

**Eastcote Village Conservation Area Advisory Panel  
Quarterly General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm in the Lounge, Methodist Church, Pamela Gardens, Eastcote.**

**Present.** Lesley Crowcroft, Linda Furnell, Joan Butfield, Ed Fuller, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Adrian Batten LBH, Karen Spink, Rob Cousins, Jane Neave, Zoe Drewitt Gazette, Rosemary Bucksey, Susan Toms, Heather Chamberlain, Keith Barnard, Ian Murray, Chris Groom, Cllr. David Payne, Cyril Haggar, Becky Haggar

1. **Apologies:**- David Bennington, Gill Hughes, Marg Bacon, Gerry Edwards, Nick Woodley, Carolyn Morrissey, Jenny Gurdon, Steve Place, Sue Place, Jess Lee
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were  
Approved without change.
3. Matters arising not on the agenda. None.
4. Friends Groups

Pinn Meadows – Rob Cousins

- FoPM submitted a petition with 5,255 signatures asking for the Council to voluntarily designate Pinn Meadows as a village green. This received support from the Ward Councillors and Eastcote and Ruislip Residents' Association. However, the petition was refused as the Council felt that there was already sufficient protection from its own policies and ownership of the land.
- Councillor Bianco advised that, even if an application to build an all-weather pitch was permitted on the site, building work could not commence without the permission of the landlord and he, as the relevant Cabinet Member would need to make the decision, and would not permit the work to be undertaken unless the tenant had gained the support of the local people – it was noticed that there would be no right of appeal to his decision in relation to this matter.
- The Hockey Club has recently conducted a bat and river survey on Pinn Meadows so another astroturf pitch planning application is expected to be submitted shortly.
- The Pinn Meadows Chrysalis project was completed this summer and includes new footpaths, benches, bins, bird and bat boxes and parking bollards. The completion was marked with the unveiling of a fantastic new information board highlighting the history of the meadows and its wildlife species.
- FoPM recently played host for the Council to the London in Bloom and Britain in Bloom judges who visited the meadows and were impressed with the amount of community involvement.
- Pinn Meadows hosted two scythe training workshops organised by the LBH Green Spaces team and FoPM members are now looking forward to being able to demonstrate their expertise at their next working party on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Bessingby/ Cavendish Parks.

- The Conservation Panel Chairman gave short report. Green Flag status has now been gained for the parks. Hillingdon Borough now has 24 Green Flags more than any other area in the country.
- LC brought the meetings attention to a disposal of the lease of Bessingby bowling pavilion and premises in the planning applications of the Gazette dated 21<sup>st</sup> August. AB clarified position and said that this was a formality as the lease was to be renewed.
- The tennis courts are being re-surfaced and will be available on a turn up and play basis until new tenant is found.

Warrender Park/ Highgrove Woods. – Ed Fuller

- The two areas planted with the urban flower mix came good in July and are still flowering well. Comments have been very favourable. The area planted with a wild flower mix has been a disaster. The seed mixes used by Dragana appear to have been heavily contaminated with some heavily seeding undesirables – including Fat Hen, Rocket, Sow Thistle and Shepherds Purse. This puts a big question mark against what may appear in this area in 2012.
- The renovation/addition of new seats, picnic tables , waste bins and the tennis courts will be attended to shortly. This was confirmed by AB.
- A discussion followed on the removal of the seat after a request from a local resident due to antisocial behaviour. However, this has caused considerable inconvenience to a small number of elderly people who regularly use the park. Cllr.Dann said the matter had been dealt with by a senior officer at Hillingdon, Ward Councillors had not been involved in the decision to remove the seat, and that the police would step up patrols. CD will keep residents informed.
- The visit of the Inspector on July 31<sup>st</sup> appeared to go well. He was particularly concerned about the broader view – ease of access, amenities and their upkeep and general usage of the park.
- There has been a spate of tree vandalism which Dragana will arrange to be cleared. LC advised ringing the contact centre as soon as any damage is noted.
- A Waitrose trolley had been found in the River Pinn whilst clearing. A picture sent to Waitrose resulted in a cheque for over £400 from their green token scheme. This will pay for refreshments, waders and extra equipment.

#### Eastcote House Gardens

- KS once again mentioned the problem with the block drains. She had a site meeting with Mitie who got a quote from Invincible Drains. Council to decide if they want to spend money based on quote – it has been 6 months now. AB confirmed correct procedure had been followed but will chase.
- AB confirmed that they will trace the family in connection with the shrine in Long Meadow and have the plants relocated to a more suitable position . It is normal procedure to review the situation after 13 months. It was agreed that a shrine is inappropriate on Long Meadow.

#### Treasurer's Report

- KB said no transactions had taken place in the last quarter and the balance stood at £282.05.

#### Green Belt

- IM had attended the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Nothing in our immediate catchment area. He said there were only 104 members but they had given £300. to the HS2 fighting fund. He again reiterated the amount of disruption that will be caused to our neighbourhood if construction goes ahead.
- IM will send minutes of meeting to LC for distribution to interested persons.

#### Planning Applications

- Esso Garage High Road Eastcote – there are several petitions and the Conservation Panel has objected.
- Oak Tree Deerings Drive – refused
- Oak tree – Arden Mhor

- 30 Barnhill – house in back garden refusal decision appealed The Conservation Panel has sent further objections to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Fairway, High Road Eastcote – to change from a 2 bed bungalow to a 4 bed house by raising roof. Refused. Second application now current. The Conservation Panel has made further objections.
- Refurbishment of The Woodman Public House Joel Street – this is a Grade 2 listed building and only painting has been done so far. All planning applications are undecided.
- Recent application for 78 Catlins Lane for a side extension.
- 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.
- 44 Cheney Street. Application to enlarge from a 3 bedroom bungalow to a 5 bedroom chalet bungalow. This would be out of keeping with the conservation area. The Conservation panel has objected.
- Initial House – the appeal lodged by Savills the receiver, was approved by the 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 allowed a sum of £20,000 for the 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**
- 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.

#### Any Other Business

- CHIPS Scheme – a meeting was held at the Civic Centre mid July to fine tune these documents. The group will meet during the autumn to discuss. The suggestion that the Conservation Area be extended was thought suitable and a larger area has now been put forward. If approved the area will stretch from the Underground Station as far as the War Memorial. There is a lot of work needed before the Conservation Area is extended.
- KS mentioned about the broken seat on Forge Green. CG said that there was another seat by the side of the road and the old seat needs taking away.
- HC mentioned that the weeping tree in St.Lawrence is dying thro' fungus . CD suggested speaking to Gerry Edwards concerning the maintenance of the trees.
- LC brought the meetings attention to an exhibition at Manor Farm House – Development of Ruislip Garden Suburb being held during September.

The meeting ended at 8.50.p.m

