



Eastcote Residents Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 31st October 2012.
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Ian Murray, Ian Parkinson, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Alison Akerman, Tom Sharkey, Keith Barnard, Cllr.Catherine Dann, David Harper, Andrea Gohil, Sally Prendergast (Elm Avenue), Dympne McDermott, Denis Quigley.
2. **Apologies for absence:** - Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Gawain Cox, Jean Gibson, Pamela Jean Marr, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr.Bruce Baker, Cllr.David Payne, Cllr.Michael White, Cllr.Raymond Graham, Cllr.Edward Lavery.
3. **Resident's Issues.** – None raised.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**
 The Minutes of the Meeting of the 26th September 2012 were agreed.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
 - Azalea Walk – the notices agreed at the last meeting are now displayed on the 5 ERA Notice Boards. It was agreed that they be displayed for two months starting from the day they were displayed, i.e. 14th October 2012.
 - Christmas Festival – IP handed around a brochure and Outline Budget for this year's event. He went on to say that a number of people had come forward to assist with the running of the event. It is to be more community based with most of the stallholders being local communities and charities. An alcohol licence has been obtained. The stage is to be in the centre of town in The Ascott car park. The Christmas street lights, with some alterations, will be going up soon. Some of street trees are to be decorated, the one outside the Library and the one outside "Hair Tomorrow" and one by St Lawrence Drive. The proceeds of the stalls run by the festival team will be donated to charity. There will be a parade led by local churches. Regarding the financial aspect, some business have already made a contribution and IP asked that ERA support the event and make a financial contribution of £1000. After a lot of discussion, it was proposed and carried by a show of hands that we make a donation of £1000 for this year only with the proviso that this will be discussed again in the future. IP then introduced Sally Prendergast representing the local church groups who explained her role as a member of the team. She has produced friendship banners and asked that, before we left the building, we each sew on a button onto the banner. Banners will circulate around the area and will lead the parade on the day. TS thanked IP for all his hard work in organising this event for the last two years.
 - Eastcote House Gardens Consultation – very well supported and the local history photos were very interesting. Regarding feedback, some negative points regarding some items, but on the whole very well received. The History Society will be giving a talk on the archaeological dig in May, details to follow.
6. **Representatives Reports**
 - 6.1 **Newsletter**
 - IB thanked LL and DH for all their hard work in getting the magazine out. DH has agreed to assist with the spring edition. This edition to contain all the reports that will be given at the AGM, so that people unable to attend the AGM can see what the committee has been dealing with throughout the year.
 - 6.2 **Finance**

- AH had researched thoroughly where we should put excess funds. IB then gave details of her research and after discussion, it was decided that the money should be held in an account for six months at 1.8%. **ACTION:- AH**
- We were then advised that the two new Notice Boards have now been installed and we now need to pay our contribution of £300. **ACTION:- AH**

6.3 Road Stewards

- Road Stewards Meeting on the 22nd NOVEMBER - this event is organised to get the road stewards together and thank them and to discuss how to retain road stewards and how to recruit more so we cover more roads. LL and CD will be providing tea, coffee and biscuits on the night. James Burgess from Street Champions will be coming to the event. **NOTE** – There is a Street Champion meeting on Tuesday 13th November at St. Lawrence Church from 7pm to 9pm. The speakers are Adam Stitson Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Manager, Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust regarding the role of Public Governors, Jane Chamberlain Town Centre Improvements Officer, and Ian Burch chairman of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch. **ACTION:- ALL**

6.4 Planning

- No report due to family problems – but report will be circulated when available. **ACTION:- JR**
- Pembroke Park Estate - There are planning issues regarding additional unapproved dormers on some of the new blocks of flats and we do not appear to be getting much response from Hillingdon Council, they now advise us that they are waiting for Wimpy to provide them with their working drawings so that they can compare the working drawings with the ones that were passed. A lot of discussion then followed and CD agreed to send an email to members of the Council regarding this matter with copies to CG and IB. **ACTION:- CD**
- Initial House – a consultation on new proposals has taken place and the new proposals were generally well received.. We were advised that an appeal on the previous plans has been lodged by the liquidators.
- A suggestion was made that we try and organise a meeting with the Counsellors and Council planning officers so that we can bring to their attention how frustrated we find it when we do not get answers to our questions. IB to liaise with JR. **ACTION:- IB/JR**

6.5 Police Matters

- There has been no meetings, so therefore no report.
- It would appear that police committees are likely to be phased out and to be replaced by another body. It is not clear whether these new bodies will include representatives from area communities.
- There are still no firm plans for police SNT panels. CG agreed to liaise with Sandra Ruddick to ascertain what is happening. **ACTION:- CG**

6.6 Transport and Road Safe

- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – in view of the decision by Cllr Burrows not to join the London Lorry Control Scheme, indicate an alternative enforcement plan, the following question has been submitted to be posed at the next full Council meeting on 8th November
 - *‘There is legislation in place to restrict the movement of lorries during the night to reduce noise pollution in London. Whilst 28 out of 32 London boroughs subscribe to the London Lorry Control Scheme the LB of Hillingdon does not. What alternative enforcement regime is the LB of Hillingdon proposing to implement in order to secure compliance with the London night time lorry ban?’*
- Cheney St – LBH are due to install VAS (vehicle activated speed) signs shortly as previously intended
- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety: Scheme has been approved, consisting of intermittent tables, two crossings and 20mph zone. Date of commencement not known at this time.
- Field End Rd near j/w Eastcote Rd – update awaited:
- Lime Grove obstruction re on-street parking: Consultation on parking scheme still awaited.
- IB attended a Cycle Liaison meeting at Civic Centre. LBH is a nominated Cycling Borough and has a number of initiatives designed to increase cycling. The Council are currently considering a suggestion to include a contractual requirement for freight operators,

supplying to the Council, to attain TfL FORS bronze standard thereby enhancing road safety.

6.7 Parks Reports

- Full details of Conservation matters and local parks was given in the Minutes of the Eastcote Conservation Panel QGM held September 6th. If anyone wants a copy of these, please contact Lesley Crowcroft.
- There are one or two changes to the Locally Listed Buildings:-
 - Thatched Cottage Cuckoo Hill, Oakwood, Catlins Lane and 117-195 Field End Road have had their Statement of Significance revised.
 - Of interest although not in Eastcote, Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital, and the Bofors Gun Tower Ruislip Manor Sports Club, have been recommended for Local Listing.
- Eastcote House Gardens
 - Full minutes of the QGM 8th September are available from Lesley Crowcroft.
 - The FEHG are now trying to repair the damage caused by the builders to the Wall borders.
 - On several dates from 19th October until 3rd November, School Groups and Uniformed groups will be planting bulbs in the Jubilee Orchard.
 - The Vintage Garden season is now over.
 - Next events at EHG :-
 - Community Volunteer Day Saturday 27th October, meet 10am in the car park EHG, conservation work in Long Meadow.
 - Tree Dressing 1st December. 1.30pm
 - There will possibly be a Carol afternoon on 16th December in conjunction with Vintage Tea 2 You more details to follow.

6.8 Webmaster

- No report.

6.9 Heath & Community Voice

- No report.

6.10 Business Liaison

- Report under Christmas Festival above.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- HARA – Unable to attend last meeting and to-date no Minutes forthcoming. IG has received email copies of replies to letters that HARA sent to Borough Commander DCS Steve Kershaw regarding policing and Cllr. Philip Corthorne regarding Housing. Please contact IG if you would like copies.
- ERA Public Liability Insurance of £75 has been paid.
- After discussion it was decided that ERA would have a stall at the Christmas Festival and we would probably do Mull Wine and Mince Pies like last year, we cannot charge but would ask for a donation. A question was raised whether ERA was expected to pay for their stall.
- **REMEMBRANCE PARADE ON SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER** – meeting at Abbotsbury at 10.30am. IB has received a wreath and the cost is £20.
ACTION:- ALL

IB closed the meeting at 9.15pm - The next meeting will be on the 28th November 2012 at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm. Apologies to Irene Groom.