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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 16th September 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Leo Mindel	Vice-Chairman
Trevor Dixon	Secretary
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Herbert Levinger	Transport
Anila Hashim	Planning
Joan Butfield	Health & EHG
Jane Clayfield	Committee member
Lynne Halse	Events
Alison Judd	Schools Liaison
Steve Tysoe	Advertising
Sue Allen	Road Steward Co-ordinator
Jan Choopani	Committee member
Duncan Flynn	Councillor
David Bishop	Resident

If your initials appear in **BOLD** in the minutes, you have an action to report back to the next meeting with please.

The Chairman welcomed those present who were attending their first meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence received from

Tony Lane, Fiona Morgan, Alan Lester, Graham Mann, Lesley Crowcroft, Andrew Retter, John Morgan & Jonathan Bianco.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 17th June 2015: agreed.

3. Matters Arising (not tabled as Agenda Items): none

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reported that a number of the Committee have been working on sub group projects over the summer holiday period and that he had attended various meetings and given a presentation to Community Voice.

He had worked on a number of planning issues with LC and had attended a Hillingdon Planning North Meeting.

He also attended a Q90 Picnic in the Park "Kick Off" meeting with representatives from Northwood Residents' Association. The outline plan is to hold a picnic on Northwood Recreation ground on Sunday June 12 inviting 4 or 5 quality musical acts to perform.

The committee was informed that 2 CPZ petitions had been submitted to the Council, one for, and one against. TD to circulate details once the hearing dates were known.

Arens Bar had closed and was re-opening as a bar and grill restaurant, with licences to 11pm, 12 on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to DF and JM for helping to resolve the issues there.

5. Planning and Environment:

The following applications have been dealt with by either Andrew Riley or Lesley Crowcroft:-

- **51 Wieland Road**, in conjunction with Gatehill RA. New building, which would be out of keeping with the Area of Special Local Character: Undecided
- **114, Fore Street** erection of a 3 bedroom house Garden Grab: Refused 13th July
- **Telecom masts** etc on footway adjacent to Autocentre Pinner Road: Undecided
- **Sirocco, Catlins Lane**, over large extension 2nd application: Undecided
- **2 Hilliard Road**. Conversion of garage at rear of property into a habitable dwelling.
- **116 Pinner Road**, conversion of garage at rear of property into a dwelling, applicant seeking Prior Approval, NHRA challenging the claim for PA.
- **73, Ryefield Crescent**. To the rear of 83-89 Joel Street, demolition of single storey building, erection of 2 storey building to contain 2x1 bed flats and 1x2 bed flats.
- **163 Joel Street** over large side rear extension. Similar application refused in 2004
- **54/64 The Broadway, Joel Street**: The hearing was due on 5th August - recommended refusal - but the client withdrew the application that afternoon.

6. Regeneration:

The Council officers are still to report. DF wondered if the general feeling was still that amendments were needed and this was confirmed by those present, as in the previous meeting minutes.

The drainage problem outside the Namaste Lounge had been resolved but the pavement outside requires smoothing. DF to investigate.

Allen Bros and Bennett Holmes are closing due to increased lease rates but Bennet Holmes still happy to sponsor Christmas Event programme.

7. Membership Growth:

During the summer, there had been a number of sub-committee meetings, led by MG and TD, to discuss ways of increasing our membership, and especially ways of attracting younger residents. There was broad agreement on a number of conclusions:

- A need to update our Mission Statement.
- A need to collect subscriptions and ultimately offer the current Hills Echo electronically, alongside the current methods.
- A need to use social media, especially Facebook.
- A need to increase our links with local schools.
- A need for a dedicated membership secretary to co-ordinate.

• NHRA Mission Statement 2015

Our constitution currently states:

The objects of the Association shall be:-

- a) To promote the efficient and economical administration of local government and public affairs of the District.
- b) To protect and watch over the interests of its Members.
- c) To preserve and improve the amenities of the District.

It was agreed to modernise this by adopting the following Mission statement at our next AGM:

- 1) To assist residents to preserve the environment of Northwood Hills and campaign on local issues e.g. planning & developments, anti-social behaviour etc..
- 2) To promote a sense of community and belonging, organising and providing information on events and other activities with the provision of details via social media, the website and magazine.
- 3) To act as a conduit for residents into organisations that represent them (eg councillors, police, doctors surgeries, schools) and to have good relations with them so that useful dialogue/advice can take place/be given.

This could then be printed on membership cards and used as a clear indication to residents as to what we hope to achieve.

Membership drive is needed: agreed to ensure current membership list is up to date and then we can work on younger residents being attracted into membership through Facebook and electronic payment. A Facebook page had been set up, but needs to members to sign up to it. However, this is to be a members' only page so they will be invited once their annual fee is paid.

Any current member wanting to join the Facebook page to email:

maxine.goswell@tesco.net

A target for membership increase of numbers would be useful.

8. Events:

Tidy up day: Saturday 10th October

GM/TD to let **DF** know if any additional equipment is needed.

Christmas Lights - Saturday 14th November

5 schools had been asked to perform and the possibility of a bell ringing group was being considered.

An H&S rep on the day will be required.

AJ to ask Haydon Head boy if the senior student team can help to steward on the day. **AJ** & **LH** to liaise re school activities.

Drinks and refreshments for all the helpers are needed and should be a task allocated to someone.

LM to review how to cover staging if wet.

Wetherspoons had agreed to sponsor mulled cider.

ST happy to man/manage a NHRA Membership stall/drive on the day.

JC kindly offered to help collect tombola prizes even though not able to be there on the day. **ST** happy to liaise with her and shops to collect prizes. Agreed that some tombola prizes/other activities that encouraged people on the day to move to shops not just by the Namaste Lounge would be useful.

Robert Symes Commemoration Tree Planting - date tba. **ARet** organising.

Thank You Supper - Tuesday 1st March

AGM: Wednesday 25th May

TD had provisionally booked Fairfield for next year's AGM but **AJ** awaiting confirmation that the new hall at Harlyn would be available.

Post Meeting note: venue confirmed as Harlyn.

Proposed Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration - Sunday 12th June. Councillors will need completed application forms for funds being requested.

9. Treasurer's Report:

2016 to date

Income £3,440 - includes Subs of £2,030 & Advertising Income of £1,310

Expenses £3,302 - includes £1,639 for Echo printing, £382 for use of hall for AGM (deposit of £200 to be cancelled) £426 for Big Lunch, Donations £300.

This is before expenditure on Christmas Lights event, Road Stewards Supper & renewal of Public Liability Insurance.

HSBC are still to open an account but have all the paperwork now for a free Community Account.

10. Transport:

FOMLUC MEETING WITH METROPOLITAN LINE MANAGEMENT

CROXLEY LINK:

1. The funding gap has been filled
2. Transfer of project from Herts CC to TFL completed
3. Final decision on whether to appoint a new contractor in place of Taylor Woodrow is likely to be made in 2016
4. Latest estimate for completion is 2019

TRACK REPLACEMENT BETWEEN BAKER STREET AND FINCHLEY ROAD:

This is now scheduled for summer 2016. This will mean that at certain times the Met Line into London will terminate at Wembley Park requiring changing to Jubilee Line.

OPERATIONAL UPGRADE OF TUBE NETWORK LINES:

Contract has just been awarded to modernise four Underground Lines (Circle, District, Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan) making altogether 40% of total network.

The objective is to reach 32 trains per hour in central London for the whole of the peak and frequency increases elsewhere by 2022. Final uplifts to capacity during the peak in parts of the Metropolitan Line outside central London will take place in 2023. Ultimately capacity on the Met Line will rise by 27%.

This should mean 243 trains per hour on Metropolitan trunk routes for 90 minute peaks by Dec 2021 rising to 28 per hour for three hour peaks by May 2023 with off peak enhancements by the end of that year.

11. Secretary's Report:

To date 670 homes are confirmed as members but we are still awaiting a number of returns and subscriptions from Road Stewards.

Copies of correspondence had been received from members regarding potential closure of the William Jolle. A petition of c500 names has been submitted to Wetherspoon's; their reply confirms that the pub has been put up for sale, but to date no buyer has been found, so it will stay open as usual. The members, in conjunction with CAMRA have applied to the London Borough of Hillingdon to have it listed as an Asset of Community Value which, if granted, would mean that any change of use would be subject to a planning application; decision expected mid/late October. Any views on the possible closure would be useful for the Councillors.

Tesco Express had very recently joined NHRA and expressed interest in being more involved, perhaps by the following: helping in the clean-up day; providing tombola prizes, mince pies or refreshments for the Christmas event. The traffic issues with their entrance are also being considered by them currently.

They would be happy to put an NHRA noticeboard by the cash machine.

(Post meeting note: positioning of this would have to be carefully considered so users of the machine were not concerned by people reading the notice board near them).

12 Hills Echo:

Copy date for the Autumn edition of the Hills Echo has now passed; all the content and advertisements completed; layout and proofreading were now taking place. It is to be printed by September 30th, allowing distribution to begin on the weekend of October 3rd / 4th.

It is hoped that the alternative Bank Account will soon be in place to end the difficulties of payments for the adverts not being made on-line. AL sent his thanks to Steve Tysoe, new Advertising Manager, for his sterling work in bringing in new advertising revenue, and easing the workload.

13. Councillors' Report:

Road resurfacing: next roads to be done are: Brookdene Drive, Church Close, Oakdale Avenue and Shefton Rise.

DF also reported that some funds were to be made available to Northwood live@home scheme and hopefully the allotments. He additionally reported that Hillingdon now had more green Flags than any other council in the country.

It was hoped that Flowering Hanging Baskets would be provided in Northwood Hills next year.

It is still planned to have lights on the central boulevard trees on Joel St, but it has been necessary to wait until the trees were established.

A number of locations needing some attention were mentioned:

Uneven pavements in Wiltshire Lane, tree stumps in York Rd and Tolcarne drive, pruning of bushes by Salisbury Road shops.

Agreed that at the next meeting a map should be annotated with all the locations affected.

14. AOB:

Police: HL was happy to circulate police quarterly meeting notes to the committee.

JCh has taken over from GM as Neighbourhood watch rep.

Smart water has been issued to houses in York Road and Winchester Road recently by Police.

General issues: Mount Vernon Hospital parking charges had been reduced.

Carepoint GP practice has received 'good' marking.

JC to report rubbish bins outside KFC to Environmental Health as they are always full overnight.

15. Dates for Next Meetings:

Saturday 10th October: Tidy up day

Wednesday 21st October

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 14th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 25th November

Sunday xx December - Evening of Community Carols

December - no meeting

2016

Wednesday 27th January

Wednesday 24th February

Tuesday 1st March - Thank You Supper

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 25th May - AGM

Sunday 12th June - Proposed Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

Wednesday 22nd June

The meeting closed at 9.10.