

EASTCOTE VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of the Quarterly General Meeting held in The Stables, Eastcote House Gardens on Wednesday 11th January 2017 .

The meeting commenced at 9.32.am.

1. Present: Lesley Crowcroft (Chairman); Keith Barnard (Treasurer); Rosemary Bucksey; Paul Busby; Joan Butfield; Dennis Cave; Trevor Dixon (Webmaster); Linda Furnell ; Chris Groom (President, Eastcote Residents' Association); Jenny Gurdon; Alison Holtrop (observing for ERA) Jon Marx; David Payne; Anne Payne; Margaret Ray; Jackie Solomon; Karen Spink; Susan Toms (Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society); Ron Voinquel; Gerry Edwards [Chairman EPERA]; Linda Wells; Ian Murray [Green belt], Martin Cartwright [FOPM]

2. Apologies for absence: Tony Bucksey; Liz Gambier; Gill Hughes; Jane Neave; Ruth Ryan, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Cllr. Becky Haggar.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2016 (sent by email on the 15th June were approved.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Shrine in Long Meadow still appears. Over New Year a quantity of beer cans were left around.

The Case is Altered - Gerry Edwards has undertaken to have The Case made an Asset of Community Value. There have been many objections to the current planning application. A committee date has not yet been set.

Flooding – Cllr. Becky Hagger is still trying to get information from Thames Water and the Environment Agency who are supposed to be looking at the possibility of flood relief for the whole of the River Pinn catchment area.

Eastcote Health Centre – D. Payne updated the meeting, it seems very unlikely that the centre will receive funding for any upgrade.

Verges - After reading the minutes, Cllr. Dann contacted Paul Richards who said that all verges were cut. LC sent a further email showing how many times she had reported the verge opposite EHG; this had not been cut for over a year, emails were ignored. The verge has now been cut.

5. Friends Groups

Pinn Meadows - Martin Cartwright

River Close Incursion - FoPM, Eastcote Conservation, RN&ELHS and Ruislip Residents' Association played significant roles in heading off an application to the Land Registry by the owner of River Close where, under a process called "adverse possession" he could appropriate part of Pinn Meadows for his back garden. The LR told protesters on 14th October that the application had been withdrawn.

At a meeting of the Yeading Valley Working Party, FoPM learned from Stuart Hunt that the Council had a project in hand to regularise all such incursions onto Council owned land.

DK has reported that the antisocial behaviour team is pursuing the removal of the fence and concrete behind 5 River Close.

Green Flags - Our Green Flag Presentation Ceremony was held on Friday 14th October. Ours is among the latest eight awards presented to Hillingdon Council in July this year, bringing the Borough's total to 42 flags; it's the highest ever and the most anywhere in the UK.

The FoPM team ended the year with a Working Party on 10th December. Tasks were to tidy up the wild flower plantings in order to encourage colourful displays next year. The next Working Party will be Saturday 4th February.

Web Site - The FoPM web site, launched in 2012 to combat Eastcote Hockey Club's proposed incursion on the King's College Playing Fields area of Pinn Meadows is scheduled to be replaced. One of the new features will be the facility for FoPM members and visitors to the meadows to report sightings of wild creatures of all sorts, plus flowers and plants they discover in the hedges, on mowed fields and along the river bank.

Warrender and Highgrove Woods – Chairman.

At the request of the RN&ELHS the pillars and wall supporting the Locally Listed gates, have had the 'pink' paint removed, they now look much better. A complaint has been made to Paul Richards that Bishop Ramsey School are not making the tennis courts available to other park users at the agreed times. A response from Paul is awaited.

Paul Busby informed the meeting that regular volunteer working parties still take place in Highgrove Woods.

6. Treasurer's Report - Keith Barnard

Current balance	£115.04
Outgoings - Remembrance Wreath	£20.00

The 2016 subscription for the London Green Belt Council was paid by Eastcote Residents Association

Account holds a small amount of funds from Ward Budget for Missouri Court

It is unsure what happens to subscriptions when the money runs out. IM suggested going to ERA. Also suggested by LC was a donation box at the summer picnic.

7. Green Belt - Ian Murray

AGM held on 23rd November 2016. Full Executive Committee with secretarial services provided by CPRE who donated £1,000 of resources per month for a year (which includes Secretary).

Main report was on incursion on London Green Belt land - there are several incursions due to housing targets. Theydon Boise set up an action group. LC to circulate the web site for the petition. **Post meeting note, Web address circulated.**

AGM addressed question of funding appealing for donations from corporate bodies.

Subscriptions up to £25.

Next meeting March 2017.

8. Colne Valley - HS2 - been given go ahead

D .Payne said that at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the C.V Country Park welcomed Sir John Randall onto the board.

- Agreed a 10 year lease for buildings with Beds/Bucks Council which opens up opportunities for additional grants and other monies .
- Work started on toilets from monies from Heathrow Community Fund so now environmentally friendly.
- Work beginning on cafe area and a new playground will be built - all environmentally friendly.
Funded by Grundon Landfill Co.
- There will also be improvements to paths, fencing, picnic benches, nature trail with brass rubbings to be launched in near future. Invites out in due course.
- Applied for grants from trust bodies for landscaping, for £2 million.
- Board thinking of changing to charity status, Consultations will take place in the future.

9. Hinman Shield

Usually presented at the Picnic (3rd June 2017). LC suggested that the 4th Eastcote Scouts be nominated this year.

Scout leaders looking for quarter million plus funding for new hut. Currently they do not have a kitchen or toilets.

10. The London Green Spaces Friends Groups Network

Stuart Hunt told FoPM that the Council is not minded to support the formation of a Friends Groups Forum to represent green spaces friends groups and other similar organisations in the Borough.

This would exchange experience and formally represent Hillingdon in the quarterly meetings to the London Green Spaces Friends Groups Network.

This decision does not, of course, prevent interested groups getting together to ensure that informal representation of LGSFGN can continue, and any interesting information or developments can be reported.

11. War Memorial and Missouri Court.

Regular working parties have taken place at the War Memorial in conjunction with Will (LBH Ground Maintenance).

Another will be arranged in the near future to spread mulch around the new hedge.

The last visit to Missouri Court by the FEHG volunteers, was very disappointing, none of the residents came to speak to the group, the Warden was not around when the group left. There has not been any communication from the Warden.

12. Planning Applications

The Hillingdon Plan part 2 - it has been said by LBH the HP2 will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate in Spring 2017. Details will be given to Cabinet in March 2017. Both

Rob Cousins FoPM and Lesley Crowcroft intend to challenge some of the LBH changes.

Telecom mast at Field End Road/High Road approved on appeal

The TFL application for Northwood was withdrawn just before the hearing.

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 but it is said to be within guidelines.

81 Field End Road - another application has been submitted. Many objections plus 2 petitions have been sent to LBH. Awaiting a committee date.

Malt House Field End Road, Eastcote - a planning application for this site has not yet been submitted. The same developers have a current application to build 6 houses in the very small car park behind San Remo's on Woodlands Avenue. Both the Conservation Panel and Eastcote RA have objected - decision awaited

186 Field End Road - permission sought to demolish the 2 storey building and replace with a 4 storey containing ground floor retail and 3 x 2 bedroom flats. This was submitted in Feb. 2016 . The Chairman has asked why there is no determination twice, but no reply.

As mentioned, planning application for alterations to Case is Altered.

Eastcote Motor Services - application to increase the height of the canopy. ECP objected. Local residents have submitted a petition.

124 Field End Road - details circulated before meeting. Former Post Office change of use to a day nursery.

52 Field End Road - Erecting a house in the rear garden and dividing the current dwelling into two houses. Residents have a petition and it will be a North Planning Committee decision.

13. AOB

Paul Busby gave details of the Thames 21 Project on areas of the Pinn, Paul is coordinating the volunteer work parties.

LC thanked Paul Busby for monitoring the River fly monitoring in the River Pinn and submitting data to the authorities.

The meeting closed at 10.40.am.