



**Eastcote Residents Association**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
**Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church**

1. **Present:** - Ian Brooks(Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Jackie Redrup, Elizabeth Beggs, Ian Parkinson, Gawain Cox, Linda Laurie, Chris Groom, Carolyn Derecki, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Cllr. David Payne, Jean Gibson. Alison Akerman, Andrea Gohil, Tom Sharkey. Visitors: Hilary Gotham (Gerrard Gardens), Sylvia Ladyman (Gerrard Gardens), Pamela Jean Marr, Roger Dando (Azalea Walk), Helen Ronchetti (Azalea Walk), Simon Beltrame (Azalea Walk), Paul Ashby.
2. **Apologies for absence:** -, Cllr. Michael White, Cllr. Raymond Graham, Cllr. Edward Lavery, Cllr. Andrew Retter, Ian Murray, Keith Barnard, Cllr. Bruce Baker.
3. **Resident's Issues.**  
 Azalea Walk – HG presented a paper explaining the problems of the fence and locked gate in Azalea Walk. HR then explained the reasons for the necessity of installing the fence and locked gate (crime & disorder issues). A long discussion then took place with everyone given the opportunity of giving their point of view. IB then explained that it was not up to ERA to take sides in this matter but to give them a forum in which to discuss the matter, with this in mind IB proposed (seconded by CG) that each side submit a suitable notice that can be displayed on the ERA Notice Boards. These notices to include an email address so that people either for or against can register their opinion on this matter. These notices to be sent to IB for vetting, then arrangements will be made for them to be displayed on the various Notice Boards.
4. **Minutes of previous meeting:**  
 The Minutes of the Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were agreed.
5. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**
  - Item 6.5 – Christmas Festival 2011 -DP commented that an independent scrutiny of the accounts was required. IP advised that the accounts were nearly ready and would be circulated soon. We were also advised that the Christmas Festival for 2012 will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – more details in due course.
  - Item 6.6 – The consultation of Eastcote House Gardens lottery bid will take place on Friday and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September at Thomas More Church, Field End Road, Eastcote from 10am to 4pm.
6. **Representatives Reports**
  - 6.1 **Newsletter**
    - The Newsletter will be going to the printers next Monday (1<sup>st</sup> October) and will be ready the third week of October.
  - 6.2 **Finance**
    - AH presented an update of the Accounts. A discussion took place regarding surplus funds, it was decided that AH would investigate the possibility opening an interest bearing account and current account, possibly with separate banks/building society. A query was raised regarding an item under Christmas Lights 2011, an item was shown as a licence rather than a statutory advertisement for road closures.  
**ACTION:- AH**
  - 6.3 **Road Stewards**
    - Nothing to report.
  - 6.4 **Planning**

- The report from JR was circulated before the meeting and is attached to these minutes. JR brought to our attention some items, namely:-
  - 150 FER - Initial House-consultation on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.00am at The Ascott, CG, JR & KS to attend with other residents. Post Meeting Note – Public Consultation – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October- Tudor Lodge Hotel – 10.00am to 4.00pm. **ACTION:- JR/CG/KS**
  - 138 Linden Avenue – previous application withdrawn. ERA member asked for help. Second, almost identical application has been made. JR to have further discussions with PA. **ACTION:- JR/PA**
  - Imada – have lost their appeal, on a technicality (this time on flooding), rather than the proposed layout itself.
  - Land at High Meadow – 45-room Care Home - was brought up by IM at an ERA meeting – IM attended the residents’ consultation. A worried resident also contacted IB and JR prior to the actual application being made. JR/IB to liaise with Cllr. Andrew Retter **ACTION:- JR/IB/AR**
  - 9 Woodlands Avenue – 2 storey building to create 2 dwellings – EVCAAP have written in their own right and also on ERA’s behalf.
  - 17 Beech Avenue – conversation to 2 x 1 bed flats. – CG has written for ERA
  - RAF – apart from the status on their current applications (all rejected), there are also the issues raised by AA on Block D roof lights and Block C dormers, - possible unapproved extra flats – Agreed DP to try to obtain a Stop order from Hillingdon Council planning department. **ACTION :- DP**
  - 146 FER – EVCAAP have complained about the potential for parking of the Enterprise car hire vehicles to spill out onto the main road.
  - 216 FER – Sainsbury’s have put in for a licence for long trading hours.
  - 154 FER – 2<sup>nd</sup> application for change of use to Pizza takeaway. EVCAAP have written asking that original reason for refusal be upheld, i.e. that the loss of a retail outlet a secondary area of Eastcote is not acceptable.
  - Hillingdon Council Residents Forum meeting
    - Discussion of rumoured unsatisfactory changes to Permitted Development Rights – CG to write to our MP’s to express concern & to stop changes. **ACTION:- CG**
    - CIL- Community Infrastructure Levy – in addition to the London Levy of £35/sqm Hillingdon Council is voting on 27<sup>th</sup> September on introducing a CIL at various levels for different types of properties to generally replace Section 106 payments.

## **6.5 Police Matters**

IM attending Hillingdon Police and Community Consultative Group.

Post meeting note by IM of this Group meeting:-

- A presentation was given on the "Taser" device and its uses. Originally this was only issued to armed response officers or those operating at Heathrow. A number of Officers in each borough will be trained in the use of Tasers and Hillingdon will have its team trained by January 2013 (Harrow has already been trained); they will act as a local "flying squad" (my words) for rapid deployment where needed. The Taser is unsuitable for use in controlling large crowds, such as a riot situation, but is effective in a one to one or small aggressive group situations.
- Crime statistics for the borough for the six months from 1 April to 23 September 2012 show a considerable decline under most headings compared to the same period in 2011. However, of concern is a 22.9% increase in Rape offences (from 35 to 43) and other serious sexual offences of 26.3% (from 57 to 72). Homophobic offences are also up from 10 to 15 (50%).
- The war against drug growers and dealers continues with a "day of action " on 20th September when a number of people were arrested and a Cannabis production unit closed down
- The future of CPCGs (Police Committees) is very much in doubt and the feeling is that they will very soon be "extinct". Closures will be rolled out borough by borough and there is no news yet regarding Hillingdon so it could be another year or so before the last meeting at Uxbridge is held. There will be replacement bodies but these may not provide for representation by Residents Associations or other amenity groups.

## **6.6 Transport and Road Safe**

- Noisy & speeding night time lorry movements – Joel St and Field End Rd. Cllr Burrows has decided not to join the London Lorry Control Scheme on the grounds that *‘the cost of the membership, £8,907 in 2012/13 and £10,268 thereafter, limited budgets and other budgets and other Council priorities it is not considered to offer value for money’*. Furthermore LBH have cited *‘the very small number of complaints the Council receives’*. There are no indications as to whether any other problem solving activity is being proposed. This is deemed as an unacceptable outcome especially for those that are having their sleep disturbed having no remedy in this borough but they would have if they slept in 28 other London Boroughs. DP suggested a question regarding this matter should be raised at a Cabinet meeting.

**ACTION; IB**

- Cuckoo Hill - traffic safety: Scheme has been approved and still awaits implementation.
- Cheney Street post scheme remedial measures – Cllr Burrows has decided to not adjust but monitor speeds.
- Crossing - Field End Rd near j/w Eastcote Rd – update awaited:
- Lime Grove obstruction re on-street parking: Consultation on parking scheme awaited.

**6.7 Parks Reports**

- No report.

**6.8 Webmaster**

- The website is currently being updated with the first phase being completed in October
- Webstats: August 927 hits and September (to date) 716 hits

**6.9 Heath & Community Voice**

- The consultation to improve hospitals and community services is continuing until 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**6.10 Business Liaison**

- Nothing to report at the moment. A query was raised regarding whether a flourishing trade association (similar to a Chamber of Commerce) was likely for Eastcote, but we were advised that it was not likely in the near future.

**7 AOB/Correspondence**

- Waste Charges – Residents are going to be charged to dispose of certain types of rubbish at the tip in South Ruislip. (West Waste site- not Hillingdon Council). These charges come into operation on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. It was not clear how they proposed to levy the charges. After discussion the consensus of the committee was that we would get more flytipping in the area. There are no charges for private waste at the Council tip in New Years Green Lane, Harefield.

**This part of the meeting finished at 9.40pm.**

**8 Executive Committee**

IB opened this session of the meeting by advising that a Chief Road Steward needs to be found at KS wishes to give up the role. There isn't anyone on the present committee who can take over so we need to look elsewhere. We need to recruit some new committee members, which will prove difficult. We need to try and advertise ourselves more widely as to what we are about, by articles and interviews in the local papers etc. Although we do get good attendances at the AGM and the Forums, we do gain new members for ERA, they don't seem willing or able to serve on the committee. A suggestion was made that we might find a new Chief Road Steward amongst our current Road Stewards, with this in mind it was suggested that we hold some kind of social function for them. Any other suggestions please.

**IB closed the meeting at 10.05pm** - The next meeting will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 at Elsie Fisher Room, St.Lawrence Church at 7.30pm. **Apologies to Irene Groom.**