



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 26th January 2011
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Carolyn Derecki, Pamela Jean Marr, Roger Brown, Gawain Cox, Keith Barnard, Bruce Baker, Andrea Gohil, Ian Parkinson, Lynda Masey, Jean Gibson, Linda Laurie, Tom Sharkey, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray, David Payne, Eddy Lavery

2. Apologies for absence: Catherine Dann, Alison Akerman, Jackie Redrup, Ray Graham, Michael White, Andrew Retter

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

The Minutes of the November meeting agreed with the following amendment: It was pointed out that we had the wrong title for the Police Committee, should read The Hillingdon Community and Police Consultative Group. Also it is this committee's budget to be cut by 20% and not the MET budget.

4. Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes

- The "Welcome to Eastcote" signs, originally two, then the number increased to four, then it was back to two and now we understand that four are to be installed – no details available as to when they will be installed.
- Consultation on redevelopment of Southbourne Community Centre and adjacent buildings has been shelved.
- The results of the survey of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership will be forthcoming soon.
- Eastcote Station – work now started on the redevelopment of the area. Revised plans were issued and within days, the work had started. Unable to get an answer as to why no re-consultation was forthcoming before the work started.
- Snooker Club – relocation away from The Stables, Eastcote House Gardens– Cllrs. meeting in December and Club were informed that the Council will not fund a new building. A proposal has been made that the Council will come up with a parcel of land and that the Snooker Club itself will fund for a new building. Outcome awaited..
- A question was raised regarding the funding for the repair of The Stables - informed that funds are ring fenced and will carry over into next year.

5. Representatives Reports

Planning & Enforcement – (Large numbers of applications as two months covered)

Matters Arising from last meeting

*properties on which ERA has written to Planning

- Imada Club, 12 Kaduna Close - First floor side extension to create two flats on top of an existing building – Decision awaited*
- 108 Lime Grove – bungalow being turned into a two storey house – Decision awaited*
- Land at 216 Field End Road - Part 3 and part 4 storey block of flats with retail outlet to ground floor – Decision awaited*
- Land at Rear and forming part of 63, 65 & 67 Lowlands Road - 5 bedroom detached bungalow – Refused*
- Land forming part of 104 Abbotsbury Gardens - 1 bed bungalow – Refused*
- Land forming part of 11 Hoylake Gardens – side extension to create two flats – Application withdrawn
- 41 Rushdene Road – regarding materials only – Approved
- 33 Gerrard Gardens – conversion of roof space – Approved
- 5 Deane Croft Road single storey rear/side extension - Approved + conversion roof space – Decision awaited
- 20 Boleyn Drive – single storey rear extension – Approved
- Black Horse – single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. Application and listed building consent. Applications were withdrawn – new applications have now been submitted and decisions are awaited
- 34 Lowlands Road - Single storey rear extension and first floor extension – Approved
- 62 Hawthorne Avenue - single storey side extension – Certificate of Lawfulness – Approved
- 9 Flag Walk – conversion of roof space – Refused
- 1 Deane Croft Road- small extension and conservatory to rear – Approved
- 4 Boundary Road -front and side extension to 1st floor – Refused

- 102 Abbotsbury Gardens - single storey rear extension and conversion of garage – Approved
- 94 North View - single storey side and first floor side extension – Refused – see new application below
- 29 Crescent Gardens -single storey rear extension – Approved
- 253 Eastcote Road –single storey rear extension only – Extension approved.
- 262-270 Field End Road – Audit House, details of compliance in relation to approved application – Approved
- Telecom equipment at Junction of Field End Road/Eastcote High Road – decision deferred
- Highgrove House- Redevelopment affecting environment - Conservation Panel commented – decision awaited
- 39, Rushdene Road – single storey outbuilding – ERA objected, problems with 39/ 41, Rushdene Road, constant reapplications – refused – Appeal has been lodged
- 214, Field End Road – Pizza Village- move extract vent – Approved
- 135, Field End Road – Sams – regularisation of opening hours- decision awaited
- 27, Maybank Gardens – new roof extension - this has been refused 3 times previously – Refused again
- 21, Crescent Gardens –details of drainage for an agreed project - decision awaited
- 348, Field End Road – single storey rear extension – Approved
- 29, Crescent Gardens – single storey rear – Approved
- 63, Deane Croft Road – conversion of the roof space – Approved
- 176, Field End Road – change of use shop - café/restaurant - Conservation Panel have commented - Approved

New Applications –decision awaited unless stated otherwise

Overview –

34 Applications were reviewed, during the period, for the ERA Area. 4 were deemed to require an ERA comment to Hillingdon Planning

Comments emailed to Planning on:-

1. 8 Sunningdale Avenue – Two storey detached building for 8 x two bedroom flats -refused
2. 217-217A Field End Road – Outline Application for change of use to provide 1 x 2 bed and 2 x 1 bed flats
3. 150 Field End Road – Initial House – now for 42 flats
4. Eastcote Lawn Tennis Club –Kaduna Close– single storey rear/side extension with roof terrace

Other Applications

- Pinn View, Southill Lane – single storey front infill extension, two storey side extension, conservatory to rear and roof alterations to existing rear single storey element – Refused
- 262-270 Field End Road – variations to agreed planning permission – opening on Sundays and change of use for ground floor for use as tutorial college – Approved
- 63 Pine Gardens – single storey rear extension – Approved
- 3 Dovecot Close – single storey side/rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable space, AC installation, alterations to existing elevations – Refused
- 16 Elmbridge Drive – single storey rear extension and extension to garage – Approved
- Land fronting 221-223 Field End Road – relocation of BT kiosk – Approved
- Land Adjoining 12 Gladsdale Drive – erection of single storey detached one-bedroom dwelling.
- 19 Ivy Close – part two storey part single storey side extension, single storey rear extension, previous application refused.
- 11 Barnhill – single storey rear/side extension, 1st floor side extension, loft conversion
- 253 Eastcote Road – 2 new applications - loft conversion + vehicular crossover.
- 81 Castleton Road – 2 Applications – single storey outbuilding + single storey rear extension.
- 5 Deane Croft Road – rear dormer, Juliette balcony and 2 rooflights to existing habitable roof space
- Pavement adjacent to 1 Burwood Avenue – replacement BT cabinet
- 19 Pine Gardens – single storey side, rear, front extension – resubmission – previous application refused
- 28 Windermere Avenue – single storey rear/side extension, demolition of existing garage
- 122, Whitby Road – single storey rear extension and detached garage to rear
- 5 Coleridge Drive Eastcote – RAF site – retrospective application for a conservatory.
- 62 Lowlands Road – porch to front and mono pitched roof over front to existing garage.
- 10 Pamela Gardens – part two storey, part single storey side extension and single storey rear extension, demolition of existing detached garage
- The Black Horse – new applications for single storey rear extension/listed building consent – previous application withdrawn – see above. Total 3 Applications
- 13 Widenham Close – single storey rear extension
- 13 Essex Close – loft conversion
- 24 Myrtle Avenue – single storey rear extension and loft conversion
- 94 North View – part single storey, part 1st floor side extension – previous application was refused
- 38 Meadow Way -The Barn House (fronting onto Field End Road) - advertising boards - refused

Appeals

- 8, The Chase – single storey side and rear extension – appeal allowed
- 12, Gladsdale Drive– Inspectors visit on 2nd November – appeal allowed

Enforcements

- 106, Field End Road- change of use –awaited
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – Unauthorised signage-awaited

RAF Eastcote

Next update will be in February. There has been a couple of problems –

- Flooding in Flag Walk and Spring
- Their concrete mixer broke down and once repaired they had to continue with the pouring which necessitate them working into the early evening.

Conservation

- Diary Date - Eastcote House Gardens - Gardening sessions 9.30am Thursday 17th February and Friday 4th March.
- The annual Conservation Report has been sent out by e-mail.

Police Matters

- IM/EB were unable to attend the last meeting and are awaiting the papers. IM advised us that the police are lobbying to have a drug, chewed by certain communities, to be classified , as it is causing some problems.

Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street road safety improvements. Following a public consultation exercise, including a petition in December, the Cabinet member approved a 20MPH traffic calming scheme that included the following adjustments to the original plan –
 - extend 20 MPH zone to include Nightingale Close, Curzon Place and Horns End Place
 - adjustment to calming measures adjacent to River Pinn
 - cobbled stone chicanes to be modified to provide even surface strips for pedestrians
 - before and after traffic monitoring to assess the potential for displacement in Barnhill / Francis Road. If any such displacement does take place the Council have indicated they would seek to respond with necessary actions.
 - Cheney Street construction works are planned for February/March.
- Eastcote Rd, RAF Eastcote north side entry treatment – still outstanding.
- Eastcote Rd, Black Horse parade pedestrian crossing concerns – Council reviewing - **ACTION:- BB**.
- Southbourne Gdns. (near Field End Rd) bus stop: Not yet resolved. ERA being lobbied to both support and object to bus stop outside no 24. There is a need for a bus stop, with disabled access, at this location but as yet a solution to the loss of 3 car parking spaces has yet to be resolved. It is acknowledged that compliance with Disability Discrimination Act may ultimately take precedence.
- Metropolitan line service standards: ERA is a member of FOMLUC (Federation of Met Line Users Committee) which secured a meeting (25th Jan) with LUL MD Mike Brown to resolve significant concerns with the quality of service and in particular the deterioration over last 5 months. Clear commitment from the `top` to remedy the situation was given. Members were of the view that the standard of service has deteriorated in the past few months.

Community Voice

- Attached to these minutes is the Community Voice Newsletter

Disabilities

- IP has also been approached regarding the disabled access noted above in Southbourne Gardens.
- Various residents have raised disabled access problems regarding kerbs, trees and street furniture in Field End Road. IP to follow up. - **ACTION:- IP**
- It has come to our attention that some people are abusing the parking Disabled Bays and the “Blue Badge”. This will be investigated and the information passed to BB. - **ACTION:- IP/BB**
- Disabled parking has now been added in the Ruislip Lido car park
- Quiz Evening on Friday 4th March for Grangewood School at the school. Price £8 per head including food. Ickenham Festival Committee and ERA are assisting with promotion and are making up tables of four to eight. If you would like to join a table contact Ian Parkinson on 8582 4428

Webmaster Report (Website - www.eastcoteria.co.uk)

- Went Live 12th April 2010, Today: 20,200 hits
- Since beginning of January we've had 2,000 hits
- Reporting process rewritten to include daily, weekly & monthly statistics.
- **New additions:**

- Main Page: we have added a news stream & upcoming events. This shows a small amount of information, but has the effect of ensuring the home page is regularly updated with new content. News articles needed regularly. Support requested from anyone if they know of a story or article that should be included on our site, email to webmaster with link (or a copy). - **ACTION:- ALL**
- Recruitment: -simple form on the site which allows people to join ERA within a matter of seconds. The form asks for key details, name, address, contact number and once submitted will be sent directly to us.
- Photo Gallery: -We have now added a photo gallery to the site.

Other Reports

- **HARA**: No report, the next meeting is in February.
- **Ruislip Woods** it is their 200th Anniversary and there is to be an large Open Day on 15th May.
- **Ruislip Lido**; The new toilets and changing room are finished. The Halcrow Environmental Impact Screening Report is now available.

Christmas Fair

- Feedback on the Christmas Fair – Overall Income in money and services provided was approx £24,000 from Hillingdon Council, local traders, ERA, local clubs and residents. After all costs for new lights, which we now own, and are in store, and fair costs, if all promised monies can be collected it is likely that we will have a surplus of approximately £1100 which will be held in a fund towards next years lights. While most of the comments received were very positive there was one or two problems that need to be addressed namely the fact that the Actresses did not turn up (an item outside ERA control), parking and traffic problems and the positioning of the stage. The business community and charities were very pleased with the increased trade and the amount of money they collected. Letters/emails of thanks have been received from the Charities and the Traders. There have been several meeting over the last few weeks and more are in the pipeline with charities, businesses and Council. IP then went on to give A VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the great effort and also to everyone that turned up and spent all day at the Fair. For the ERA stall there was a small overspend of £37.43 and this was agreed by a show of hands. ERA now own a new tea urn and three large banners promoting ERA that can be used at future events.

AOB/Correspondence

- Public Liability Insurance – ERA have not previously had this insurance and it came to light during the planning stage of the Fair that we must have this insurance (we believe all other RA's in the area already have such insurance). This insurance was taken out at a cost of £297.50 and this expenditure was approved by a show of hands. The cost to be reviewed for future years based on info from other voluntary groups.
- Photo competition –the winner was Chris Williams with second and third places taken by Gill Roulstone.
- Footpath from Abbotsbury Gardens to Devonshire Lodge car park in a dreadful state. The Council are going to remove the large trees which are blocking and tearing up the footpath and relay the path.
- There was a robbery in Azalea Walk, stealing the lead from the garages. The persons concerned were seen on the CCTV cameras on the footpath but was not actually seen taking the lead.
- AGM in May – the hall booked at Southbourne Community Centre. It was decided that the theme should be “The Big Society” and that Nick Hurd should be asked to speak. IP to approach him and report back. - **ACTION:- IP**
- CG proposed that Gawain Cox be co-opted onto the ERA Committee. Permanent post to be ratified at the AGM – this was carried by a show of hands. He was thanked for all his hard work in getting our Web-site up and running and continuing to keep the site up to date.
- KS reported that she was having a site visit at the Tudor Lodge Hotel to try to sort out the sewer flooding problems at the corner of Field End Road – she will report back. - **ACTION :- KS**

The meeting ended at 9.35pm..

**The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2011 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.
Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or email chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk**