

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Venue Elsie Fischer Room at St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Linda Laurie, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Becky Haggart, Cllr Michael White, David Stephens, Dev Chadha, Arthur Plummer, Liz Smith, Chris Head.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - Ian Murray, Alison Akerman, Deesha Chadha, Cllr Nick Denys, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes, Pamela Jean Marr, Malcolm Penny, Alison Dungworth, Deepa Chadha
2. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February are held over to be approved at the April meeting.
3. **Matters arising from the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 meeting**
  - IM has filled in and submitted the necessary forms and we are now members of the Green Belt Council.
  - We have been advised that sadly there is no longer an Eastcote Chamber of Commerce.
  - AH has written to thank the Council for levelling the pavement outside the Ascott.
  - We are advised that the marks on the pavements are to do with the surveying of the area for the Eastcote Town Centre Development plans.
  - Xmas Fair/Tree/Lights – As the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce no longer exists it was suggested that the only way to have a Fair this year is to ask Get Thrifty to organise a small fair in the forecourt of the Ascott and as the electricity connection for the tree is already installed in the pavement maybe ask the shops to sponsor a tree.
4. **New Resident Issues:-**
  - AH attended a meeting of residents living locally to The Case Is Altered. Restrictions have been placed on the License – the Garden Bar must close at the same time as the garden at 11pm and the music and public address must be muted such that it is inaudible to the nearest noise sensitive premises. The management is responsible for asking patrons illegally parked to move their cars and to ensure sufficient measures in place to prevent littering in the nearby street. A more detailed version of this including how to complain will be posted on the ERA.
5. **New funding requests :-**
  - The Defibrillator for Eastcote Cricket Club was discussed at the Executive meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February when it was decided that it is necessary to have guidelines for giving money to causes especially where such a large amount is involved and that it may be necessary to present this at the AGM in May – we now understand that the Cricket Club has applied for funds from the Ward Budget and that the sum of £1,000 may be paid from the Ward Budget leaving £300 outstanding which ERA will pay provided the Cricket Club get the £1,000 from the Ward Budget.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - 6.1 **Chairman's Report - AH**
    - No report
  - 6.2 **Conservation**
    - IM reported on the **London Green Belt Council meeting held in Palace of Westminster on 15 March**. He will circulate the minutes when they are received. The main topic discussed was the Housing White Paper which stipulates (on page 85) that Green Belt land should only be used in "exceptional circumstances" (undefined) and after all other options have been explored. Comments on the White Paper are invited by 2 May. A valid objection to a major planning application can be the potential effect on air quality. London and the Home counties are divided into a number of Air Quality Management areas where pollution is measured and recorded. A

proposed development in an existing area of poor air quality by virtue of exhaust fumes, waste disposal /dispersal and which is likely to add to the poor air quality could be rejected on these grounds.

### **6.3 Finance – AH**

- The subs to the Green Belt Council have been paid.

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

- The meeting was Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and both CG and IG attended. The speakers were Station Commander Group Captain David Manning and Sqn.Ldr.James Tenniswood from RAF Northolt – both speakers were excellent and gave an outline of the past and future of Northolt. The rest of the meeting was taken up with reports from other RAs, HS2 and Heathrow. The Minutes have not yet been received but if anyone would like copy, when received, please let IG know.

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

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

### **6.6 Newsletter - LL**

- LL reports that the Newsletter is nearly ready, with four pages of photographs, and hopefully go to the printer the second week in April to be with the Road Stewards before the beginning of May.

### **6.7 Parks Report - KB**

Eastcote House Gardens.

- The woodland path from the Joel Street entrance towards the car park (along side the High Road) is being refurbished and a new path from the St. Lawrence Drive entrance alongside the east wall of the walled garden is being constructed.

### **6.8 Planning – JR**

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

- **81 Field End Road** – went to appeal, due to non-determination by the Council in due time. Council had given applicant every opportunity to meet to discuss changes to the plans but applicant did not attend. Application was discussed by the North Planning Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April where it was determined that the decision would have been for refusal.
- **The Old Shooting Box** – owners contacted LC regarding making an application to reposition the vehicle crossover for safety reasons. JR has also been in touch with the owners and confirmed that ERA has no objection to the application.
- **53 Hawthorne Avenue** – an application to replace a 2 bedroom bungalow with a 4 bedroom, 2 storey house with rooms in the roof. A concerned Lime Grove resident contacted Councillor Haggar who contacted ERA. LC and JR made a site visit and both have sent in letters of objection. JR has been in touch with the concerned resident.
- **The Case is Altered** – wording of licence has been agreed and is acceptable to both the ECP and ERA. LC held a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and the minutes have been circulated. An abbreviated version of these will be put on the ERA website.
- **Eastcote Motor Services** – there is still no date for the illuminations application to go before the North Planning Committee.
- **57 Rushdene Road** – this has been refused and a decision will now be made as to whether enforcement action will be taken.
- **Audit House** – the application to increase the number of residential units was approved, as expected.
- **78 Mount Park Road** – application was refused again
- **Bishop Ramsey School** – multi use games area to be used to 9 pm Monday to Friday. This was refused by the North Planning Committee.
- **Frank Welch High Meadow Close** – this application will now come before the Major Applications Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> April and is recommended for refusal. Councillor Bianco has now visited various residents to view the site from their homes and it is hoped that Councillor Flynn will also visit.

- IM reported on this item as a concerned resident but also representing ERA he attended a meeting in a neighbour's house last Saturday morning to meet with Cllr. Jonathan Bianco to discuss the supplementary planning application for an additional 5 bedrooms which is to be heard by the Major Applications Committee on 6 April (yet to be formally confirmed). He was shown the current construction from an upstairs window and the preparations already made to "insert" the additional five rooms into the buildings in anticipation that planning approval will be given. He received a very professionally presented illustrated dossier comparing the plans with the reality and also containing the results of visits to various care homes in Hillingdon Borough to assess and discuss with staff the effect on local parking and traffic flow. The Councillor seemed to be sympathetic to our objections. He said he would report to the Head of Planning. Whilst not being able to attend the 6 April Committee himself he suggested we invite Cllr. Flynn to do so as he no longer has a conflict of interest in this matter not being a member of the Major Applications Committee. This has been done by email.

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- **52 Field End Road** – there is still no date for this to come before the North Planning Committee.
- **124A FER**– no further information since the transport report was submitted.
- **Black Horse Pub** – it is understood that they are to appeal the refusal of the application for the temporary structure, so no enforcement action can be taken. The ECV and ERA are looking into whether anything can be done to get the garden opening times reduced, as neighbours are subjected to noise from this area late into the night. The back garden area has been part paved and part laid with astro turf and the trees are now lit up at night.
- **Land at Telcote Way** – refused
- **R/O 17-21 The Close**, – bungalow - refused by North Planning Committee

#### **6.9 SNT/Police – CH**

- No report – The next meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

#### **6.10 Road Stewards – AA**

- No report.

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

IM reported:-

**FOMLUC** – a "Users" meeting was held in Harrow on 14 March which was poorly attended. The main topics discussed were –

- Metropolitan Line extension (aka Croxley Link). Written confirmation has been received from TfL that the project is still "live" and planning and design work continues. The major problem is funding and there is now a £40M gap in the budget which will doubtless increase as time goes on. Much expenditure has already taken place not only by TfL but also other organisations who have invested in infrastructure and other works in anticipation of the extension being completed by 2020 (now expected later).
- Harrow Station. Design work continues; there will be 5 lifts to the various platforms and an extension to the Bus Station which will involve the demolition of various properties and the construction of an underground car park. No target completion date as yet.

#### **7. A.O.B.**

- Complaints have been received regarding the disgraceful state of the pavements in Eastcote – we understand that this problem is under discussion but no decision has been made. It was pointed out that the tactile paving to aid the blind and partially sighted must be retained when any refurbishment takes place. The Councillors are chasing this matter. **ACTION:- Cllrs**

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next Committee Meeting will be **on WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017** in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.  
Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.