

Eastcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30th September 2015

Venue – Elsie Fisher Room, St Lawrence Church

Present – Chris Groom (Acting Chairman), Irene Groom, Karen Spink, Alison Holtorp, Ian Murray, Linda Laurie, Carolyn Derecki, David Harper, Keith Bernard, Cllr Catherine Dann, Pamela Jean Marr, Dev Chadha, Deesha Chadha, David Payne, Daphne Waller.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Michael White, Jean Gibson, Elizabeth Beggs, Gawain Cox, Cllr Eddy Lavery, Cllr Teji Barnes, Jackie Redrup, Alison Akerman, Cllr Michael White, Andrea Gohil, Kim Hatton.
2. **Welcome** CG opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.
3. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the 29th July were agreed by a show of hands, after three small amendments –
 - The two visitors prefer to be defined as people who use a wheel chair.
 - Catlins Lane, JR did contact the neighbour by email and suggested a Land Registry Search and offered further assistance, if required, but the person did not reply.
 - IG had been given the wrong information for contacting Boris Johnson and Cllr EL wrote to advise that his agent Cllr Bridges is the election agent responsible only for the campaign not for ongoing contact with the MP. Boris Johnson contacts are as follows – Boris Johnson MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, telephone number 0207-219-4682, email borisjohnson.mp@parliament.uk
4. **Matters arising from the 29th July 2015 Minutes.**
 - Flooding along High Road Eastcote – this problem is still unresolved. **ACTION:- BH**
 - Cheney Street Traffic Calming – CD advises that the results of the Consultation have been sent out and it is now with Councillors for discussion. Result to be advised. **ACTION:- CD**
 - The three items down to Cllr ND – no information has been received from him but KS reports that the Finger Signs have been put up but are different from the originals. **ACTION:- ND**
 - CG did speak to the Eastcote House Gardens café owner and the two ladies have emailed to say a very good result from a 2nd visit to the café.
 - RE BAR – Cllr BH dealt with this. Cllr BH reports that the Licencing panel did not let the bar extend its hours. There is also a planning application which has been approved for an extension at the rear to expand RE Bar but reduce the rear garden area.
 - CG advises that the AGM has been booked for WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2016 at Thomas More Church – an invoice has been received and passed to AH for payment, it is noted that price has gone up from £36 to £45.
 - Freedom Passes – a straw pole amongst various people does indicate that there is a problem with times that people can or cannot use the passes and this needs to be investigated further to clarify the position, and perhaps Cllr BH could investigate. (post meeting note the terms of use are set out on the link [Using the pass | London Councils](http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/services/freedom-pass/using-pass) or can be accessed at website <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/services/freedom-pass/using-pass> -
 - Xmas Lights – CG did speak to a Council Officer and it is all sorted out and the Eastcote Chamber of Commerce have taken over responsibility for the Christmas Lights.
 - Pembroke Park – a formal application was made to the Council for information regarding the 106 payments – we are advised that all the relevant money was spent on the refurbishment of the Highgrove Swimming Pool and there is no money left for the community centre etc. CG had a meeting with Suzie Killip of Pembroke Park Residents Association (PPRA) regarding the Community Centre and they will keep us advised of any further developments.

5. **New resident issues** : - None – although Dev Chadha did bring to our attention the problems of people riding bikes and children on scooters riding on the pavements,
6. **New funding requests** :- A funding request has been received from Lorraine Barwell – who works for HC Grimstead – for money for Ewe-nited Stitches, this is a small group of people who knit and crochet items to be donated to either the neo-natal department at Hillingdon Hospital or the British Red Cross and is part of a community work initiative. The funds would be used to purchase needles, hooks, and accessories as well as wool. Discussion then followed and after a show of hands it was decided to donate the sum of £50 and AH will send the cheque. **ACTION:-AH**

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Planning –JR

JR issued a report which will be circulated with these minutes. JR brought to our attention the following items:

- Budgens – Aldi's have put in a planning application for changes to the frontage and signage.
- 26 Curzon Place – gym in garage – original application refused – new application has gone in – same as before but with flat roof rather than pitched roof. At neighbour's request JR has written again to continue to ask for refusal. Current application still undecided.
- 4 Blackhorse Parade – take-away element was refused – new application has now been presented to ask for change of use Class 5 – Hot food takeaway.
- 40 Coombe Avenue – now finally approved after several refusals – building is substantially reduced as against the previous applications.
- 6 Bridle Road – outbuilding for use as a gym and storage has now been approved.
- 12 Abbotsbury Gardens – Enforcement website states no further action – this was for a building in the back garden that neighbours felt was large and could be used as separate accommodation given that pipework and other facilities were being provided.
- 146 Field End Road – flats from offices – LC/JR have written for refusal – LC asked for this to be referred to the North Planning Committee and Cllr ND responded that he had asked it to be referred. It is not showing as coming up at the next meeting.
- 170A Field End Road – habitable roof space with additional dormer and rooflights – this has been refused.
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – roofing issues remain outstanding as an Enforcement issue. Conservatory application to front of hotel has been refused. It is worth noting that whilst this is a good result, no listed building application was made together with this application.
- Esso Garage – application to re-configure existing garage. – have not written to date – know some residents have, relating to ensuring that noise is contained, current access is retained (planning application says this will be so), issues with larger retail facility. Also know that residents are divided over keeping the petrol station versus its removal and a housing development on the site.
- Arens Bar – a planning application has been approved but the application regarding the storeroom at the back is still undecided. This has now closed down as a Night Club and re-opened as a Restaurant only until 12 midnight everyday.
- 110 Field End Road – has made a license application for change of licensing hours for selling drinks.

7.2 SNT/Police.

- The latest update from Inspector Rob Bryan has been distributed.
- EB reported by phone that all PCSOs in Hillingdon have been given redundancy notices.

7.3 Parks Report

Eastcote House Gardens:-

- The Open House weekend was very successful and made £600 on the day.
- The café is going well and is very well attended.

- The very nasty smells by the main entrance have now been dealt with – blocked drains.
- The results of London in Bloom –
 - Warrender Park – Park of the Year Category Silver Gilt.
 - Highgrove Woods Conservation Area Gold.
 - EHG Park of the Year Gold.
 - Long Meadow Conservation Area Silver Gilt.
 - Friends of Eastcote House Gardens Its Your Neighbourhood Awarded Level 5 Outstanding with a score of 97/100.
 - Hillingdon’s entry into London in Bloom only gained a Silver Gilt this year.
- Pinner Memorial Park has started an extension to West House to extend the Heath Robinson Museum, plus a small shop and a school/education room for use of the local community in the evenings.

7.4 Health and Community Voice -EB

- The latest reports have been received and distributed.
- CG has been invited to attend a meeting with Nick Hurd, Joan Davis and Andrew Riley regarding the Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital site and will report back at the next meeting.
- We are advised that the Pinner Health Centre (in the Marks and Spencer Car Park) have applied for an extension to their facilities.

7.5 Webmaster - GC

- No report.

7.6 Finance - AH

- AH reports that we are in a healthy position regarding funds.
- AH reports that the Chamber of Commerce are holding a Fair on the 1st November and did we want to have a table? No payment required- donation of £10 would be appreciated. Discussion then followed and we were keen to participate to promote ERA possibly with a balloon stall. AH to get further information as to the format of the Fair. AH will email the committee when she has more information including the price of having balloons etc. **ACTION:-AH**

7.7 Road Stewards – AA

- AA reports that we have lost a few road stewards recently and this is causing problems with collecting of subs and distribution of Newsletters. It was suggested that if we do decide to have a table at the CofC Fair then we have a large display with the names of the roads that need covering and, hopefully, we might get some people interested in signing up.
- Regarding the proposed Road Stewards Meeting, AA gave a list of dates and after discussion it was decided that Friday 30th October was the preferred option and she will email the committee and Road Stewards when she has booked the room. She would like as many of the committee to come along and perhaps give a short talk to the RS explaining how ERA operates and what we get involved in. Only soft drinks and nibbles to be provided. Hopefully, the Newsletter will be available to handed out to RS. **ACTION:- AA**

7.8 Newsletter - LL

- 24 pages long this time and it is nearly ready for printing, including various small items.
- It was decided to print extra copies so that they can be handed out at the CofC Fair on the 1st November.

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

- IG received the following information by email.
- Tony Ellis has spoken to Cllr Scott Seaman-Digby on Planning Matters who suggested that if members do not get a response to queries within 48 working hours from the Planning Department they should contact him, as a member of HARA, and he will speak to James Rogers. Cllr Seaman-Digby email address is as follows:surgery@northwoodconservatives.org or SSeaman-Digby@Hillingdon.Gov.UK

- Dick Walker – Hillingdon Motorists' Forum asked that if members have speed tables in their area which they think are too steep, i.e. more than 1:15, they should email him with all the details. He now has equipment to measure the tables. He and his team are currently investigating some damaging and noisy (especially at night) speed tables in Hayes. His email address is: richard.walker31@btopenworld.com

7.10 **Transport.**

- IM attended a meeting recently at Baker Street of Met Light Users
- Croxley Link to Watford will start later this year, opening by September 2019 to summer 2020.
- Safety issues on the line from Wembley Park to Baker Street – large gaps between train and platform, Blue Lights have now been installed at Baker Street and will be rolled out to other stations.
- A new Timetable is to start on the 4th October.
- Track closures on the Piccadilly Line in October, the Met Line is not affected.
- Track renewal between Baker Street and Finchley Road will commence soon but no dates are available.

8. A.O.B.

- It has been reported that there is a problem with rats in The Close – Cllr BH to be asked to investigate. **ACTION: BH**
- The Parking Management Scheme for The Chase and Denecroft Road – a letter has been sent to all residents in the roads to inform them that their views do count but only if they respond to the Council with their views..
- A resident reported a problem with tree roots from a neighbour's tree– Cllr CD reports that she had seen an email which states that as the problem is on private land unfortunately the Council can do nothing. It is a civil matter between neighbours.
- There is a Community Liaison Meeting on the 15th October at RAF Northolt – CG will be attending and if anyone is interested in going with him to contact him. **ACTION:-CG**
- Cllr BH dealing with a problem Ash Tree in Pembroke Park behind a house in The Sigers and we understand that someone from the A2D has been to look at the tree but so far nothing has been done, this is to be followed up. **ACTION: BH**

There being no further business CG closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

The next Committee Meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 28th October 2015 -in the Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church starting at 7.30pm

As IG will not be at the next meeting – please email your report and apologies to Carolyn Derecki as she has agreed to take the Minutes.

Chairman for the next meeting is Keith Barnard.