

**Eastcote Village Conservation Area Advisory Panel.
Minutes of the QGM held 6th March 2104
Kings College Pavilion.**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

Present.

Lesley Crowcroft, Linda Furnell, Keith Barnard, Jane Neave, Jenny Gurdon, Rosemary Bucksey, Karen Spink, Gill Hughes, Susan Toms, Rob Cousins, Frances Hawkins, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Cllr. David Payne, Cyril Haggard, Becky Haggard.

Apologies.

Joan Butfield, Linda Wells, David Bennington, Heather Chamberlain, Trevor Dixon, Steve Place, Sue Place, Chris Groom, Marg Bacon, Gerry Edwards, Adrian Batten [LBH].

1. **Minutes of Meeting** held Thursday 9th January 2014 [sent via email 15th January 2014] were accepted without alteration.
2. **.Matters arising not on the Agenda.** Seat at Forge Green has been removed AB.
3. **Friends Groups:-**

Pinn Meadows. Rob Cousins. i) 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.

Friends of Pinn Meadows will be canvassing to keep Pinn Meadows in 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. A public consultation is due to commence on 31st March for a period of 6 weeks and Ruislip Residents Association has also agreed to support the dual designation proposal.

ii) During the wet weather in February the River Pinn burst its banks and flooded large areas of Pinn Meadows which were already suffering from surface flooding. A Chrysalis application for new footpaths and drainage on Pinn Meadows will be revised to include a proposal to build additional scrapes to drain the long-standing water from residents gardens.

iii) There is a drug dealing problem adjacent to the skateboard park in Kings College Road. Numerous incidents have been reported to the police and FoPM will be attending the SNT Ward Panel meeting on 9th April to raise the issue.

iv) Becky Haggard has arranged a meeting on Friday 14th March, 7pm at Kings College Pavilion to discuss a proposal to resurface the running track. The project is currently being costed and more petition signatures to support the project are needed.

- Cavendish/Bessingby Parks No report.
- **Warrender/Highgrove Woods. Ed Fuller.**

Things in Warrender Park have been quiet over the winter. The top of a large oak on the Park boundary was blown off by the winds, but they can't remove it until the ground dries out - any vehicle would sink in up to its' axles at present.

A happier note is that the 1000+ bulbs we planted in November are showing through strongly and promise a good display over the next few weeks. Adrian Batten confirms the proposed work on the tennis courts is still on track.

Eastcote House Gardens. Lesley Crowcroft. From Adrian Batten LBH. The EHG drain near Field End Road has been reported again to Mitie requesting them to carry out the necessary repair I will be looking to escalate this matter if I do not hear from them by the end of this week.

4. **Treasurer's report** Keith Barnard. KB reported that the balance was the same as at the last QGM £182.91.
5. **Green Belt.** Ian Murray-No report
6. **Colne Valley CIC.** Lesley Crowcroft
 - Pinn Meadows, Northwood Hills RA and ERA have all signed up to the Colne Valley CIC. Stewart Pomeroy of CVCIC will be the quest speaker at the ERA AGM in May. Any person or group can become a member of the CIC, LC will send out all information and application forms. The more members the CIC has the more clout it has fighting inappropriate planning applications. The threat from Pinewood Studios has somewhat lessened, but there is a new threat in the Slough area from a possible freight terminal.
7. **Hinman Shield.**
 - There were two outstanding groups this year. It was decided that another award would be set up. Terry & Joan Butfield have kindly agreed to sponsor the new award.
 - The Hinman Shield will be presented to Field End Infants School at the summer Picnic.
 - The new award will be presented to the 6th Eastcote in September.[June 7th the day of the Picnic co-insides with the celebration of 150 years of Scouting, all uniformed groups will be at a special camp.]
8. **Planning applications**
 - 186 Field End Road. [Former Paul Rose Photography] Demolition of existing building. Erection of a 4 storey building with ground floor learning Centre with 3 flats above. **Withdrawn 3.3.14**
 - 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. **Appeal lodged.**
 - 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.

- 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.)
- 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.
- 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. **The application is before the Major Applications Committee tonight 6th March. Recommendation approval. The Conservation Panel asked for some conditions to be strengthened, these will be added to the addendum.**
- Joel Street Farm – another application for nursery in Barn. **Extra drawings added 3.3.14**

9. AOB

- The Chairman put forward the suggestion that the Eastcote Conservation Panel should create the post of Chairman. Dr. David Payne was asked to take the position and accepted. David will be standing down from the Council at the next election in May after 36 years service to the ward. There is to be a special Council Meeting on April 3rd where at David will be made a Freeman of the Borough. Several members of the Conservation Panel will be attending this ceremony.
- **London Green Spaces Friends Group Network.** Rob Cousins

RC outlined the purpose of the LGSFGN, which aims to bring all Friends Groups in London together. Ideally a Hillingdon Forum could be set up with Friends groups from across the Borough being members. Currently the friends Groups from the North of the Borough are being represented by Martin Cartwright, at the quarterly meetings at City Hall. The Chairman thanked Martin for taking on this task.

Footnote. LGSFGN have advertised the London i-Tree Woodland Survey, Ed Fuller FOWP and Paul Busby FEHG/FRW/FOPM, have volunteered for this training.

- **SNT Ward Panel.** The Ward panel has been re-convened the next meeting is 9th April 2014 LC & RC to attend.
- Summary of YVWP meeting 3.3.14. LC & RC attended the YVWP. RC drew to the attention of Paul Richards Head of Green Spaces, the continuing drug dealing at the Skate Board Park Kings College Playing Fields. Post meeting note. PR has contacted Inspector George re this problem. Ins. George has asked those with knowledge to contact him.
- From Heather Chamberlain. Just a point of interest that maybe some good folk from the Panel or Friends might be able to help St Lawrence's with: Chris Rankine, our new Vicar, has initiated a survey throughout the parish, asking for comments on the area (likes, dislikes, what could be improved, how St Lawrence's figures in the community etc). This will be taking place in the next couple of months via a questionnaire. Organizations will also be consulted to gain a different perspective, but this would take the form of 3 broad questions. Please would you be kind enough, on my behalf, to ask if the group as a whole would give me a few minutes at the end of the next meeting (in May?) to ask these questions. The aim is to find out how best our church can serve the local community's needs. **All at the meeting were agreeable to this request.**

Meeting closed 8.40pm.