



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 27th October 2010
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

Present: - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Jean Gibson, Carolyn Derecki, Rosemary Hilton (The Forresters), Catherine Dann, Elizabeth Beggs, Linda Laurie, Pamela Jean Marr, Roger Brown, Keith Barnard, Tom Sharkey, Bruce Baker, Jackie Redrup, Ian Brooks, Ian Murray, Helen Ronchetti (Azalea Walk), Olwen Williams (Azalea Walk), Ian Parkinson, Lynda Masey, Michael White.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Eddy Lavery, David Payne, Andrea Gohil, Gawain Cox, Alison Akerman.

CG opened the meeting to announce the very sad news of the death of Sheila Liberty. For many years Sheila was the leading light in the Conservation Panel and ERA and will be sorely missed by all her friends and colleagues in both organisations. On behalf of the Committee CG sent our condolences to her husband John and family. A card was signed by all members present.

2. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the October meeting were agreed after the following amendment:

- Item 5 – Update of the Eastcote Christmas Lights later in these Minutes.

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

- “Welcome to Eastcote” sign boards are in the hands of the Conservation Panel and LC is sending details of the positioning of these boards to the Councillors. We are advised that, at present, only two boards are sanctioned.
- CCTV camera in The Sigers has been removed after the recent re-petition hearing. New CCTV cameras to be installed above the public footpath through RAF Eastcote hopefully by Christmas as part of the building works.
- The problem of people riding bikes on the pavement has been brought to the attention of the police and we are advised that this is being actively followed up.
- After investigation it has transpired that a planning application is not required at the moment in relation to the Buddhists charity shop.(see AOB at end of these minutes)

- 4 **Representatives Reports**

- 4.1 **Planning & Enforcement**

Lesley Crowcroft has said she wishes to stand down from the ERA Committee. She will continue with her work for the Conservation Panel and Eastcote House Gardens, etc. Jackie Redrup will now take over the planning role for ERA. All present wished to express their gratitude for all Lesley’s hard work for ERA over the years.

Matters Arising

- Eastcote Library –internal/external changes- approved
- 91, Deanecroft Road–single storey rear & side extension –approved
- 63, Lime Grove – 3x3 storey townhouses – refused
- 57, Hawthorne Ave – conversion of Garage – approved
- 270, Pine Gardens – single storey side extension – approved
- 19, Pine Gardens – single storey side/front/rear extension – refused
- 47, Acacia Ave – single storey side & rear extension – approved
- Television House- 269, Field End Road – awaiting decision
- 15, Lowlands Road- single storey rear extension –approved
- 33, Acacia Ave – replacement of extant approval – approved
- 10, North View – roof conversion –approved
- 35, Oxford Drive – large outbuilding with basement – refused
- 22, Pavilion Way – two storey side and rear extension – refused
- Telecom equipment at Junction of Field End Road/Eastcote High Road - decision awaited
- Highgrove House- Redevelopment – changes to proposed development affecting environment - Conservation Panel have commented

New Applications

- 214, Field End Road – Pizza Village- move extract vent.
- 135, Field End Road – Sams – regularisation of opening hours.
- 27, Maybank Gardens – new roof extension - this has been refused 3 times previously
- 21, Crescent Gardens –details of drainage for an agreed project.
- Peter’s Close – single storey side extension
- 348, Field End Road – single storey rear extension
- 29, Crescent Gardens – single storey rear
- 42, Abbotsbury Gardens – single storey side and rear extension.
- 63, Deane Croft Road – conversion of the roof space
- 39, Rushdene Road – single storey outbuilding – ERA have objected, problems with 39/ 41, Rushdene Road, constant reapplications.
- 176, Field End Road – change of use from shop to café/restaurant - Conservation Panel have commented
- 253, Eastcote Road – single storey rear extension and vehicular crossover ERA Objection – no drawings
- 8, The Chase – single storey side & rear extension
- 34, Lowlands Road – a detached outbuilding
- 10, Dovecot Close – conservatory – Conservation Panel have commented
- 17, Uplands – single storey rear extension

Licence Application

- 106, Field End Road – alcohol licence for a Portuguese Deli/Cafe

Appeals

- 12, Gladsdale Drive– Inspectors visit on 2nd November
- 8, Sunningdale Ave - eight flats – appeal dismissed
- 208, Field End Road, travel agent – 1st Floor rear extension – appeal accepted
- 17, Burwood Ave – Extension – appeal dismissed

Enforcements

- The Barn House (fronting onto Field End Road) - advertising boards/windows - awaited.

Other Matters

- Meeting with Tudor Lodge Hotel to discuss minor problems arranged for 2nd November. **ACTION : RB/CG**
- Incomplete history board at the junction of Bridle Road for Eastcote Park Estate removed
- The Public notice-board for Devonshire Car Park has still not been installed – CG to chase **ACTION:- CG**
- Consultation for possible redevelopment of the Eastcote Community Centre/British Legion /Scouts /Horticultural Society site has begun- an action group has been formed.

RAF Eastcote

- The October Update has been distributed it contained details of the proposed 3 new planning applications for an increase in the number of units on the site by a further 15 house/flats (now up to 400 units from 385 units). The applications are generally as per the public meeting last year. Strong objections/petitions are being prepared by various groups supported by ERA. Conservation Panel, Councillors and Nick Hurd MP.
- The planning application for a crossing on Eastcote Road and site entrance works was approved.
- Newt fencing still not all removed **ACTION :- CG**

4.2 Conservation

- The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens, were presented with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, in the 'It's Your Community' category of London in Bloom, by the Deputy Mayor of London. This award was for Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement. This was the highest award in the category. All who have played a part in restoring Eastcote House Gardens are to be congratulated
- Diary Date- Gardening sessions Thursday November 18th.

Eastcote Community Volunteer Day Sunday October 31st. - 10.30am -Bulb Planting in the Eastcote House Gardens Walled Garden and at Forge Green.- meet in car park of Eastcote House Gardens

4.3 Police Matters

- There was no meeting in October, the next meeting will be in November. The main item of note is that total crime within the Borough has fallen since last year.
- SNT Report – at a recent meeting it was decided that the current ward priorities should read: (1) Motor Vehicle crime, (2) Burglary, (3) Road Safety and (4) Anti social behaviour by youths. Various arrests have been made for drugs and burglary. Four street briefings conducted. A number of complaints have been received regarding traffic speed and enforcement activities have and will continue.

4.4 Transport and Road Safety

- Cheney Street improvements – public consultation ended on the 25th Oct. It is understood that there are some local objections. It will be disappointed if the rationale behind this `we don't want (Cheney Street) traffic in our road'. Firstly it is not Cheney St traffic but through traffic and secondly undertaking an alternative will take longer – therefore displacement unlikely. At the meeting C Der. explained the situation regarding a resident

who has strong objections and has circulated objections to the proposed improvements. As Consultation has closed BB said that he would check outcome and contact C Der with the results of his investigation.

- Cuckoo Hill safety improvements petition – scheduled for Wed 17th November –The petition was circulated during the meeting.
- Eastcote Rd & Field End Rd, speed concerns – still await information on plans re entry treatment to RAF Eastcote north side.
- Eastcote Rd, Black Horse parade – concerns regarding pedestrian crossing `near misses`. BB indicated that he has asked for this to be investigated.
- Southhill Lane - cricket club parking issue. There is meeting on Saturday 30th October regarding this problem.
- Eastcote Station area proposals – no information – MW to investigate (post meeting note drawings now available).

4.5 Community Voice

- At a recent meeting the guest speaker was Dr. Stella Barnes, The Hillingdon Hospital.
- Eight beds opening at Hemel Hempstead Hospital to relieve pressures at Watford General.
- New Primary Care Clusters are to be formed, these are Brent/Harrow as one cluster, Ealing/Hillingdon/Hounslow a second cluster and Hammersmith/Fulham/Kensington/Chelsea/Westminster a third cluster.
- Claire Sheppard, Senior Nurse at Mount Vernon now holds open meetings monthly to discuss site concerns.
- Letters have been sent to various hospitals asking for their assurances that no patients are served halal products without their knowledge. Hillingdon Hospital have given their assurances and replies are awaited from the other hospitals contacted.
- NHS Hillingdon has published details of the opening hours of all GP surgeries in Hillingdon.
- Some PCTs, including Harrow and Hillingdon have agreed to fund Cyberknife treatment for suitable patients.

4.6 Press Officer/Newsletter

CG congratulated LL on the quality of the latest Newsletter and for getting it out so promptly and KS for getting it distributed quickly and efficiently

4.7 Disabilities

- Public footpaths: proposed remedial works had been carried out, removal of barriers delayed.
- Mobility Forum: attended the mobility forum hosted by LBH, following which there was a very short time scale for potential access/mobility projects to be considered for funding. Received many suggestions from both committee members and disabled residents. All 22 suggestions went into the local implementation plan for consideration. Meetings with the council's access officer working on a proposal to revise the kerb at junction of Deanecroft Road and Field End Road. The remaining suggestions will be looked at in the New Year.
- Eastcote Library proposed Refurbishment: recommendations to redesign the access arrangements to the proposed refurbishment of the library and surrounding street furniture –accepted. A great success for the team work of ERA.
- British Telecoms Works Field End Road: BT carrying out re-cabling works below inspection chambers in Field End Road. Covers left dangerously - unable to replace. Call to LBH call centre, the call was handled by Ian, not only did he dispatch a crew with the appropriate tools to replace the covers, but he went out of his way to personally visit the site and ensure the works had been completed..
- Ruislip Lido Car Park Development: CG/IP attended Ruislip Residents Association open forum - one topic was the proposed car park. Proposals to consider needs of the disabled, particularly users of hand propelled wheelchairs, and to blend the design with the natural environment were raised.
- Requested Council to remove red tape, costs, notice periods and admin from those wanting to organize community events. With support of The Ruislip Manor and Ickenham Festival teams.

4.8 Christmas Lights/Market/Fair

- Christmas Lights:- ERA has now taken over responsibility for fund raising and for purchasing new Christmas Lights on behalf of Eastcote. There will be lights this year the extent of those lights is dependent upon the funds raised. A Eastcote Christmas Light appeal has been launched details of which are on web site. The Committee congratulated IP for all his efforts for getting this problem sorted
- Christmas Market:- there will be a Christmas market in Eastcote along the length of Field End Road on Sunday 5th December anybody interested in having a stall particularly community groups please call or email ERA. Details on ERA website.
- Eastcote Traders Fair: The traders fair is taking place on Saturday 4th December. Traders have asked for a list of addresses of those that are prepared to display an estates agent's style board publicising the event. Please Contact ERA – Ian Parkinson - 020 8582 4428. Details on ERA website

4.9 Ruislip Lido

CG attended the latest meeting of Ruislip Lido MAG where it was reported that the new toilet block and changing rooms are up, the drawings for the new car park are being withdrawn, to be issued with improvements and boating/swimming etc decisions are delayed, as the water quality report and status of the dam report are will awaited.

5 A.O.B./Correspondence

- Buddhist Centre - 96 Field End Road: is a faith based group - uses premises primarily as a meeting place for its members with the front section of the shop used for the sale of goods for fund raising purposes. There have been several enforcement actions, some are still pending No serious concerns raised at present.
- HARA – no report, the next meeting is at the end of November.
- OPEN FORUM on 9th November – LL/SL/AG to deal with catering. Everybody to be at the hall by 7pm to help set up. **ACTION:- ALL**
- CG asked if anyone had a microphone system for use at the Open Forum– KB has a system and will liaise with CG. **ACTION:- KB/CG**
- GC has worked hard on the web site to make changes to make it look very professional – it was suggested that members have a look at the improved website. **ACTION:- ALL**
- The rubbish mountain in car park at Initial House – this has been reported and it is hoped it will be dealt with.
- The Eastcote Memorial Service on the 14th November – TS has agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of ERA. Meet 10.25am corner of Abbotsbury Gardens for Parade to Eastcote War Memorial
- CG requested if anyone was prepared to have an “estate agents style” board advertising our events put up in their front gardens – CG and IP agreed to have a board. A suggestion was made that the Community Centre be approached to see if they were prepared to have one also. If you are prepared to have a board contact IP.
- The service road behind the shops (Deanecroft to Abbotsbury) was investigated and 28 notices were served on property owners for rubbish problems.
- BB advised that when objecting to Licensing applications for premises, the objection must put a clear case not just “we don’t want it”
- There was a complaint regarding the lights above the toilets in the car park, this has now been dealt with and they are now much brighter and more obvious.
- We have been asked to pass on information regarding our activities to the Talking Newspaper.

The Meeting ended at 9.40pm

The next Meeting will be 24th November 2010 at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm
Apologies to Irene Groom on 0208 866 0985 or e-mail chris@parkfarm23.fsnet.co.uk