



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28th March 2012
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Eddie Lavery, Jackie Redrup, Gawain Cox, Pamela Jean Marr, Carolyn Derecki, Karen Spink, Keith Barnard, David Harper, Paul Ashby, Ian Brooks, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, Dympne McDermott
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Michael White, Bruce Baker, Catherine Dann, Linda Laurie, Roger Brown, Ian Murray, David Payne, Andrew Retter, Alison Akerman.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 29th February were agreed after the following amendment – Elizabeth Beggs apologies not recorded.

CG opened the meeting by thanking IB and CD for covering the February meeting in our absence.

4. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - The Footpath through Pembroke Park – the problems with this footpath do not appear to be much further forward. CG to write to Hillingdon Planning.
ACTION-CG.
 - RAF Eastcote – Live Works Unit – there are a number of planning applications in the pipeline to change 12 units into flats, therefore increasing the density within the site. No parking facilities were provided for the original units. EL advises that he has requested that these applications appear together at the same Planning Meeting.
 - JR advises that, in future, she will send letter of objections to the Council via the planning website – comment section rather than by email as this ensure an acknowledgement of receipt.
5. **Representatives Reports**
 - 5.1 **Planning & Enforcement**
 - The latest planning report covering the period up to 27th March is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
 - 5.2 **Police Matters**
 - At the last meeting the speaker was from the UK Border Agency.
 - Residential Burglaries are up throughout the whole of the Borough.
 - Within Hillingdon 20 extra PSCOs have been recruited to reinforce the manpower of the depleted police SNT.
 - There is a new SNT Inspector for Hillingdon – Glenn O’Dea and a new Sergeant for Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward – Sgt Richard Charlesworth.
 - We have been advised of two new scams doing the rounds and these are to be mentioned in our Newsletter.
 - EB passed over a leaflet “How Burglars get in” - this will also be included in our Newsletter.
 - 5.3 **Transport and Road Safety**
 - Castleton Road, Boleyn Drive and Cardinal Road – petition submitted regarding pot holes via Cllr Lavery, update awaited.
 - Cheney Street post scheme traffic monitoring has been undertaken, however, the review from the Council is still outstanding. Action Cllr Payne
ACTION:- DP
 - Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – Joel St and Field End Rd. Petition hearing on Wednesday 18th April to be attended by ERA.
ACTION:- IB/CG
 - Field End Rd j/w Eastcote - difficulties experienced by pedestrians crossing this junction have again been raised with the ERA. This is a problematical location due to road layout and sight lines. Problem to be discussed with Hillingdon Traffic Engineers to try to find a solution.
ACTION :- IB

- Elm Ave West j/w Lime Grove – a consistent pattern of on-street parking is leading to inappropriate congestion on this main road. This problem also to be discussed with Hillingdon Traffic Engineers.

ACTION:- IB/EL

- Traffic Safety problems in Cuckoo Hill - ERA attending residents meeting to provide support

ACTION:- IB

5.4 Community Voice

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

5.5 ERA Priorities/Constitution Changes

- A report on the consultation on ERA priorities, following the Open Form meeting in Nov`11, will be presented at the AGM in May along with proposed minor adjustments to the Association's Constitution & Rules.
- See website for further details :- <http://www.eastcotera.co.uk/index.php/about-us/consultation>

5.6 Parks Reports

- Eastcote House Gardens –
 - The emergency repairs to the walls of the Walled Garden have been put out to tender last week and are due back in three weeks. Repairs could, hopefully, start in May.
 - Jubilee Gates – a meeting took place on the 6th March at the Civic Centre with the Head of Planning to discuss the operation of the height barrier and the locking of the gates in the open and closed positions. Revised drawings are being prepared by the manufacturer and a site meeting with all interested parties is due to take place on the 12th April. Details of the gates can be seen on the Planning website
 - Organisational work is proceeding for the Jubilee Picnic on Saturday 2nd June. It is proving more difficult this year without the help of Damien Searle.
 - Work is also continuing on the Stage 2 of the Heritage Lottery Bid and a meeting with all interested parties will take place on Friday 20th April at 1pm at Kings College Pavilion.
 - Fund Raising – a Table Top sale will take place on 21st April in St. Lawrence Church Hall.
 - The usual gardening sessions will continue – next – 6th April -9.30, 14th April- 10.30, 17th April-9.30.

Cavendish and Bessingby Parks -

- Easter Egg Hunt – 11.00am Monday 9th April
- Litter Pick – 11.00am –Sunday 27th May

5.7 Webmaster

- 846 hits this month.
- GC is working on the web site, creating a new design to make it easier to read and follow.
- A survey is being undertaken to get feedback and GC handed out Survey Sheets to the Committee asking that they be completed and return to him in due course.

ACTION:- ALL

5.8 Newsletter.

More feature articles are required – please email LL and CG with any articles which you think may be of interests to our members.

5.9 HARA

- IB attended HARA meeting on 19th March`12. Presentation from LINK (www.hillingdonlink.gov.uk) explaining changes in the local Health Service delivery models. There are concerns as current re-organisation of NHS.
- ERA provided an update on `noisy lorry` issue and received support from the chair.

6 AOB/Correspondence

- Festival Committee – no report from IP.
- ERA received a thank you letter from the Harrow & Wembley Model Railway Society (model railway in Roxbourne Park) for our support with a donation cheque for £20. This was returned with thanks as we wish to support local groups.
- We understand that the invoice for the Xmas Lights has been passed forward within the Council for payment.
- Road Stewards – **SUBS** are now due, please collect and let KS have the money as soon as possible.
- A gentleman who has moved out of the area has contacted KS as he wishes to still receive the Newsletter. A suggestion was made that he be add to the email list and also refer him to the Website.
- Ruislip Woods – a report has been received and circulated.
- Ruislip Lido – a double page article has appeared in the Hillingdon People regarding improvements proposed or underway. Other RAs are now circulating details of the proposals. The proposals for the additional car park have been submitted for planning approval.

- ERA Notice Boards – CG asked is there was any news regarding the two new boards for which ward funds have been approved. EL and DP to chase up.
ACTION:- EL/DP
- AGM – The emphasis at this years AGM will be on feed back for members and freeing up more time for reports and questions from the floor. A suggestion was made that we put an article in the Newsletter and on the Website asking people if they have any questions to email them to CG in advance. Invites will be sent to John Randall and Nick Hurd.
- It has come to our attention that there appears to be an increase in the flights in and out of Northolt – CG will be attending a liaison meeting at RAF Northolt in 2 weeks time and will bring the matter up and report back.
- The telephone number for the Hillingdon Contact Centre is 01895 250111.
- KS raised a couple of points – the new litter bin outside the Catholic Church has been put in the wrong place, should be next to the Bus Stop. Secondly – “do the street cleaners litter pick in the side roads” – EL will investigate and report back.
ACTION:- EL
- Highgrove Swimming Pool is closing in April for 8/9 months for refurbishment – the gym will remain open.

CG closed the meeting at 9.35 pm

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 25th April 2012 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.

Apologies to Irene Groom.