

EASTCOTE VILLAGE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of the Quarterly General Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2014 at 7.30.pm at a member's house.

The meeting was moved to a members house because the room booked for the meeting was locked when members arrived at Kings College Pavilion.

1. **Apologies:-** Liz Gambier, Frances Hawkins, Dr. David Payne, Jenny Gurdon, Gerry Edwards, David Bennington, Rob Cousins, Heather Chamberlain, Jane Neave, Karen Spink
2. **Present :-** Cllr Becky Haggar, Cyril Haggar, Susan Toms, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Linda Furnell, Joan Butfield, Lesley Crowcroft , Ed Fuller.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014** were approved. EF stressed that the Green Tree Relief project involved 600 places all over London with 60 plus groups. Locations were varied from open green spaces to rear gardens and everything in between. EF will pass on the report when available.

4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

- The matter of the plaque on the Sheila Liberty tree. LC has spoken to the family and it has been decided not to replace the plaque.
- The Long Meadow Shrine has not been replaced for several weeks. A watch is being kept.
- The work day at the War Memorial Garden was well attended, volunteers from FEHG, British Legion and 6th Eastcote Scouts. There are unexplainable delays with the renewal of the rear fence. Cllr. Becky Haggar is now trying to sort this out.
- The Big Clean Up 18th October, produced 20 bags of rubbish plus 4 hub caps, a car exhaust and a small window frame. All this from Long Meadow and parts of High Road.
- Cllr. Michael White is working on the sewerage problem at Bessingby Park.

5. Friends Groups

Pinn Meadows - report read by JB in the absence of Rob Cousins.

- a. The public consultation regarding the Draft Hillingdon Local Plan has closed and Council Officers are now considering responses to the submissions. Friends of Pinn Meadows have asked for dual designation of Green Chain and Metropolitan Open Land for the Pinn Meadows area. This dual designation is used by South London Borough to protect their Green Chain areas and as Hillingdon has similar Green Chain characteristics including extensive bio diversity and an official walk, the Celandine Route, it is felt that Green Chain designation should be being applied in addition to the proposed MOL designation. Council officers are due to report back their responses to the March Cabinet meeting.
- b. New Gym equipment has been installed in the centre of the running track and looks great.
- c. The running track project is underway and is due to be completed by the new year subject to weather. It will be a six lane, tarmac track and will include a drainage system to the infield area.
- d. The Drainage/Footpath project funding has been released but the wet weather has

prevented the project commencing due to difficulty moving heavy machinery around the site.

- e. Work is commencing on a Green Flag application for Pinn Meadows. This is due to be submitted by the end of January.
- f. Friends of Pinn Meadows took part in the Big Tidy Up in October and held their last working party of the year last Saturday and continued the work of clearing the ditches and coppicing the trees. We also presented Dragana with a Christmas present for all the fantastic support that she has given us throughout the year.

Warrender/Highgrove Woods - Ed Fuller

To complement the spring bulbs planted 2013 a further 1,000 spring bulbs were planted, divided between the paddling pool and generally in the park - 6th Eastcote cubs/beavers, parents and Friends of Warrender Park.

EF included parts of a report from Adrian Batten, LBH Green Spaces Officer. The MUGA is almost complete (Multi-use games area). The court markings are due to be painted the week before Christmas, however this operation is very much weather dependent. We have to wait 2-3 weeks before painting the lines to allow the oils that are in the tarmac to dissipate.

The netball posts will be installed at the same time as the painting of the lines.

The double gates to the games area are due to be installed before Christmas, Delivery awaited.

The school did not allow the contractors to gain access through the school. The tarmac was taken through the park. If there was any wasted tarmac we have not been charged for it; as for the damaged path this will be repaired when the job is completed.

6. Treasurer's report – Keith Barnard

KB stated that the amount in the bank was £227.91p. Expenditure had been £20. for remembrance wreath and £25. to Colne Valley .Cheque acknowledged.

7. Green Belt Ian Murray. Submitted by LC in Ian's absence.

As the last meeting was the Green Belt Council's AGM there was nothing to report of interest to us. However the GB Council have written a letter of objection about the dementia village in Harefield, as have ERA and ECP.

GBC have produced a map showing green belt in and around London. IM has purchased one and will donate it to the Conservation Panel.

8. Hinman Shield/Community Award.

The Community Shield was presented by Cllr. Catherine Dann, Mayor of Hillingdon to the 6th Eastcote Cubs and Beavers. The Scout Hut had been specially decorated and the Mayor presented with a potted plant. The 6th Eastcote Cubs and Beavers have been invited to the Mayor's Parlour.

9. London Green Spaces Friends Network - nothing to report.

10. Planning Applications.

- Esso Garage High Road Eastcote - there are several petitions and the CP has objected. Application now out of time. New drawings added 25.3.14.
- Refurbishment of The Woodman Public House Joel Street - grade 2 listed building. Only painting done so far. All 3 planning applications are undecided, signage, new fence and internal works (listed building consent. These works have been carried out). These applications have now been approved. Some local residents are now intimating that the grade 2 status should be removed and the area developed into a block of flats.
- Joel Street Farm - another application for a nursery in barn. Extra drawings added. 3.3 application finally came to the NPC in August. No determination made; the committee are having a site visit. Date of next meeting tbc. On return to committee this application was passed.
- 15 St.Lawrence Drive. EPECA large extension to front of building. ECP objected, although objection credited to ERA. Refused.
- 7 Robarts Close - EVCA ungainly loft conversion. ECP objected.
- 151 Woodlands Avenue - change a small semi into 3 x 2 bed flats. ECP have objected. Cllr. White, Cavendish has asked for a Planning Committee decision.
- 61, Wentworth Drive. Demolition of a small bungalow and erection of 4 x 2 storey 2 bed back to back houses. ECP has objected. Cllr .Nick Denys has asked for a Committee decision.

Out of Area Applications

The ECP has supported other Conservation Panels and Residents Associations on the following:-

- Red & Yellow's application to build a 'dementia village' in Harefield on Green Belt Land. This involved building nearly 400 dwellings which would be privately owned, with cinema, gym, post office, florist, general store, etc. Only a 60 bed nursing home. A large housing development by the back door.
- 2 Midcroft, part of Ruislip Village Conservation area. Demolish petrol station and build block of flats. Objection not against redevelopment of site but at the size and design of proposal. Refused at committee.
- Northwood Hills. LC is conservation advisor to NHRA - these applications are very similar to both current and past head aches in Eastcote and Ruislip.
 - 1.12 Colchester Drive. Demolish a bungalow and erect 2 x semi detached dwellings. In this case land levels cause a problem, as does parking.
 2. Astro turf pitch at Haydon School. - to be used during day by school evening and weekends used by Hillingdon RFU. The pitch with 15 mtr. high floodlights is less than 25mtrs.from rear neighbouring properties. Refused at Committee.

12. AOB

- Application for an alcohol licence to run a 24/7 internet alcohol sales from 42 Hale End. ECP has objected concerning nuisance to neighbours. Hearing 22nd Dec. 2pm. LC to attend.
- Cllr. Haggart trying to get another pillar box in Eastcote.

Meeting Dates for 2015.

Future meetings will be held on the 1st Thursday of March, June [AGM] September & December subject to finding a suitable venue.

The meeting closed at 8.45.pm