



Eastcote Residents' Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 30th March 2011

Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1 **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Carolyn Derecki, Ian Parkinson, Lynda Masey, Jean Gibson, Linda Laurie, Eddy Lavery, Jackie Redrup, Roger Brown, Gawain Cox, Keith Barnard, Bruce Baker, Catherine Dann, Alison Akerman, David Payne, Andrea Gohil, Dympnia McDermott, Paul Ashby, Pam Crocker, Ken Weinling

2 **Apologies for absence:** Elizabeth Beggs, Pamela Jean Marr, Tom Sharkey, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray,

3 **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the February meeting were agreed without amendment:

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

- The crossing at Blackhorse Parade – the new Zeebright lights have been installed and working.
- Parking in Disabled Bays – the misuse of disabled badges has been passed to Officers and is being investigated.
- AGM Speaker – the main speaker is Gary Coote from Hillingdon Fraud Squad.
- Proud Proud - Pride of Place initiative –first meeting was held in Northwood and mainly dealt with Chrysalis funding.
- Tudor Lodge Hotel Drains – there has been no flooding for a couple of weeks and hopefully it has been sorted out.

5 **Representatives Reports**

5.1 **Planning & Enforcement**

*Properties on which ERA has written to Planning

Matters Arising from last meeting

Approved

- Pavement adjacent to 1 Burwood Avenue – replacement BT cabinet
- 13 Widenham Close – single storey rear extension
- 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
- 35 Oxford Drive – outbuilding with basement – refused before – now approved
- 46 Windermere Avenue – single storey side and rear extension

Rejected

- Black Horse – single storey rear extension x 2 applications
- 135, Field End Road – Sams – regularisation of opening hours

Decisions still awaited

- *Imada Club, 12 Kaduna Close-Extension to create two flats on top of existing building
- *Land at 216 Field End Road - Part 3 and part 4 storey block of flats with retail outlet to ground floor
- Highgrove House- Redevelopment affecting environment - Conservation Panel commented
- 21, Crescent Gardens –details of drainage for an agreed project
- *150 Field End Road-Initial House – 42 flats
- *150 Field End Road – further proposal for 76 bedroom hotel (Travelodge) - the majority of the shop-keepers are in favour of the hotel and ERA have agreed to support them. Both applications are still outstanding. Hotel proposal is stated as recommended for Refusal at next planning meeting, for a number of minor reasons. ERA meeting to discuss the matters.
- 13 Essex Close – loft conversion
- 22 Pavilion Way – single storey side/rear extension with alterations to 1st floor side and demolition of existing detached store – refused before
- R/O 17-21 The Close – 2 storey office building with office space in roof-new application after successful appeal
- 3 Warren Drive – part single storey side to rear extension, conversion of the garage into habitable space
- 2 The Close – single rear extension, conversion of roof space
- 86 Fore Street – loft conversion
- RAF – Conservatories x 3 applications

- Site of former Highgrove Day Nursery – details in compliance with conditions

New Applications

Overview:-

18 new applications were reviewed -4 to be commented on to Planning :-

- 24 FER – single storey side extension + habitable roof space
- 104 Abbotsbury – land forming part – 1 bedroom dwelling
- 41 The Chase – single storey front extension, single storey rear extension
- 44 Lowlands Road – 2 storey rear and side extension involving demolition of existing garage + loft conversion

Other Applications

- 9 Sunningdale Avenue – 1st floor side extension and installation of new window to first floor side
- 40A Beech Avenue – conversion of existing attached garage for habitable space, roof lights and solar panel to SE roof
- 217B FER – conversion of roof space to include 2 rear dormers
- 63 Abbotsbury Gardens – loft conversion
- 292 Pine Gardens – 2 x applications – single storey extension + conversion of loft space
- 186 FER – change of use from A1 to A2
- 9 Elmbridge Close – single storey rear extension + loft conversion inc dormer
- 81 Castleton Road – outbuilding + loft
- 106 FER – change of use A1 to A3 – restaurant
- 11 Barnhill – single storey rear/side extension with, 1st floor side extension + loft – refused in Jan due to dormers
- 73 Mount Park Road – conversion of loft – already v. extended house
- 17 Burwood Avenue – single storey side extension and alterations to rear involving removal of existing garage – dismissed Oct 2010 – seems now to be meeting requirements of council.

Appeals

- 39, Rushdene Road – single storey outbuilding – ERA objected, problems with 39/41, Rushdene Road, const reapplications – refused – Appeal lodged – Dismissed.
- 27, Maybank Gardens – new roof extension - refused 3 times previously – Refused again – Appeal lodged - Awaited
- 8 Sunningdale Avenue – Two storey detached building for 8 x two bedroom flats –refused – Appeal lodged - Awaited

Enforcements

- 106, Field End Road- change of use –awaited – see new applications
- Tudor Lodge Hotel – Unauthorised signage-awaited
- 38 Meadow Way – The Barn House – Advertising Boards – awaited

Other Matters

- The application for an all weather hockey area in Kings College Fields was withdrawn, but is to be resubmitted.
- Highgrove House – the houses being built behind Highgrove House appear to be being built in the wrong place and a STOP order has been applied while it is investigated
- 54 The Sigers – this house is owned by Tudor Lodge and it has been reported that this has been converted into offices, with the resulting problems of parking etc. This is to be investigated.
ACTION:-BB/RB
- 42 The Sigers – dropped kerbs – confusing letters have been sent by the Council so RB and CD to liaise and investigate this matter.
ACTION:- RB/CD

RAF Eastcote

- The next update report will be in late April.
- A new residents association has been formed for the new development on RAF Eastcote and it will eventually be called Pembroke Park R.A. (Currently Sandringham/Pembroke Park RA) – at the moment it is dealing mostly with problems connected with the new development. Some of the members have already joined ERA and, hopefully more will be forthcoming. GC from our committee is on their Committee. One of many problems they are dealing with is landscaping – it is not being looked after, so some of the tenant/owners have withheld the maintenance money until it is completed.

6.1 Conservation

- Eastcote House Gardens – there is to be a Restoration Appeal Launch on 2nd May from 2-4pm at EHG. More details on ERA Website.
- Members are reminded of the email sent out about the Co-Op Award Scheme of £5,000. This is to be awarded to the groups who work together to improve their area. Go on line and vote for Eastcote House Gardens.
ACTION:- ALL.
- Easter Monday – 25th April – there is an Easter Egg Hunt in Cavendish Park. Meet at Cavendish Pavilion.

6.2 Police Matters

- In the eleven months to the end of February, total reported crime had fallen compared to the same period in

2009/10. Unfortunately, personal robbery (muggings) have increased considerably but detection rates are well up. Hillingdon Police Fugitive unit have been working closely with the local press and the community to trace persons wanted for a variety of offences.

- SNT – surgeries called “Cops at Costa” are now being held in Costa Coffee from 4.30pm to 6.45pm. The next two meetings are 6th April and 4th May.
- There is also an open surgery meeting at Manor Farm on the 9th April from 13.30pm to 15.15pm
- Eastcote SNT have now been trained to use the Speed Gun and they have acquired one to use.
- The current Priorities are – 1-Motor Vehicle Crime, 2-Burglary, 3-Road Safety and 4-Anti-social behaviour.
- The next SNT Panel meeting is the 19th May.

6.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street road safety improvements. Construction works have recently commenced.
- Eastcote Rd, RAF Eastcote north side entry treatment near Fore Street. These works together with water mains work are planned to take place at the same time during the Easter holiday to minimise congestion. **Extensive delays are anticipated.**
- Lime Grove / Elm Avenue junction re-modeling (re RAF Eastcote development) are planned for the same time.
- Eastcote Rd, Black Horse parade pedestrian crossing concerns. Belisha beacons have been uprated (made brighter) – this has improved visibility of the crossing.
- Bridle Rd pedestrian crossing – remains outstanding. (We understand that this is being signed off on 31st March and hopefully will start soon).
- Eastcote station works are almost completed apart from the road crossing facility. The new Bus Stop will be sighted before the Station. It was also pointed out that better waste bins are needed and also a new phone box as the original one is broken.
- Metropolitan line service standards continue to be a cause of concern. FOMLUC (Federation of Let Line Users Committee) continue to draw attention to failings and lobby for remedial action. Objections have been raised to the timetable proposal (planned for Dec`11) to reduce the frequency on the Met Uxbridge line peak service by 2 trains per 64 and reduction in Aldgate through services.

6.4 Community Voice

- Attached to these minutes is the Community Voice Newsletter. The next meeting is the 7th April. It is now time for ERA to renew our membership of Community Voice. After discussion and a show of hands it was agreed that we will renew our membership and CG passed the invoice over to RB for attention.
ACTION:- RB

6.5 Disabilities

- A new local group has been formed and it is to be renamed “Access Group” – at the moment it has approximately 100 members.
- Grangewood Quiz Evening was a great success and IP thanked everyone for their help and support with this event. The sum of £3400 was raised for the school. Details of the event can be found on the ERA Website. (www.eastcotera.co.uk)

6.6 Christmas Festival

- Christmas Festival – Sunday 4th December – Eastcote Shops -A sub-committee has been formed to run this event and initial discussion have been held with the Hillingdon Council. It will be a similar size as last year but will concentrate on community based groups rather than commercial and will have an increased entertainment content and hopefully a firework display.

7 AOB/Correspondence

- HARA – There has been two meetings recently and they were mainly concerned with finalising three letters sent to the Council – the three letters were regarding Local Transport Implementation Plan, Local Development Framework and The Future of West London Waste. Copies of the letters are available, contact IG if you would like a copy.
- NEWSLETTER – articles to be emailed to LL by 2nd April please. **ACTION:-**
- **ALL**
- CHIEF ROAD STEWARD – Subscriptions are now due. **ACTION:-**
- **ALL**
- Various problems in Field End Road have been brought to our attention namely the dreadful state of the service roads, the state of pavements and the fact that when the pavement was resurfaced from Budgens down to the traffic lights, different surfaces needed to be used so that blind people can work out which shop is which. A campaign is to be started to get action on the appalling state of the service road and pavements in Eastcote.
ACTION :- CG/BB
- The proposed new Pegasus crossing in Ducks Hill is now in the consultation period up to the 13th April.
- Traffic calming tables have now been installed in Park Avenue and Kings College Drive.
- Petition with 402 signatories presented requesting a roundabout at the junction of Fore Street and High Road Eastcote.
- AG reported that the delay in the refurbishment of the Eastcote Library is due to the problems of installing the lift.
- There has been a serious sewerage leak in Bessingby Park which is being dealt with.

- It was reported to ERA that there was a problem with dangerous dogs – we were informed that it is the Council's responsibility to enforce the bye-laws but if the dog/dogs bite a person then that becomes a police matter. CG will pass on this information to the concerned persons.
- The person responsible for campaign to have the bus stop in Southbourne Gardens is now being harassed by a person who lives close by, it should be pointed out that the campaign was supported by the Council, ERA and other groups.
- It was approved that we become Associate Members of the Hillingdon Arts Association – there is no cost to ourselves.
- IP asked us to put FRIDAY 15TH JULY in our diaries – this is to be a fun evening at Winston Churchill Hall consisting of cabaret, drama etc. The price is £12 per ticket including a basic supper. The money to be divided as follows: one third to Grangewood, one third to Acorn and one third to ERA Community Fund. More details will be forthcoming.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 27th April 2011 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.
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