

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th November 2016

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Keith Barnard, Ian Murray, Cllr Catherine Dann, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes, Malcolm Penny.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Jackie Redrup, Cllr Becky Haggard, Cllr Michael White, Cllr Nick Denys, Deesha Chadha, Carolyn Derecki, Alison Akerman, Pamela Jean Marr, Linda Laurie, David Payne, Andrea Gohil.
2. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 26th October were agreed by a show of hands,
3. **Matters arising from the 26th October 2016 meeting**
 - IM reports that Cllr Flynn has now assisting with the Daymer Gardens problem.
 - EB reports that she has got permission from Community Voice for us to put their newsletters directly onto our web site.
 - CG reports that he is still investigating for a speaker for our AGM next May. **ACTION:CG**
4. **New Resident Issues:-**
 - No new issues raised
5. **New funding requests :-**
 - No new funding requests
6. **Committee Reports**
- 6.1 **Chairman's Report - AH**
 - Met with Access Officer about tactile paving and other pavement issues. He is looking into the dangerous pavement step near Sainsburys, uneven area either side of redundant access road at the Ascott, and the dropped kerb within the disabled parking bay in Meadow Way outside the library. The raised area of road providing level access across the service road to the bus stops is often blocked by parked cars so have asked if it can be marked KEEP CLEAR as is the similar area the Zebra crossing.
 - AH reported on latest Town Centre Update from the council – ERA felt that the choice of Font did not in itself confer identity and so would still prefer to use Johnson Font to Art Deco Font chosen by the council because it is different to Ruislip Manor. The latest Ghost writing is restricted to white EASTCOTE on the wall at the end of Deanecroft and car parking on side wall of Carpet Mart and old pet shop.
 - Advertising banners which can be re-used and canvas bags have already been printed for use at the Christmas Fair.
 - ERA Branding – suggested wait until new Newsletter Designer and Webmaster found. In the interim use Font and colour of newsletter masthead for letterheads etc.
 - Attended Ruislip Lido meeting:- parking at Ruislip Lido continues to be a matter of concern with residents' cars being blocked in at the end of Lakeside Close and restricted access for emergency and public service vehicles. There needs to be coach parking spaces to accommodate the increasing number of school visits to the area. The portable car-park-full signs on the surrounding roads are not kept up-to-date, so give misleading information which exacerbates the situation. The residents support stricter enforcement of parking restrictions in the area, with the possibility of the introduction of a tow zone in the immediate vicinity or a park and ride scheme. There has been some suggestion of introducing charging schemes for out-of-borough visitors in combination with the use of the Hillingdon First card to provide free access for residents, although at present this is unlikely due to difficulty of fencing off the area.

6.2 Finance – AH

- Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £30.00 Approved
- Refreshments Stewards Evening Event - £7.49 Approved
- Public Liability Insurance - £198.00 Approved
- Leaflet printing 1000 - £85.00 Approved.
- A Provisional Treasurers Report has been emailed to the committee.

6.3 Health and Community Voice

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

6.4 Newsletter - LL

- No report.

6.5 Parks Report - KB

Eastcote House Gardens.

- Tree Dressing starting at 1-30 pm Saturday 26th November. Local school choirs and Uniformed Groups. Raffle and Bear Hunt. Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon in attendance.
- There was vandalism of the large wooden tubs in the courtyard in front of the stables– youths were seen on CCTV fighting and throwing the plants around.

6.6 Planning – JR

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

- **3 Pikes End** - At the North Planning Committee on 26th October, the decision was deferred, subject to receiving photos of the property and surrounding area. The Committee reviewed these on 16th November and the application was refused.
- **81 Field End Road** - CG is raising a petition against this application considered to be overdevelopment. JR will write to object on behalf of ERA. Lesley Crowcroft has written to object on behalf of the Eastcote Conservation Panel and she is also raising a petition. The application will be determined by the North Planning Committee and it is understood that this will not now be until early 2017. **ACTION: JR/CG**
- **Eastcote Petrol Station** -The original application to revamp the forecourt, including for the provision of a shop, was approved in July 2015 and this cannot now be challenged. The current application seeks to alter the height of the canopy. It will be heard by the North Planning Committee – no date shown as yet and again it is unlikely to be until early 2017. Both the Eastcote Conservation Panel and ERA have written in to object and a petition has been raised, led by a resident in Flag Walk. A number of residents have also sent in written objections. Several residents have asked about the clearing of the land next to Pretty Corner. It appears that the clearance has stopped and the trees, that had to remain under the terms of the approved planning permission, have not been touched. However, the LBH tree officer was to contact the site owner to give a warning that these trees cannot be removed.
- **Black Horse Pub – wooden structure in the garden** - There is no apparent planning permission for this, and the LBH Enforcement Team are involved, but they have not been in a position to give their response as yet.

6.7 SNT/Police – CH

CH reports that the next meeting is 18th January 2017.

6.9 Transport - IM

- IM reported that he attended a meeting in Harrow – very poorly attended. Next meeting is scheduled for 26th January at Baker Street.
- There is still very serious problems on the Piccadilly Line – shuttle services only from Acton to Rayners Lane only – no service at all to Uxbridge.

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

- IG was unable to attend the last HARA Meeting – the Minutes have not yet been sent. The next meeting is in January.

7. A.O.B.

- The Green Belt meeting attended by IM was the AGM – a full committee was appointed. Affiliation Fee is £25. There is to be fund raising functions and the web site will invite donations

and gift aid. There are 272 Green Belt areas in London under threat of development, mostly in East London and Home Counties.

- We have been advised that the Shell Petrol Station in Ickenham is to close.
- We have been advised that there has been problems by the Polish Shop next to Eastcote Station with goods and boxes being stored on the pavement – this needs to be monitored and infringements reported.
- Eastcote Fair – the contact for the Fair is Lisa Coker. CG/KB will set up and man the stall for the first couple of hours – DH/MP take over at midday and AH/CH/DC will take over at 2pm – CG will be back for take down gazebo.
- Problems have been reported through out the area regarding the leaves on the pavements not being cleared. Cllr CD has emailed to the Council photos she has received from residents regarding this problem.
- **ERA Meeting Dates for 2017:** All meetings are held on a Wednesday, except where indicated, at the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church, except where indicated. All meetings start at 7.30pm. 11th or 25th TBC January, 22nd February, 29th March, 26th April, AGM **Tuesday 30th May** at St Thomas More Catholic Church, 28th June, 26th July, 30th August TBC, 27th September, 25th October, 29th November. There is to be an Open Forum Meeting in October – date to be advised in due course.

There being no further business AH closed the meeting at 9am.

The next Committee Meeting will be **on WEDNESDAY 11th or 25th TBC January 2017** in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.

Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.