

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2015

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Keith Barnard, (acting Chairman for the meeting), Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Chris Groom, Carolyn Derecki, Dev Chadha, Jackie Redrup, David Harper, Cllr Catherine Dann, Alison Holtorp, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, Visitors: Vijay Juneja, Ambika Juneja, Daphne Waller.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Linda Laurie, Alison Akerman, Deesha Chadha, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Becky Haggart, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Teji Barnes
2. **Welcome** KB opened the meeting by welcoming our visitors and thanking everyone for coming.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 29th April 2015 were agreed after an amendment – Item 8 (4) should read FEHG, this was agreed by a show of hands.
4. **Matters arising from 29th April 2015 minutes.**
 - Flooding along High Road Eastcote – this has been reported several times, white marks have now appeared on the road and a new extension plate put into the road. There is now two problems one towards Fore Street and the other between the roundabout and Joel Street, it was decided to ask Cllr BH to investigate further. **ACTION: BH**
 - AH has sent the subscription cheque to Community Voice.
 - Cheney Street – Cllr ND advises that the Council has monitored the speed of the traffic and the results have been analysed and there is a meeting on 9th July where various proposals as to what should be done will be put forward for discussions with various parties. **ACTION: ND**
 - Estate Agents Boards incorrectly sited– some were taken down, some appeared again and this was reported and these have now been taken down.
 - The application for new masts and boxes at the bottom of Field End Road, by the roundabout have been refused.
 - Eastcote Chamber of Commerce have made an application for Xmas Lights, they also wanted information regarding an Xmas Fair and were given the name of the person to contact for help. The Eastcote CofC seems to be making progress. We have invited them to send a representative to our meetings but to date they have not done so, but we will continue to support them and help them all we can.
 - The hanging baskets have been installed in the shopping centre. The gentleman from the Council dealing with this on our behalf has died and a condolence card has been sent to the family on behalf of ERA.
 - The “blind spot” and other problems in North View, Cllr ND is investigating but to date has not received any responses. **ACTION: ND**
 - The request from Cllr MW for ERA support for a shop keeper – this was discussed and although we would like to support her, her application breaks the rules regarding the number of retail shops in any given area.
5. **New resident issues** :- This was in regard to Transport – there is no bus service from Eastcote to Heathrow – this apparently was brought up many years ago but nothing was done. It is possible to get to Heathrow from Uxbridge but it requires two buses. There is a bus No. 140 from Northolt direct to Heathrow. It was suggested that we bring this to the attention of Cllr ND and IM and Cllr CD said they will follow up as well. **ACTION: ND/CD/IM**
6. **New funding requests** :- None
8. **Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 **Planning** –JR
 - JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. JR brought to our attention the following items:

- No.12 Abbotsbury Gardens – still under consideration on the Enforcement Website.
- 26 Curzon Place – JR has written – Cllr BH is also dealing with this.
- 40 Coombe Drive – refused.
- Betting Shop (High Road Eastcote) – this is now finished but not yet open.
- Black Horse Parade – there is an application for change of use to one of the shops.

8.2 SNT/Police.

- There is a meeting next week and Cllr CD will be attending, the meeting is being held at Ruislip Police Station and Michael Simons will be in the chair.

8.4 Parks Report

Warrender Park And Highgrove Woods- The 6th Eastcote Beavers have been sponsored by Friends of Warrender Park for planting for the paddling pool bed in the Park. Judging for Park of the Year, London in Bloom will take place on July 17th. Highgrove Woods will be judged in the Conservation Area category on the same day.

Eastcote House Gardens - Nick Porter has been appointed Site Manager. Nick was formerly the Borough's Allotment Officer. The Picnic was a great success. FEHG have reached the £25K match funding total for the HLF. £125K in volunteer hours to be completed by 2018 is on target. Archive :-The book sales are proceeding well, 250 were printed and over half have been sold. Uxbridge Library has a number for sale. 'Secret Eastcote' the Archive's second book will be published later in the year.

Judging for London in Bloom & Britain in Bloom will take place on the following days:- June 30th - it's Your Neighbourhood and Park of the Year. EHG was category winner last year. Another flag has been added to the flag pole advertising this fact. 10th July - part of the London in Bloom Tour. 17th July- Long Meadow, Conservation Area. Category winner last year, a flag pole complete with flag has been erected in the meadow. 13th August part of the Britain in Bloom Tour.

The works are almost complete, the café is due to open at the end of June (opened 29th June).

Archaeology starts Saturday 27th June. Open day Sunday 12th July. The Mayor & Mayoress will be attending. The dig is open to all everyday except Mondays.

FEHG have visits booked from the following groups:- 26th June 4th Eastcote Scouts, 1st July 4th Headstone Beavers and 16th July Ruislip Towns Women's Guild

Future dates:- London Open House 20th September 2015, Tree Dressing 28th November.

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed.

8.6 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

8.7 Finance - AH

- CV subscription paid. Tea and Coffee for AGM cost £9.03 – LL to be reimbursed. Website Hosting (£30) and Domain Name registration is due (£15 for 2 years), Asked GC for invoice and with approval of meeting will pay by Bank Transfer when received. **ACTION:- GC/AH**
- AH took approximately 40 AGM posters around the shops, of which about half were displayed. The AGM was well attended and AH went along the shops the next day and thanked those that displayed our posters for their help. The committee thanked AH for her hard work in getting the posters into the shops in Eastcote.

8.8 Road Stewards – AA

- No report.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- No report. A suggestion was made that we ask the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce to do an article for the newsletter and also give us details of any function they are organizing so that we can advertise it in the next newsletter, on our Notice Boards or on our Website. **ACTION:- LL**
- We understand that the funeral directors Grimstead will do an article regarding their knitting bee charity. **ACTION:- LL**

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

- The last meeting was in May and was the AGM – no change to the Executive Committee. The finances are considered healthy for the moment so not necessary to collect subs this year. Very few RAs turned up and although the AGM was followed by an ordinary meeting all items were left for discussion at a later date. The next meeting is the 20th July and the speaker is Lloyd White, Democratic Services.

8.11 Transport.

- The next meeting is 2nd September.
- Croxley Link approved with a Caveate that the infrastructure must be able to take Chiltern Line Trains.

7. A.G.M.

The draft AGM Minutes were discussed and adopted after the following amendments:

- Election of Officers: President and Auditor are extra to the Executive Committee so should be listed separately.
- There was a question from the floor regarding the Planning Report which was answered by JR.
- AA surname was spelt wrongly – should read Akerman (under the Road Steward Report)
- The word “Councillors” were spelt wrongly in some areas of the Minutes.

8. AOB

- The new Sainsbury Store is now open – the problem is with car parking, cars are being ticketed when in the Loading Bays, Cllr CD to ask that clearer car parking signs are displayed particularly outside the other shops. **ACTION:CD**
- It has been reported again that some of the pavements in Eastcote are still in a dangerous state, the procedure for reporting is as follows: take a note of the shop or shops and then phone the Contact Centre on **01895-556000**.
- It has come to our attention that fingers of the old-fashioned, listed, Finger Sign on the corner of St.Lawrence Drive/Field End Road/Bridle Road is missing. **ACTION:- BH**

There being no further business KB closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 29th July 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 Jackie Redrup.