



Eastcote Residents Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 28th November 2012.
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Carolyn Derecki, Keith Barnard, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, David Harper, Paul Ashby, Ann Wright (Azalea Walk).
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Cllrs. Catherine Dann, Bruce Baker, Raymond Graham, Edward Lavery, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Gawain Cox
3. **Resident's Issues:**
 - Ann Wright from Azalea Walk came to the meeting to report that the houses being built behind Azalea Walk are being constructed with unapproved dormer and roof light windows. It would appear that the Council accepts that this is wrong but are awaiting a planning application to cover these dormers. We understand that the flats with unauthorised dormers and roof lights mentioned previously, are already sold and the keys handed over in December. After a long discussion, it was decided that a formal letter of complaint should be sent to Ray Puddiford regarding the failure of the Planning Department to take any positive action when they acknowledge that unapproved construction is taking place.
ACTION:-IB
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 31st October 2012 were agreed with the following amendment – The talk next May 20th at St Martins Church hall Ruislip on the archaeological dig at Eastcote House Gardens will be hosted by the Local History Society with the talk being given by the archaeologists who did the dig.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - Azalea Walk – A resident advised that unofficial notices are being put up elsewhere and requested that all notices be removed. IB advised her that the official notices in the ERA Notice Boards were to be displayed for two months, as agreed, and will be taken down on 14th December (or shortly there after).
 - In her absence, Cllr C.Dann reported to IG that the action down to her in the last minutes regarding an email to members of the Council on the unapproved dormers in RAF Eastcote had been action but no reply has been received.
 - The Remembrance Parade on 11th November was very well attended.
6. **Representatives Reports**
 - 6.1 **Newsletter**
 - Autumn newsletters distributed
 - 6.2 **Finance**
 - AH proposed that we put £9000 into a Nationwide Instant Access, Interest Bearing Account – this was seconded by IB and was carried by a show of hands.
ACTION:- AH
 - 6.3 **Road Stewards**
 - KS reported that a total of 35 members, with 16 apologies, attended the recent Road Stewards (RS) meeting. It was agreed that it was a well worth exercise and a lot of positive feedback was forthcoming. Various suggestions were made by the RS, which can be incorporated to assist them. A couple of functions a year for them alone would be welcome possibly with a speaker or a quiz. A discussion then followed regarding the collecting of subs as there appears to be some confusion as to what constitutes our year i.e. a calendar year January to December or financial year April to March.

As KS is standing down and actively looking for a replacement Chief Road Steward it was decided that a decision regarding this matter could be left for the new Senior Road Steward to decide how to deal with the finance.

6.4 Planning

- JR handed out her report. She reported that she would be writing regarding Initial House and also 262-270 Field End Road – conversion of office block into flats. A copy of JR's report is with these minutes

6.5 Police Matters

- We understand that the new Borough Commander is reorganizing the police in Hillingdon and details of the Consultative Groups and SNT will be forthcoming in due course.
- There was no further news on the new arrangements for Police SNT Panels

6.6 Transport and Road Safety

- IB proposed that ERA continues its annual membership of FOMLUC at a cost of £8, seconded by KS – approved by a show of hands.
- Noisy & speeding nighttime lorry movements – IB posed a public question at the full Hillingdon Council meeting on 8th November. Cabinet member for Transport, Cllr Burrows, have confirmed his previous decision not to subscribe to the pan London enforcement scheme (LLCS), very disappointingly, he offered no viable enforcement alternative. Residents of other areas confirmed problems with night time lorry noise by a letter to The Gazette. ERA will continue to try to get some action on this matter.
- Cheney St – temporary installation of VAS (vehicle activated speed) awaited
- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety: scheme installation still awaited.
- Field End Rd near j/w Eastcote Rd – update awaited:
- Lime Grove obstruction re on-street parking: Consultation on parking scheme also awaited.
- Interesting to note that the health agenda is again advocating increased levels of walking and cycling, especially for local journeys.

6.7 Parks Reports

Cavendish/Bessingby Parks

Matters arising from QGM Thursday 15th November 2012.

- Funding from the Chrysalis Fund is being sought, to resurface part of the tennis courts, and remove the old Portacabin. Renewal of fencing. The tennis courts are currently free use to all residents, the Ward Councillors and Residents would like to see this arrangement remain. The above improvements will mean that 4 full sized courts are available to members of the public. ERA's support for this Chrysalis application will be sought.
- 4,000 bulbs were planted recently; the 1st session was for the public the 2nd Newnham School took the lead.
- The Friends group will be organizing another Easter Egg hunt on Easter Monday 2013. In previous years ERA have made a donation towards funding the event. A discussion was held and a vote taken and it was agreed to donate £25 to the Easter Egg Hunt.

ACTION:-AH

- The next QGM 28th Feb 2013, 8.pm Cavendish Pavilion.

Warrender

- Their next meeting is in December.

Elms

- There are 11 Elm Trees for Eastcote, to be planted in Long Meadow, Pinn Meadows near Elmbridge Drive, Warrender Park, Bessingby/Cavendish Park, Warrender School.
- The Borough has also been given a large number of trees, about 150. These will be planted Borough wide.

Eastcote House Gardens

- Emergency repairs are now finished.
- A date for the move of the snooker club is still awaited. The floor at Haydon Hall that was causing a problem is now OK.
- Tree Dressing 1st December starting at 1.30pm.
- QGM of both the Conservation Panel/FEHG, Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm Eastcote Methodist Church, Pamela Gardens. All welcome.

6.8 Webmaster

- The redevelopment of the Website is going ahead.

6.9 Heath & Community Voice

- No report.
- Future of Northwood and Pinner Hospital building – it is hoped that this can be resolved soon.
- There is a problem with small numbers turning up for the Community Voice meetings – they are held from 7.45pm to 10pm which some people consider to be too late.

6.10 Business Liaison

- No report as IP is at another meeting.

7 **AOB/Correspondence**

- EASTCOTE FESTIVAL –IB said that it was important that once this years' event was over that we use our influence to ensure that there is a proper debriefing and audited accounts particularly as we are a major contributor. He went on to thank everyone in advance who had agreed to turn up to help on the stall on the day. Technically IB is the licence holder. On the ERA stall we will not be charging for mulled wine and minced pies but will ask for a donation.
- STREET CHAMPION MEETING – IG attended the recent meeting where the speakers were Tony Ellis talking about the role of Hillingdon Hospital's Public Governors, Adam Stitson from the Anti Social Behaviour Team and Jane Chamberlain on the improvements to Northwood Hills town centre.
- HARA – At the last meeting we were introduced to Fran Beasley who takes up her official duties as the new Hillingdon Chief Executive on the 1st December. She gave us some personal history but also went on to explain that there had been some reorganization within the Council and she will only have three directors instead of the original six. It was suggested that we invite her to come back in a years' time. At the next meeting in January the speaker is DCS Steve Kershaw.
- ELM AVENUE – it has been reported that there are still dead flowers, and other personal trinkets etc on the tree where a fatal road accident occurred some time ago and local residents would like it removed. We understand that they should only be left for 13 months before removal and it is the Council's responsibility to remove them. CG/IB to investigate.

ACTION:- CG/IB

This part of the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

EXECUTIVE MEETING;

It was suggested that as we have had problems with planning recently that we invite someone from planning to come and talk to us possibly January or February.

Further discussion then took place regarding the role of Chief Road Steward. A suggestion was made that it might be possible to split the role, the challenge being to find two people, one to take on the responsibility of the subs collection and the other to take on the responsibility of distributing the Newsletter. EB has connection with other groups and will ask around whether a volunteer may be prepared to take it on.

This meeting closed at 9.30.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

- The next meeting will be on the 30TH January 2013 at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom.