

# Eastcote Residents' Association

## Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

**Present** – Alison Holtorp (Chairman), Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Jackie Redrup, Linda Laurie, David Harper, Chris Hankin, Ian Murray, Cllr Catherine Dann, Elizabeth Beggs, Dev Chadha, Elizabeth Beggs, Andrea Gohil.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Becky Haggart, Cllr Michael White, Gawain Cox, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes, Cllr Nick Denys, Deesha Chadha, Keith Barnard, Carolyn Derecki, Alison Akerman, Alison Dungworth.
2. **Amendments/Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> September were agreed by a show of hands, after a small amendment to para 7.8 The Case is Altered Public House – remove three words so the sentence starts “There are increasing more ....etc”
3. **Matters arising from the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 meeting**
  - Cllr CD reports on para 5 (New Residents Issues) – that various emails and letters have been exchanged regarding this matter and that a survey is being done and consultation with residents is taking place. **ACTION:- CD**
  - IM reported on the ongoing problems in Daymer Gardens. Emails have been sent to the Council by himself and neighbours affected. IM wants to send an official letter of complaint on ERA notepaper, he will write the letter, with photographic evidence, and the letter to be signed by AH. **ACTION:- IM**
4. **New Resident Issues:-**
  - No new issues raised
5. **New funding requests :-**
  - Application received from Eastcote House Gardens – for £275 (50% of the cost of plants) to create prairie style planting on Dovecote Meadow around centerpiece of old farm equipment provided by LBH. **AGREED**
6. **Committee Reports**
  - 6.1 **Chairman's Report - AH**
    - Wrote to request ERA presence at Eastcote Craft Fair, since the meeting it has been confirmed that ERA can have table in Ascott Car Park.
    - This years Christmas lights are blue & white and there will be a Festive Shop Window Competition.
    - Asked for update from Chamber of Commerce (CofC) re light switch on and met with CofC on Monday. Since then have asked for further clarification and have as yet had no reply.
    - Sent congratulations to volunteers via Lesley Crowcroft (EHG and Long Meadow), Rob Cousins (Pinn Meadows) and Steve Place (Highgrove Woods) for achieving Gold Awards in London in Bloom.
    - Will be meeting with Access Officer to discuss pavements. **ACTION:- AH**
    - ERA Member NC attended Community Liaison Group Meeting at Northolt as neither CG or AH were able to attend.
      - runway will be closed for resurfacing from May next year for 6 months so there will only be helicopter traffic around during this period.
      - discussions about the dangers of drones and laser pen
      - Open Day next July
    - Have been asked to display poster for Food Bank and Free Activities in Mad 4 Cakes **AGREED**
  - 6.2 **Finance – AH**
    - Thanks to EB for being a cheque signatory. She will be replaced by new treasurer AD.
    - FOMLUC subscription £8 due **APPROVED**
    - Printshop 2700 copies of Newsletter of 24pp £755.00 to be transferred **APPROVED**
  - 6.3 **Health and Community Voice - EB**

- The latest reports have been received and distributed to members. EB has been asked to contact Community Voice to request their permission to put their monthly newsletter onto our web site. **ACTION:- EB**

#### **6.4 Newsletter - LL**

- AH thanked LL and DH for producing an excellent Newsletter. LL confirmed that the spring edition will be her last one, so it will be necessary to find someone to take over and work with LL on the spring edition. AH thanked LL for all her hard work over the years. LL/CD brought to our attention the problem of the weight of the magazine and the size of the boxes used by the printer. After a lengthy discussion, a 24 page limit was suggested and that the printer be asked to use smaller boxes.

#### **6.5 Parks Report - KB**

Eastcote House Gardens.

- Second Hand Book Sale and EHG Publications for sale Saturday 5th November. 11-00 am to 2-00 pm, in Gardeners Yard at rear of Walled Garden. Free Entry. Eastcote Horticultural Society will have Spring Bulbs for sale.
- Tree Dressing starting at 1-30 pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Local school choirs and Uniformed Groups. Raffle and Bear Hunt. Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon in attendance.

#### **6.6 Planning – JR**

- JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. She also highlighted the following:-
  - **Tudor Lodge – roof tiles** - Works to replace the tiles that do not match the existing are now underway.
  - **Decision Notices taking more than 8 weeks** - Where decision dates are shown to be longer than 8 weeks on the Planning website, this information has been added to the attached planning report and JR will endeavour to keep this information up to date on each report.
  - **Results of applications going before the North Planning Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> October:-**
    - 50 Rodney Gardens - recommended for refusal - refused
    - (Land) Adjacent to 29 & 33 Dollis Crescent – recommended for refusal – application withdrawn prior to the meeting
    - 1 Rushmoor Close – recommended for approval – approved
  - **3 Pikes End** – This application is to be heard by the North Planning Committee, this evening, 26<sup>th</sup> October. It is recommended for refusal. The Officer's report states that a decision was delayed due to giving the Applicant the opportunity to make changes to the application such that it might be accepted.

#### **6.7 SNT/Police – CH**

CH report on Eastcote and East Ruislip SNT meeting:-

- This was the first meeting for Sergeant Rob Geraghty, the new Ward Sergeant.
- Crime figures were broadly the same as during the previous period. Burglaries remain the largest concern; a number of them involved access through open windows or by rear access.
- CH raised the issues about the Eastcote Station alleyway and the Cheney Street one way system -- the SNT agreed to look into these but also said that the shops had CCTV coverage of the alleyway.
- Another resident raised concerns about suspicious vehicles parked near Missouri Court.

#### **6.8 Road Stewards – AA**

- No report.

#### **6.9 Transport - IM**

- No report.

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

- IG reports that the speaker for the September meeting was Joan Davies from Community Voice, as her report was very long IG can email it to anyone interested.
- The speaker for the November meeting is Robin Brown entitled "Towards a Community Led Plan for London and Hayes". There is a booklet to accompany this talk but it is 78 pages

long. IG will try and ascertain if it is possible to obtain a hard copy.

- Future speakers – January 2017 LBH on Flooding Management. March or May someone from RAF Northolt.

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

- CG reported on his recent meeting at the Eastcote Cricket Club where they gave details of their forthcoming plans for the future of the Club.
- It has come to our attention that building work is being carried out at the Black Horse Public House.
- IM gave a report on what is happening in Pinner.
  - The two Zebra Crossings are being relocated.
  - The rebuilding work on the Heath Robinson building is nearly complete and the house is now open on Friday, Saturday and Sundays only for the moment.
  - Harrow Council proposes to build flats on part of the Waxwell Lane Car Park despite objections.
  - The Harrow Arts Centre in Hatch End are in dispute with Harrow Council and if the dispute is not resolve the Centre will have to close next March.
  - The Boundary Commission has announced boundary changes to Pinner and Hatch End.
  - The Pinner Post Office is moving to W.H.Smiths on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, the sorting office and parcel collection will remain in the present building.
- 2017 AGM – This has been booked and paid for – **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. A suggestion was made that we have someone from the Council and CG agreed to contact Jean Palmer for her advice on who to approach. **ACTION:- CG**
- OPEN FORUM – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – separate tables with one committee member on each table to encourage members to participate and ask questions. There will be a table by the door with sheets for people to fill in if they are prepared to become Road Stewards. IG will liaise with the church regarding collecting the key. Cllr CD gave her apologies for this meeting.

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

**The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm.**

**Reports and apologies to Irene Groom.**