



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th March 2016

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Alison Holtorp (Acting Chairman), Chris Groom, Jackie Redrup, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Michael White, Pamela Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, David Payne, Cllr Teji Barnes, Deesha Chadha, Chris Hankin.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Nick Denys, Andrea Gohil, Cllr Eddy Lavery, David Harper, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, David Stephens, Keith Bernard, Alison Akerman, Daphne Waller.
2. **Welcome** AH opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 24th February were agreed by a show of hands, after three small amendments – 1. Item 4 – Crescent Gardens new notices - the word “lamp” to be replaced by “sign”. 2. Item 4 – Xmas Lights should have read – we are informed that the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce has paid most of the money over to the Council to cover their contribution 3. Item 4 – Devonshire Lodge Parking – The two PPG’s have jointly written regarding the installation of new parking meters in Devonshire Car Park.
4. **Matters arising from the 27th January 2016 meeting.**
 - Zebra Crossing (Field End Road) – notices have appeared on posts. People living in Pamela Gardens have complained that they were not informed of this proposal but most have picked it up from other sources.
 - London Green Belt – it was proposed that we pay all the money due to this Organisation and this was agreed by a show of hands – therefore AH has paid the full amount of £25.
 - Parking Machines in Devonshire Car Park – Cllr CD has emailed the Council but has not yet received a reply. Cllr ND to follow up. **ACTION:CLLR ND**
 - Toilets in Devonshire Car Park – Cllr CD has emailed Cllr ND regarding this matter – these toilets are closed again, they were thoroughly cleaned but the cleaner then reported that there was evidence of drug use so they were closed again. The Anti-Social Team are now getting involved regarding this problem. **ACTION:CLLR ND**
 - In the January meeting a question was raised regarding the out of date Planning Notices left on lamp-posts, we were informed that the out-of-date ones were removed, however it has come to our attention that some out-of-date notices are still being displayed particularly in the shopping area.
 - AH confirmed that the cheque in memory of Jean Gibson has been sent.
5. **New resident issues** :-
 - No new issues raised.
6. **New funding requests** :-
 - None were received
7. **Committee Reports**
- 7.1 **Planning** –JR

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. JR brought to our attention the following items:

Applications from last report:-

- 186 Field End Road, 195A Field End Road, 8 The Glen – still undecided
- 33 Bridle Road – now approved
- 11 Chiltern Road – undecided at the time of the ERA meeting, but approval granted on 1st April.
- 81 Field End Road – refused at North Planning Committee. An appeal had already been made against the refusal due to non-determination by the Council within the required timescale.
- 2 Elm Avenue (Sky Tyres) detailed in Feb as appeal dismissed. However, this site is now the subject of a new Prior Approval application for a change of usage from retail to residential.

New Applications:-

- Malt House redevelopment –
 - The Planning Consultant, representing the owners, has asked for preliminary consultations with ERA and other relevant organisations to discuss their plans at an early, pre planning application stage.
 - CG, LC and JR have said they will attend. Post the ERA committee meeting, 19th April has been agreed for the discussion.
 - The owner's current plan is to demolish the building and provide a 3 storey building, utilising the roof space to effectively create 4 stories for 26 residential units, plus 3 (?) terraced houses along Sunningdale Avenue.
- 17-21, The Close, land to the rear –
 - This land has been the subject of some 6 applications since 2006
 - The recent application for an office building was withdrawn and replaced with the current application to build a 2 bedroom bungalow.
 - The Conservation Panel has written already asking for refusal and ERA will be submitting an objection.
- 3 Pikes End - JR has been contacted by a concerned resident over this application. Previous applications go back to 2010 and there has been approval for alterations that are very similar to the current application.
- Plans in Library – the Council was asked as to why plans were not being displayed in the Eastcote Library – the reply indicated that if an extra hard copy was supplied then this would be sent to the Library. It was suggested that applicants be asked to supply an extra hard copy so that plans can be displayed in the Library, after all not everyone has access to a computer. Has there been a change of Council Policy that we have not been informed about? Cllr MW will follow up and report back. **ACTION: CLLR MW**

7.2 SNT/Police.

- No report.

7.3 Parks Report

- Eastcote House Gardens:- Events for your Diary
 - Plant & Second Hand Book Sale – 11.00am to 2.30pm Saturday 23rd April
 - Summer Fair – 11.00am to 4.30pm Saturday 4th June
- Roxbourne Park – Charity Fun Walk – 10.30am, Sunday 15th May

7.4 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members

7.5 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

7.6 Finance - AH

- The invoice for the Hire of the Elsie Fisher Room for the year has been paid.
- Provisional year end accounts show that whilst membership is down on last year we will have banked enough to cover our costs for next year.
- Eastcote Chamber of Commerce (CofC) - Unfortunately the chair of the CofC, was not able to attend the Eastcote Town Centre Improvements Stakeholder Briefing 18 March 2016. AH has since been in touch with her to suggest a meeting to discuss the potential of the scheme to revitalise both CofC and ERA. A meeting has been arranged.
- AH has spoken to most of the shops on either side of the road from the Library to the traffic lights asking them to report problems with the paving. Most were happy to do so. She will visit the rest,

7.7 Road Stewards - AA

- We are concluding receiving subs collected from Road Stewards for the year - which were due in by 25th March. We have further vacancies for Road Stewards - in addition to previously reported requirements we are now seeking replacement Stewards to cover Garth Close, the even numbers in Ferncroft Avenue and Woodlands Avenue to cover numbers 71-161,180-300. We are also seeking an Area Steward to cover an area South of Eastcote Station.

7.8 Newsletter - LL

- LL reported that the Magazine has gone to the printers and should be available for distribution by the middle of April.

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

- IG reported that CG also came to the last meeting as the speaker was the Borough Commander, very interesting but it would appear that, as usual, every crime has gone down in Hillingdon!!!
- We were also advised that further amalgamations are planned, not only between London Boroughs but country wide, but no details were available at the moment.

7.10 Transport.

- IM reported on the timetable for closures in the late evening on the Met Line until 2018. Details are the ERA Website and also on the TFL Website:- <https://tfl.gov.uk/forms/12392.aspx>.

8 A.O.B.

- Report by AH who attended the Eastcote Town Centre Improvements Stakeholder Briefing about 'Reviving, repairing and refreshing' the High Street. There were the obvious - removing old lights, improving seating, bins, phone boxes etc. Then there were other suggestions aimed at making the High Street feel friendlier.
 - Encouraging, the use of artwork on daytime shutters and reducing the impact of empty shops by creating a display advertising rental details
 - Persuading major chains to improve their displays and the retail units at the station to improve their signage which currently detracts from its architecture.
 - Installing legible signage and “wayfinding maps” as seen in London and to improve parking directions.
 - Creating a consistent town centre brand to include the artwork on the bridge and to be used on advertising posters, promotional bags, etc.
 - The main focus of this initiative is to promote trade by giving grants for new/refurbished shop fronts to independent shops, and most excitingly to make available free design and project management expertise to help improve their branding. These independent businesses will also receive help with visual merchandising, access to vetted contractors and a Retailing for Profit course run by the Post Office.
 - The first phase will cover North View to Abbotsbury and Elm Avenue to the Ascott (part of which is in a Conservation Area). Extra support will be available to help meet Conservation Area requirements.
 - Hopefully this initiative, which has our support will increase trade and make Eastcote a more prosperous pleasant place.

AGM – TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Field End Road at 7.30pm. CG will chair the meeting. The speakers are Police Cadets on Cyber Crime. CD agreed to deal with refreshments. Everybody, on the committee, at this meeting agreed to stand again.

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 27th April 2016 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm