase in fly-tipping.
- AG reported overgrown trees in Columbia Avenue. Cllr MW to investigate. **ACTION:MW**
- JR reported on the ERA visit on Wednesday to RAF Northolt, excellent visit and well worth going.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 30th July 2014 at the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

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