

EASTCOTE VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY PANEL

Minutes of the Quarterly General Meeting held on Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7.30pm at King's College Pavilion

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. **Apologies:** David Payne, Anne Payne, Steve Place, Sue Place, Liz Gambier, Jane Neave, David Bennington, Cllrs.C.Dann, B.Haggar, N.Denys, Gill Hughes, Ian Murray, Frances Hawkins. Trevor Dixon, Adrian Batten LBH, Marg Bacon, Gerry Edwards.
2. **Present:** Lesley Crowcroft, Joan Butfield, Linda Furnell, Keith Barnard, Chris Groom, Rosemary Bucksey, Linda Wells, Heather Chamberlain, Jenny Gurdon, Susan Toms, Ed Fuller, Rob Cousins.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2014(sent via email 29.6.14).

The names of the Committee were not published. They are as follows:

President: Dr. David Payne,
Chairman: Lesley Crowcroft,
Deputy Chairman Built Environment : Chris Groom,
Deputy Chairman Green Spaces: Rob Cousins,
Treasurer: Keith Barnard,
Secretary: Joan Butfield

Treasurer's Report - £10.fee for London Green Spaces Group Network should read £10. for London Green Belt Council

4. Matters arising not on Agenda

- a. Long Meadow -the shrine and graffiti have been removed each time by LBH. The family have been informed it is not allowed.
- b. We are still waiting for the graffiti to be removed from the Sheila Liberty plaque next to the bridge.
- c. ST said that the plaque on the Sheila Liberty tree needs replacing.

5. Friends Group

Pinn Meadows - Rob Cousins

- a. The Public Consultation regarding the Draft Hillingdon Local Plan is scheduled to begin at the end of September and proposes to remove Pinn Meadow's Eastcote House Gardens and Manor Farm from Hillingdon's Green Chain and designate them instead as Metropolitan Open Land but stronger protection will be proved if the sites remain in the Green Chain whilst additionally designating the area as Metropolitan Open Land.

The wording of the existing Green Chain policy is also proposed to be weakened in from "Any proposals for development in Green Chains will be firmly resisted unless...." to "Development in Green Chains will only be supported if.....". These issues were discussed at the LBH Residents Planning Forum on 26th June with the Council advising that the reasons for changes to Green Chain designation was to bring it more in line with Government policy, which was to weaken protection for Green Spaces.

FOPM will be canvassing for Green Chain Policy which was only adopted by the Council in November 2012. To respond to the Local Plan consultation go to <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/lpp2>.

- b. FoPM held a Scythe Festival with the Green Spaces team on Saturday 5th July with over 20 people taking part in scything on the meadows before joining other residents and their families for a big picnic which the Mayor also attended.
- c. Dragana organized a bat walk on Saturday 26th July which was attended by over 30 residents. Species of bats spotted included pipistrelles and a leisler.
- d. Members of FoPM held a productive meeting with Vicky Boorman, LBH Flood Officer and Stuart Hunt on 29th July to discuss amongst other things, the responsibility for maintaining ditches (Council's) culverts (Thames Water) and non-return valves by the River Pinn (Environment Agency).
- e. A Chrysalis application has been submitted for new footpaths and drainage on Pinn Meadow following the flooding earlier this year. A topography survey has been completed and there are plans to build new wetland areas. There is a consultation meeting with residents on Tuesday 23rd September, 7pm at Kings College Pavilion with work expected to begin in October.
- f. A meeting was held on 24th July with residents and children to discuss improvements to the running track and skate park, including the installation of outside gym equipment and improved drainage around the running track. Cllr.Haggar has been extremely supportive with this project and there is a follow up meeting with residents on Thursday 2nd October 7pm at Kings College Pavillion.

Warrender Park - Ed Fuller

- a. The 6th Eastcote Beaver/Cubs have done a sterling job maintaining the one-third of the paddling pool flower bed that was dug over and planted earlier in the year. The recent rains seem to have brought on a very nice secondary flowering of poppies. We hope that a working party can be arranged for the Autumn to dig over and plant the rest of the bed.
- b. The wildflower area is in desperate need of cutting down. The heavily seeding infestation of dock, thistle and mugwort is going to cause problems in future years. At a recent Friends of Warrender Committee Meeting it was agreed that due to physical infirmity and lack of time, members were not able to maintain a wildflower area in the Park .
- c. There was no work carried out on the tennis courts during the summer. AB may be able to update us on this. (Tree surgeons arrived Tuesday and cut back severely to start renovation. LC said the school were objecting about the tennis courts. The money had been signed off by Cabinet for the work, but the Head Teacher had changed his mind, hence delay).
- d. The debris from the oak tree has been removed.
- e. £90. became available, and a selection of 1,000 assorted spring bulbs was ordered. These were recently delivered to EF for storage until a planting session can be arranged in the autumn - possible date 1st November 2014.
- f. Waitrose donated £142. from their green token scheme.
- g. 30 School children and their teachers were on the park after school for organised games

whilst their own playing fields were empty.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - Keith Barnard

Current Balance £272.91.

£100.donation received from Eastcote Conservative Association for a new hedge in Memorial Gardens.

7. **Green Belt** - Ian Murray

IM cannot be with us this evening. and for the next GBC meeting he will be on holiday.

IM asks if anyone would like to deputise for him on 5th November. Contact IM and he will send details.

8. **Colne Valley CIC**

They are asking for a donation towards their battle against HS2 which will destroy Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre ,etc.

The amount requested is £25. It was agreed that the Conservation Panel would make the donation.

9. **Hinman Shield and Community Award**

The Community Award, sponsored by Joan and Terry Butfield, will be presented to the 6th Eastcote Beavers and Cubs on Monday 6th October 2014. The Mayor of Hillingdon will attend to present the award.

10. **London Green Spaces Friends Network**

Nothing to report

11. **Planning Applications**

- a. 49 St.Lawrence Drive - loft conversion, front porch and rear single storey extension approved 11.11.13
- b. 21 Pamela Gardens - very large extensions diminishing the original house - refused 7.10.13. Appeal lodged and dismissed 18.2.14
- c. Esso Garage High Road Eastcote - there are several petitions and the Conservation Panel has objected.
This application is now out of time. New drawings added 25.3.14
- d. 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.
- e. 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 a 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. Application refused.

- f. 12 Morford Way - large 2 storey side and rear extension - refused
- g. Joel Street Farm - another application for a nursery in barn. Extra drawings added 3.3.14 This application finally came to the NPC in August, no determination was made; the Committee are having a site visit. Date of next meeting tbc.

12. AOB

- a. The CP will support the British Legion Poppy Award Appeal by purchasing a wreath to lay on Remembrance Sunday 9th November. Another volunteer day at the memorial garden 8th October.
- b. TNT mail - Gazette article 3rd September. TNT say that they have sacked the person concerned. Watch to be kept.
- c. 18th October - Keep Britain Tidy litter pick day.
- d. HC asked for volunteers to answer questions at the end of the meeting re relationship of the church within the community.
- e. Ed Fuller said that the Friends of Bessingby Park were non-active now, and the park had anti social dogs and people.
- f. He wasn't sure if the sewage problem had been reported.
- g. EF and PB went to a meeting of RELEAF attended by 200 volunteers. The RELEAF London Partnership is undertaking a survey of London's trees and woodlands to establish the benefits they provide and put a value on them. The 200 volunteers survey out in the fields looking at and measuring trees across London. Streatham is seeing the benefit of the survey - more greenery leads to an increase in air quality.
- h. London in Bloom - Warrender Park - Park of the Year, Silver Gilt.
Highgrove Woods - Small Conservation Award Silver Gilt and category winner.

Hillingdon Borough - Gold Category Winners

The meeting closed at 8.30.pm