

Eastcote Conservation Panel

Minutes of the AGM/Quarterly General Meeting held in The Stables, Eastcote House Gardens on Wednesday, 8th June 2016.

The meeting commenced at 9.30am.

1. Apologies: Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Gill Hughes, Anne Payne, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Gerry Edwards, Heather Chamberlain, Jenny Gurdon, Karen Spink.

2. Present: Lesley Crowcroft, Joan Butfield, David Payne, Ian Murray, Susan Toms, Margaret Ray, Jane Neave, Ron Voinquell, Jon Marx, Dennis Cave, Trevor Dixon, Andy Weller, Christine Wallace, Linda Furnell, Linda Wells, Janet Green, Rosemary Bucksey, Tony Bucksey.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 (sent via e-mail 23rd January 2016) were approved. Two items were amended: Ed Fuller - bulbs should read 1,500 were purchased with £90. of the £140. received from Waitrose. Anne Payne was present at this meeting. Apologies for missing her off.

4. Election of Officers and Committee

- Chairman - Lesley Crowcroft
- Deputy Chairman Built Environment - Chris Groom
- Deputy Chairman Green Environment - Rob Cousins
- Treasurer - Keith Barnard
- Minute Secretary - Joan Butfield

All officers and Committee elected unanimously

5. Matters arising not on the agenda

1. The Tudor Lodge appeal was dismissed.

2. The In Voice and Verse concert was sold out and very successful. A return of the trio has been booked for 7th December 2016.

3. Flooding on the High Road outside the Black Horse, - see item 6

4. The Long Meadow Shrine - LBH have turned down the request for a litter bin. The shrine is still being put back after it is cleared.

5. The Case is Altered - most of the documentation needed has been gathered together. The application to make the Case a Community asset is just waiting for the Chairman to write the reasons why the PH should have this designation. Owners in pre-application talks with Hillingdon Conservation Officers regarding alterations to the Grade II listed building.

6. Flooding, etc.

The publication of the Flood Risk Strategy by LBH posed more questions than it answered. In view of the number of questions asked by residents, a Residents' Forum was held at the

Civic Centre on April 27th 2016. LC attended this meeting. There were reps. from the Environment Agency, Thames Water, as well as LBH Officers. LC was able to ask questions pertaining to the Joel Street ditch, also 'Riparian ownership'. Replies have recently been received, but as yet not studied. Andy and Ron of FEHG have been monitoring the flooding of the High Road outside the Black Horse PH. Ron took photographic evidence of the flooding, which was submitted to LBH and more action has now been promised.

It has been stated that Fish and Chip Shop have been tipping fat down the gully and this is being investigated.

7. Friends' Groups

- Pinn Meadows - Martin Cartwright

LC congratulated the team on their conservation work. The Group was formed from a previous group formed to prevent the Hockey Club's application for an astroturf pitch being built.

- The Mayor formally opened the new Skatepark during the Easter Holidays. It is being extremely well used which is good. Litter a growing problem; evidence of drug taking.
- New drainage has been installed on the cricket pitch outfield in time for cricket season.
- Three new information boards have been installed on Pinn Meadows to make it easier for people to navigate around but the history boards are not replicated.
- Working parties have been held to install plants in the new pond which is currently brimming with tadpoles and small fish.
- Two new wildflower areas have recently been created adjacent to the running track and a previously created wildflower meadow near Elmbridge Drive is excellent.
- Green Flag judges are visiting Pinn Meadows for their inspection on Thursday 9th June.
- There will be a bat walk on Friday 17th June at 9.45. pm by the Skatepark.
- This year's scything festival and picnic will be held on Saturday 2nd July. Everyone welcome.
- London Green Spaces Council meets 4 times a year at County Hall and is run by bodies representing Green Spaces Friends' Groups in London Boroughs. Gives an opportunity to hear how other Friends' Groups deal with their Councils. MC working on ideas of getting Friends' Groups in Hillingdon together.
- Warrender/Highgrove Woods.

The Chairman reported that due to ill health Ed Fuller has stepped down from the FoWP. Ed worked very hard for the group and Warrender Park and appreciation of his work was given. The Chairman, Steve Pearman, is also stepping down. As yet no one has come forward to replace him.

8. Treasurer's report

- Balance of account at 30th April 2016 - £135.04. Approx.£30. of Ward budget money for Missouri Court.

9. Green Belt

IM stated that since January the LGBC has been in a state of flux as the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all resigned. All is in order now with Robin Knox Johnson as Chair. The Council is not too outwardly active. IM used to receive minutes of meetings and information. However, yesterday he received an e-mail with the Green Belt area and he has forwarded it to LC for distribution. Shows sites at risk from development: nothing immediately local - Pinner Park Farm, Stanmore Hospital and Hillingdon Circus. Next meeting 9th July

10. Colne Valley CIC

David Payne stated that the CIC are waiting for decisions on HS2 and the third runway at Heathrow. Hopefully by end of the summer.

11. Hinman Shield and Community Award

The Hinman Shield was presented to 6th Eastcote Scouts at the Picnic on 4th June by the Mayor of Hillingdon. Jay Gadhia of Forget-me-not continues to sponsor the Hinman Shield.

12. War Memorial & Missouri Court

A working party is planned at the War Memorial for 15th June 2016 ahead of the commemoration of the 100 years since the Battle of the Somme. This will be a candle light vigil starting at 9pm on 30th June 2016

13. Planning Applications

- LC spoke about Local Plans which can be put forward by communities which are in addition to the Hillingdon Local Plan which is the foundation for how planning will be controlled in Hillingdon. Ickenham have started this process and it is suggested we talk to Ickenham Group to see if we could produce something similar for Eastcote.

Needs more discussion but LC hopes we might be able to use Ickenham's template

- LC attended a Residents' Forum at the Civic Centre on May 26th. Information was given regarding proposed changes the Government wish to make to NPPF. Briefly, the object is to take away many planning applications from Local Authorities and have them decided by person or persons unknown. This is an assault on democracy, our democratically elected Councillors should have the right to determine applications which threaten our communities. There will be a consultation on these changes, we should all object strongly. Information was also given regarding the TFL development in Northwood. The application will be heard by the Major Planning Applications Committee in 4-6 weeks. Owing to the large number of applications pending this application may be heard at an extra committee meeting.
- Wisteria Accountants have erected a rather 'in your face' sign outside their premises, The Grange, High Road Eastcote. This is a Conservation Area and a Grade II listed building. The Council have been asked to look into this - awaiting a reply.
- 81 Field End Road - this site is at the corner of Field End Road with Deane Croft Road. Currently it is a small single storey building used as a Doctor's surgery. Opposite 2 Grade 2 listed buildings and adjacent to the War Memorial Garden. The application is to replace this small single storey building with a 3 storey block of flats with a roof garden which has the lift housing sitting on top making it 4 storeys. The idea is for a slightly bigger surgery. This will give the receptionists a place to make a cup of tea: no improvements in space or extra services for patients. A large pharmacy which is unnecessary as Eastcote has 4 already, and

with 9 flats and an underground car park. There was no flood risk assessment with this application. ECP has asked for this to be considered as there are working wells in the area and the War Memorial Gardens was once a pond. The Ward Councillors have backed this request. LC has a petition. ERA have also raised a petition. Cllr. Denys intended speaking at the NPC but then was unable to attend. LC spoke on behalf of the residents. The application was refused and has gone to appeal.

- Malt House, Field End Road. Eastcote. - there are plans to turn these offices into flats. ERA and ECP were invited to meeting and the proposal was shown. Hopefully some of our comments will be taken into consideration. There will be a public consultation taking place at the beginning of July. Both ERA and ECP will circulate details once known. It must be taken into consideration that an application under the latest Government scheme called Prior approval has been submitted to change the offices into flats. This cannot be refused by Hillingdon. The proposals we saw were a better scheme than the Prior approval application.

15. Any Other Business

- DP said application has been submitted by Eastcote Health Centre to Central NW London Regional Health for demolition of current building and a new one - doubled in size with larger range of facilities. Awaiting opinions of Health Authority. Would move temporarily into car park. Health Authority has indicated money available.
- LC suggested holding 6 monthly meetings instead of quarterly - no objections.
- ST said there were a few places available on the RN&ELHS trip to Mottisfont in Hampshire a NT property on 18th June. Please contact her if interested.
- MC said that the Council were not cutting verges and we should put pressure on the Council to do this. Wondered whether locals should undertake to cut the verges outside their houses.
- LC said there would be a one day workshop for women re-defining their relationships to work and reward, achievement and success at The Stables on Thursday June 16th. **Post meeting note this has now been cancelled.**

The meeting closed at 10.55.am.