



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2014
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church

1. **Present** –Chris Groom (Acting Chairman for the meeting), Irene Groom, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Ian Murray, Karen Spink, Keith Barnard, Cllr Edward Lavery, David Harper, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, Cllr Becky Haggar, David Payne, Gawain Cox.
2. **Apologies for Absence** , Alison Akerman, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Teji Barnes, Cllr Nick Denys, Pamela Jean Marr, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, Linda Laurie, Carolyn Derecki, David Stephens, Cllr Michael White, Andrea Gohil, Cllr Duncan Flynn.
3. **Welcome** CG opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
4. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 29th October 2014 were agreed with no amendments.

5. **Matters arising from 29th October 2014 minutes.**

- Cllr ND reported that the issue of the alleyway by Eastcote Station is ongoing. Following a site visit the footpath has been cleared of litter and vegetation has been cleared back to allow more light into the footpath. The Council will also soon be clearing the drain at the top of the footpath and fix a new cover. With regard to the tree and immediate area around it, a survey will be undertaken by the Tree Officer to establish if the issue of the cracked pavement can be resolved while the tree remains there. The Council is still investigating my request to improve the street lighting in the alley. The walls and fencing either side of the footpath are privately owned.

ACTION:ND

- Cannon Lane School – parking problems – no further information.
- Bessingby Park/Cavendish – Cllr MW reported that the water main repair saga is still going on, we are on the second set of contractors but it seems we are getting near the end. The site for the new bowls hut is cleared in preparation to install the new hut but has been delayed, but creeping to fruition. As for general flooding in the park, the water table is high and it is becoming an annual event.
- Harefield Medipark site – Dementia Village and Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 – JR reports that she has written to the planning office regarding these two items.
- Warrender Park – The resurfacing of the Tennis Courts and installation of a Multi use games area is almost complete. The work started later than planned, the heavy vehicles have caused some damage to the grassed areas, Green Spaces are aware of the problem and will repair ASAP. The agreement with Bishop Ramsey School is that the tennis courts will be for public use at all times. The Multi use games area will be for BR use during school times, but at all other times it will be for public use. A park user has pointed out that there is still a double wire fencing around this area which is full of rubbish, it cannot get there by accident, so it has been requested that this design fault is remedied, a reply from LGH is awaited.
- ERA annual Public Liability Insurance of has been paid.

6. **New resident issues:**

- Various residents have complained about the state of the pavements in and around Eastcote, Cllr BH has been chasing and the following repairs have been done:-
 - O/s Super Drugs --Rocking slabs.
 - O/S 104-106 ---Rocking Slabs
 - O/S Eastcote Café -- Rocking Slabs
 - O/S Funeral Funeral & Monumental.
 - O/s 164 --- Rocking Slabs
 - O/S Still Water (Kitchen & Bathrooms(-- Rocking Slabs
 - O/SThai Lemon -- Rocking Slabs
 - O/S 175 -- Rocking Slabs
 - O/S Budgens -- Rocking Slabs
 - O/S 95 (Sky Kitchen) -- Slabs Rocking.
 - O/S 108 Tax Assist --Slabs Trip
 - O/S 160 World of Flowers--Box Trip
 - O/S The Wine Shop-- Box Trips
 - O/S The Fun House Toy Store ---Box Trips
 - O/S Santander Bank --M/H/C --Box Trips
 - O/S Chicken Royal --Box Trips
 - O/S HSBC -- M/H/C --Box Trips
 - Also Works orders LBH/20072, LBH/ 20471, LBH/20570 were raised for O/s 164, O/S Malt House, O/S & Opp. Eastcote Station to carry out remedial works. This normally takes 6-8 weeks to complete.
 - Also now inspect shopping areas on a monthly basis, and raise works orders as and when the defects are reaching above Council intervention level.

7. New Funding Requests

- NONE.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Planning –JR

- The Planning Report up to the 26th November was distributed. JR brought to our attention the following items:
- Midcroft (old petrol station off Ruislip High Street) – flats refused – various residents associations co-operated together on this.
- Harefield Dementia Village – IM attended a meeting regarding this and he reports that Conservation Panel is objecting due to green belt issues.
- 151 Woodlands Avenue – JR will be writing on this.
- 92 Catlins Lane – refused
- 16 Deerings Drive – tree surgery – still undecided
- KS reported that she had been in touch with Building Control regarding the problems with bonfires and dirty pavements outside No. 24 Field End Road, they eventually came back to say that they do not deal with bonfire issues, the Contact Centre was emailed and the answer came from the Anti Social Team. Suggestion was that photos be taken of the bonfire and other problems so that photographic evidence can be emailed to the various Council departments. The mud on the pavements and roads is dealt with by the Highways Department.
- Initial House – they have built to the old approved plans.

8.2 Police Matters

- Cllr BH reported that the next meeting of the SNT Team is 10th December. Cllr BH attended the last meeting and met the new Inspector Rob Bryan, the meeting went very well and he is very efficient and working very hard to get to grips with the problems in our area particularly as there has been a spate of burglaries recently.

8.3 Transport /Road Safety

- A new Metropolitan Line timetable will be introduced in December and all trains from Uxbridge will be projected through to Aldgate throughout the day as will trains starting from Amersham and Chesham. Trains from Watford will always normally terminate at Baker Street platform one (and depart from) leaving platform four as a “spare” platform.
- IM reported under Transport that there are 14 stations in the outer region of the Met Line which do not have train arrival information signs due to technical problems. These problems have now been overcome and in future there will be illuminated signs put into operation.
- IM reports that he is now on the mailing list for Metropolitan Line Users Group and will be receiving, in future, regular updates which he will pass on to us.

8.4 Parks Report

• Eastcote House Gardens: -

- With a further boost from the Lloyds Community Award of £1K, the restoration fund now stands at almost £23K, leaving a sum of £2,050.00 to raise for the match funding for the HLF bid.
- Ground Works:- Trees along the HaHa, will be removed. All have been checked for bats, the remaining tree, will be reduced for safety, but the trunk will be left. North Boundary with High Road Eastcote, a section 150 sq mtr of Laurel has been removed, the stumps will be ground out and a planting scheme to give more all year colour will be planted as soon as possible, this is only one small section of the boundary that needs attention, work will be carried out in sections as time allows.
- Restoration Project - The progress is slow and disappointing, complaints have been made to LBH officers regarding the state of the footpaths and Messenger, the contractor, must keep the site in a cleaner condition.
- It has been reported that there is a broken lamp post and damaged fencing alongside High Road Eastcote near entrance to EHG.

ACTION: BH

- **Hedging behind the War Memorial** – The Friends are still awaiting for the fencing behind the Memorial to be dealt with by the Housing Department, before they can order and plant the hedging. Cllr BH will chase up.

ACTION: BH

- **The FEHG** have again, been working in the gardens of Missouri Court

8.5 Health and Community Voice -EB

- No report. CG to investigate as to why we are no longer receiving the Community Voice papers by email like we did in the past. **ACTION: CG**

8.6 Webmaster - GC

- **No report.**

8.7 Finance - AH

- No report.

8.8 Road Stewards - AA

- We had a good meeting with Road Stewards on Friday 31st October. We invited all Road Stewards to attend for the purpose of confirming procedures, forum for raising any comments/issues and also an opportunity to meet other Stewards. We were successful in having just under half attend which we felt was a good response and understand that everyone felt it was both worthwhile and enjoyable. The Autumn Newsletters were issued to Area Road Stewards at the meeting and so Stewards have been busy over the past few weeks in delivering to members. Can I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.

8.9 Newsletter - LL

- The Newsletter in colour and more information has been welcomed.

8.10 HARA - IG

- Last Meeting -.The speaker was Raj Alagh – Head of the Legal Services Team.
- Other items discussed included Transport, Roads, Speed Humps, and West London Waste Plan.
- Like other RAs problems reported are planning and the bad state of road and pavements in their area.
- January speaker is District Borough Superintendent Nick Downing.
- Handed out our latest Newsletter to the RAs attending the meeting.

8. AOB –

- A resident has sent ERA an email regarding volunteering as he wishes to do volunteer work in our area, CG to give him Nick Hurd's details, also to pass on to him details of HAVS and other groups. **ACTION:CG**
- Pembroke Park – the unveiling ceremony of the Plaque in memoery of HMS Pembroke V went very well and was on the front page of the Gazette. An article, including photos, to be included in the next Newsletter.
- Kings College – the running track refurbishment is coming on with drainage etc to be completed by end of December.
- There has been further flooding near the Black Horse – the Water Board has, to date been unable to find the blockage. Cllr BH dealing with this. Other items Cllr BH is dealing with are Royal Mail regarding a new Post Box outside the new Post office, the rubbish at the back of Tescos and working with residents to get CCTV installed. **ACTION:BH**
- EASTCOTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Vince Small has stood down as Chairman, there is a meeting next week to elect a new Chairman, in the meantime Geoff Brown is the person to contact.
- IG has received the following letters from the Council –
 - West London Waste Plan, Review of polling districts and polling places and
 - Guidance for Roadside Memorials and Other Memorials on Council Controlled Land.
 - If anyone would like copies, contact (Irene Groom – Secretary) by email, for details of the email address/or telephone number of the department to contact within the Council for more details.
- For your information – The telephone number to report faulty parking ticket machines is 01895 250926.

There being no further business CG closed the meeting at 9.10pm wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 28th January 2015 at the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm. Keith Barnard will be chairing this meeting. PLEASE EMAIL/PHONE YOUR APOLOGIES AND REPORTS TO IRENE GROOM.