

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Venue Elsie Fischer Room at St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Irene Groom, David Harper, Ian Murray, David Payne, Malcolm Penny, Arthur Plummer, Jackie Redrup, Karen Spink, Councillor Michael White. Dev Chadha, Victor Brittain, Paul Granger, Mike McCarthy.

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Keith Barnard, Deesha Chadha, Carolyn Derecki, Alison Dungworth, Chris Hankin, Councillors Teji Barnes, Catherine Dann, Nick Denys, Becky Haggard, Eddy Lavery. Andrea Gohil, Pamela Jean Marr, David Stephens.

#### **2. Amendments/Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were approved by a show of hands.

#### **3. Matters arising from the 26<sup>th</sup> April**

- None.

#### **4. New Resident Issues:-**

- None.

#### **5. New funding requests :-** None

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **6.1 Chairman's Report - AH**

- Residents Planning Forum - Guest Speaker Ray Goodlett, Designing out Crime Officer from the Metropolitan Police. Proactively deal with crime before it happens by analysing type of crime in the area to be developed and then working with architects, planners etc. to suggest measures to be implemented within new scheme to reduce crime. Hillingdon Council actively engages in this process.
- Residents Flood Forum – full report due end June so will report further next month. The River Pinn is defined by the Environment Agency as a main river and they maintain it as such. Further details on the council website - <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/28579/Rivers-ditches-and-canals> **ACTION - AH**

##### **6.2 Conservation – DP**

EVCAAP met this morning

- Case Is Altered is now open, it was reported to look very nice and was busy.
- Flooding – both the River Pinn and Yeading Brook were on flood alert during the recent heavy rains.
- Friends of Pinn Meadows report that a new fence has been erected on the property boundary such that Green Spaces will be able to take back about 2 meters of open field space in this area later in the year.
- Green Belt – there are currently no issues within the Eastcote Area.
- Colne Valley – The Board of Directors are looking into the possibility of becoming a Charity and are continuing to monitor the situation of both HS2 and Heathrow extension. Still petitioning on environmental grounds and asking for full financial recompense if the projects go ahead.

##### **6.3 Finance – AH**

- AH – Permission was sought to spend the following amounts - £755 printing the magazine and £22.00 Community Voice membership – these were agreed by a show of hands. **ACTION - AH**

##### **6.4 HARA (Hillingdon Alliance of Residents Associations) – IG**

- IG – the minutes of the March meeting have been received and sent out to the committee.
- Joan Davis made a plea at the meeting for all Resident Associations to appoint a representative to attend the Community Voice meetings.
- AH – Guest speaker was from Healthwatch. They have a drop-in shop in Uxbridge and are there to follow up issues raised by people using local medical services.

##### **6.5 Health and Community Voice**

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members.

##### **6.6 Newsletter**

- AP – requested that all articles be emailed to him by the 19th August.

##### **6.7 Parks Report – (KB post meeting)**

- Eastcote House Gardens – Finances are reasonable. The selling of the publications is going very well including orders from overseas.

- As part of the London Open House programme on Sunday 17th September the Stables, Dovecote etc. at EHG will be open to the public and this event will also include a Classic Car Show.
- The Archaeologists are back for the last time and there is an Open Day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.
- A glass cabinet is to be purchased and put into the Dovecote which will display any artifacts found.
- KB thanked ERA for reimbursing the subscription to the Green Belt Council for the Conservation Panel.

#### **6.8 Planning – JR**

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. She also highlighted the following:-

- 124A Field End Road – we have no new information on this application – the LBH planning website shows the decision date to be 6<sup>th</sup> July.
- Eastcote Motor Services – the illuminated signs application was determined at the NPC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The NPC upheld the Officer’s recommendation for a split decision and the details of this are on the attached planning report.
- 197 Field End Road – the new supermarket, replacing Perfect Pets. ERA is aware and understands the considerable concerns that residents have put forward in relation to the orange shutters, goods being displayed on the street (safety of shoppers and those using the nearby crossing) and the installed signage. ERA have been in touch with both LBH Enforcement and Planning and have been told that the shop owners have put in the necessary retrospective planning application. Only when this has been posted on the LBH planning website can further, official objections be submitted.
- 52 Field End Road – there is still no date for this to come before the NPC.
- Black Horse Pub – to take this forward further, we need current data to show the full extent of the problems. Therefore, local residents need to complain to the council on every occasion that they have problems with late night noise and parking issues.

#### **6.9 SNT/Police – CH**

- No Report – the next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- At the last meeting a problem was brought to our attention regarding the Knife Bin – Cllr CD reports that she contacted the Council’s Waste Service Officers and the Police and they will check to see if there are any knives sitting on the ledge and they will place them into the bin properly. Cllr asked for a new and different bin so that the knives automatically fell straight to the bottom, the information Cllr CD received was that it was being looked into but would depend on available funds.

#### **6.10 Road Stewards – AA**

- No report.

#### **6.11 Transport - IM**

- IM reported that there has been no meeting, and the only information is that all lines are running fine at the moment.
- No news on the Croxley Line link – TfL confirm that the project is still live and certain preparatory works are proceeding although that particular contract (with Taylor Woodrow) is due for completion by the end of July 2017. The contract to construct the infrastructure (bridges track, signalling, new stations and alterations to existing stations etc) has not been let as there is currently a £51M funding gap in the budget which the Mayor of London has said will not be covered by “new money” from any of his resources; TfL are currently considering how this might be overcome as Watford Council and Herts County Council are not inclined to put any more money into the project. FOMLUC have made some suggestions although if acted upon will only provide a partial solution.

#### **7. A.O.B. –**

1. NORFEST – 22<sup>nd</sup> July – new security procedures are now in place and no cars whatsoever are going to be allowed onto the airport. Further information on ERA Website
2. SUMMER PICNIC – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018. As it was not possible for us to be in the Stables this year it was agreed that we consider buying our own gazebo, therefore making it much easier for us to attend functions.
3. XMAS FAIR – It is too late to organise a fair for this year and on approaching the shops it would appear that they are not in favour as they felt they did not benefit financially from it.
4. XMAS TREE – AH met with a RA who buy their own trees for considerably less than the amount being asked for by the council. However they had to buy, arrange delivery and put it up themselves, as well as contracting for the lights to be installed. After discussion it was decided that it would be too expensive, funds would have to be raised, and so too time consuming for this year but think about it for 2018.

5. LIGHTS – new steel posts are being installed next to existing lampposts ready for new LED street lighting. They seem to be taller than the existing lampposts leading to a query about light in bedroom windows. The council response says that ‘it is accepted that LED lamps appear brighter’, ‘this modern lighting is appropriate for a residential road’, ‘more directional’ and ‘should not adversely affect adjacent properties’
6. 2018 Remembrance Day – FEHG putting on display in The Stables. Should ERA arrange something in the Shopping Centre?
7. AH was contacted by Head Teacher of the new Pinner High School and met with him. About a third of the children come from the Eastcote Area and if we had a suitable project it may be possible for a group of children to work on it during afterschool activities.
8. TOILETS IN CAR PARK – it has come to our attention that these toilets are closed again due to vandalism. It would appear that the Police and the Council are not able to sort the problem out. Cllr MW will investigate. **ACTION – MW**
9. AD approached after AGM by a member asking us to buy a piece of equipment to help hard of hearing at future ERA Meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**The next ordinary meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> July in Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church, starting at 7.30pm.** Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.