

Eastcote Village Conservation Area Advisory Panel
Quarterly General Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2014
at 7.30pm
King's College Pavilion

1. **Present:-** Lesley Crowcroft, Chris Groom, Keith Barnard, Joan Butfield, Jenny Gurdon, Jane Neave, Linda Furnell, Cllr. David Payne, Marg Bacon, Rob Cousins, Zoe Drewett, Heather Chamberlain, Susan Toms, Adrian Batten LBH. Gerry Edwards.
2. **Apologies.** Bob Densley, Trevor Dixon, Linda Wells, Ian Murray, Cllr. Catherine Dann, David Bennington, Frances Hawkins, Karen Spink, Ed Fuller, Nick Woodley, Carolyn Morrissey, Gill Hughes, Anne Payne.
3. **Minutes of meeting** held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 (sent via e-mail) were approved with one exception. The first item concerning Warrender Park/Highgrove Woods should read 2104 not 2012.
4. **Matters Arising not on the Agenda:-**
Trees at St.Lawrence Church –
 - There is concern about the 4 ash trees in Bridle Road. John Gurr LBH Tree Officer, will arrange felling and replanting of 2 of the ash, and pollarding of the other 2 in Feb/March. LC will put out a notice and asked CG if ERA would also give a notice out to inform people what is happening.
 - HC drew the meetings attention to the little woodland area where a branch fell off an ash tree two years ago. The Church would like to make this a quiet area with a bench. Various trees have already been planted and pathways made.
 - Chips. Extra photos have been taken. ST has updated the History Section. LC to update the rest.
 - The Manor Farm House hours of opening have been greatly reduced. The House is now only open when the Duck Pond Market takes place.
 - At the last meeting the broken seat had been discussed. This seat was donated by Eastcote residents Association more than 25 years ago. Chris Groom President of ERA agreed that this seat should be removed. Adrian batten LBH to action.
 - The broken paving outside the house with the buildings work going on in Pamela Gardens – Cllr. Baker has notified the Enforcement Officer who has seen the problem and said the occupier is liable to put the pavement right when work is finished.

Friends' Groups

Pinn Meadows – Rob Cousins

1. The recently submitted draft Hillingdon Local Plan proposes to remove Pinn Meadows from Hillingdon's Green Chain and designate it instead as Metropolitan Open Land but it was the Council's Green Chain policy which provided the vital protection against Eastcote Hockey Club's most recent planning application for a floodlit and fenced Astroturf pitch on King's College playing fields. Members of FOPM's Management Committee met with Jales Tippell, Environment Policy Director and James Rodger, Head of Planning, to discuss the issue. They advised us that they had been asked to provide the greatest possible protection for all Green Chain areas in the Borough. We advised them that we felt that the highest level of protection would be achieved by keeping Pinn Meadows within the Green Chain whilst additionally designating the area as Metropolitan Open Land. This type of dual designation is already used by other London Boroughs and indeed Hillingdon Council already has many Green Chain areas located on its green belt land.

We were advised that there will be an opportunity to canvas further support for our proposal when the Hillingdon draft Local Plan is made available for public consultation later this year.

2. At our December working party working, whilst clearing the River Pinn of litter, we discovered a collection of boxed jewellery which had been thrown in the river adjacent to the bridge in Kings College Road. The Council's Park officers who were present also reported to the Police some youths from Brook Drive who were illegally riding their motorbikes around the meadows. The Police arrived promptly and issued the culprits with a warning and took away the jewellery.
3. To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, there will be poppies planted all over the country. Hillingdon's Green Spaces Team have kindly agreed to include Pinn Meadows in the project and poppies will be planted in the area next to Elmbridge Drive.
 5. A new Chrysalis application has been submitted for footpaths and drainage on Pinn Meadows. The application has Green Spaces team and Ward Councillor support.

Cavendish/Bessingby Parks

- Since Damien left this group has gone downhill and there is no report as Chairman has resigned. LC going to write to Caroline Morrissey for circulation list of people interested in the park. Has written to Councillors but didn't get any reply. LC said must try to get people interested and get a group off the ground again. The park has won a Green Flag Award, and the Easter Monday Easter Egg hunt has always been popular.

Warrender/Highgrove Woods [Report submitted by Ed Fuller read by Joan Butfield]

- The London in Bloom inspection resulted in a Silver Award in the 'Small Park' category and a level 4 in the 'It's your Neighbourhood' category.
- 1,000 bulbs, purchased with a Hillingdon Council grant, were planted around Warrender Park on 2nd November by a good group of supporters, including help from the 6th Eastcote Beaver/Cubs.
- The dead Elm sapling has not yet been replaced – the ground is too wet. Will probably be done in the Spring.
- The seat earlier removed from the Park after a complaint from a single local resident has been replaced in its original position.
- In Highgrove Woods, further small trees have been removed from around the pond to allow for better light penetration.
- LC asked AB about the resurfacing of the tennis courts which will be done with 106 monies and the fences replaced. This should go out for tender in 2 weeks and hopefully get done by early summer. Once the ground has dried out work should commence. All amicable with Bishop Ramsey School.

A brief discussion followed concerning the closure of Heathfield School and what may become of the site. There is a possibility it may become an annexe for Bishop Ramsey School

Eastcote House Gardens

- The blocked gullies by the front gate on Field End Road had not been dealt with and CG and KB had helped unblock them. AB said a quote had

- been received by Hillingdon Facilities Department in September from Mighty but AB heard nothing. The matter to be chased.
- Shrine in Long Meadow and scattering of ashes – AB said notices will be going up and Funeral Directors spoken to regarding scattering of ashes. The position of the shrine in Long Meadow is not yet clear.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance £182.91.

Only payment was for £20. for a Remembrance Day wreath

Green Belt

Minutes will be e-mailed by LC . Comments requested.

Hinman Shield

No comments – to be discussed in March

Planning Applications

- Although not in the CA 262-270 Field End Road has been granted permission to change from offices to dwellings. 12 x 2 bedroom flats with 13 parking spaces.
- White Cottage, Harlyn Drive – listed Building Consent for maintenance works mainly in the grounds e.g. erection of a new fence
- 49 St.Lawrence Drive.Loft conversion, front porch and rear single storey extension.
- 21 Pamela Gardens. Very large extensions diminishing the original house. Refused 7.10.13.
- Esso Garage High Road Eastcote – there are several petitions and the CP has objected. This application is now out of time. There have not been any further documents added to the web site. Cllr. Baker is trying to find out reason for delay. DP said original developers had resold the site to other developers. Probably drag on for years.
- Oak Tree – Arden Mhor. Refused
- 30 Barnhill – house in back garden refusal decision appealed. CP has sent further objections to the Planning Inspectorate. Appeal dismissed.
- Fairway High Road Eastcote – to change from 2 bed bungalow to 4 bed house by raising roof. Approval was given by LPA. Work well advanced.
- 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.
- Recent application for 78 Catlins Lane for a side extension – approved
- Dog walking on farm land in Fore Street. ECP has written against the application as it does not have an ecology survey and there is question concerning animal welfare. This application has not yet been determined, and it is out of time. Petition against. NH Councillors are looking into it.
- 44 Cheney Street. Application to enlarge from a 3 bed bungalow to 5 bed chalet bungalow. This would be out of keeping with the conservation area. The CP objected. This was refused by LBH but approved by the Planning Inspectorate who dismissed the LBH rules for Conservation areas. He did not think that they should apply as Cheney Street only recently included into the EVCA. (This application was submitted after the Conservation Area extension was approved).
- Initial House – appeal lodged by Savills the receiver, approved by Planning Inspectorate. There are now very worrying circumstances around this case and others. Appellants are now allowed to submit changes to plans to the Inspectorate, which are not notified to residents, so there is no consultation period. There is still another application waiting to be activated by LBH. Savills will not develop the site themselves – it will be sold on which means there would be more applications from any would be purchaser. S106 conditions apply. The PI refused the application from LBH for funding towards High Street improvements but allow the sum of £20,000. for educational projects at EHG. UPDATE – the building has now been bought by London Square, Head Office Ickenham so it is unknown what will happen with the recent changes to planning law within the Growth and Infrastructure bill. Update:- demolition has taken place, the applications for the dispersal of conditions contains

different drawings to those approved. An increase in the number of dwellings being one. LC has been told that another planning application will be required.

- RAF Eastcote – CHG said that various residents have reported details of unapproved roof windows being installed overlooking adjacent properties and these have been reported to the Council. Some are unrecognizable from the original application. Wimpey have put in a retrospective planning application for the changed designs. Some of the houses are occupied and it is expected to go to appeal. Houses with an enforcement order cannot be sold. Planning application has been turned down for 18 houses backing onto Azalea Walk. These applications were refused and all have been taken to appeal. All appeals were allowed by Planning Inspectorate.
- Joel Street Farm – another application for nursery in Barn.

Any Other Business

- Eastcote War Memorial – the broken fence comes under Green Spaces; the path which doesn't lead anywhere belongs to Housing, who will visit the site on the 16th and try to make the memorial safer. LC said more work on tidying up to do.
- Colne Valley Community Interest Company – LC has not received a reply from Pinn Meadows, NWHR or ERA so will send reminder. It doesn't cost anything to join but would like more groups to be members. Bayhurst Woods is part of the CV Park.
- London Friends' Group meet each quarter – Martin Cartwright goes and will represent the Conservation Panel and send minutes and any actions we need to take.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.