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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
of the Northwood Hills Residents Association and the Police Ward Panel  
held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 pm  
at Fairfield Evangelical Church, Windsor Close.**

**Members present:**

Andrew Riley (ARly)	Chairman
Leo Mindel (LM)	Vice-Chair
Trevor Dixon (TD)	Secretary
Maxine Goswell (MG)	Minutes Secretary
Fiona Morgan (FM)	Treasurer
Graham Mann (GM)	Police rep
Lynne Halse (LH)	Events
Joan Butfield (JBU)	Health & EHG
Jo Crockford (JCr)	Road Steward
Keith Blunden (KB)	Christmas Lights Event
Jean Bartoli (JBa)	Ward Panel
Alan Lester (AL)	Committee member
Jane Clayfield (JC)	Committee member
Gareth Crockford	Resident
Ted Adams (TA)	Resident
Patrick D'Souza	Resident
Inspector Rob Bryan	Police
Sgt Sam Quinn	Police
Max Christmas PC	Police
Ricky Soler PCSO	Police
Malgorzata Targoni PCSO	Police

- 1. Apologies for Absence received from:**  
Tony Lane, Jan Choopani, Lucy Hulatt & Duncan Flynn.
- 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017: approved.**
- 3. Matters arising (that are not tabled as Agenda Items):**

**Actions Outstanding Remaining:**

**Actions outstanding from previous meetings:**

**By:**

Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	ALL
Consider a new candidate for Web Master. (Feb 17)	ALL
Meeting with Northwood RA re electronic membership system. (Ap17)	ARly
Seek Road Stewards for roads without one. (Mar 17)	All
Traffic assessment by independent company awaited. (May 17)	JM/DF
Investigate possible funding for the provision of a ramp from behind the shops onto the Salisbury Road green space. (Jun 17)	JBi
Cost of the elm on the Hogs Back. Status to be confirmed. (Jun 17)	ARly
Possible emergency repairs in Maycroft and Ryefield Crescent to be looked at. (Jun 17)	JBi
Overview documents from local groups liaising re Health Service Provision. (Sept 17)	ALL
Distribution of Echo Magazines (Sept 17)	Various
No Street Cleaner for Highland Road. (Sept 17)	Reported by DF
Report litter behind Argyle House. (Sept 17)	Reported by DF
Repaint white arrow markings on speed bumps on Cuckoo Hill. (Sept17)	Reported by DF
<b>Actions outstanding from this meeting:</b>	
Website updates are required e.g. old committee names etc. (Jun 17)	TD
TD to give detailed changes to RK. (Oct 17)	
Review the need for an extra motorcycle bay in Joel St. (Jun 17)	DF
DF has raised this, awaiting response. (Oct 17)	
Review website software with RK. (Oct 17)	ARly
Lanyard design. (Oct 17)	MG
Notice board key required. The Ward budget may be able to fund another board. (Oct 17)	DF
Rat problem by Tesco Express. <b>FM</b> was asked to kindly raise with <b>JM</b> . (Oct 17)	<b>JM</b>
Ward budget availability for art display boards at Carepoint practice. <b>FM</b> was asked to kindly raise with <b>JM</b> . (Oct 17)	<b>JM</b>

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the meeting accommodated the Police staff by moving their report to the beginning of the meeting.

#### 4. Police Report and Ward Panel:

PC Christmas gave a detailed report of **recent activity**:

- 9 residential burglaries since August, mainly in roads at the north end of Joel St.
- 2 drug related arrests. Many NOS canisters are being used and left as litter.

- ASB has reduced following the banning order affecting one individual in particular. KFC refurbishment may have helped reduce this too.
- Good level of Community Engagement, drop-ins, coffee with a copper, community groups etc.
- Virtual ward panel has 88 people with a 25% regular response to the issues of importance. This is a useful barometer of the residents.

Agreed that the **3 issues of importance** should remain as:  
Burglaries, ASB and drug related activity.

The **following incidents** were flagged by residents present:

Scrambler motorbikes in Ruislip; and in particular, Park Woods: They usually have no registration (Small models), and the youngsters are not identifiable due to helmets and hoodies.

Some youngsters using catapults to shoot at ducks: The police had not been informed of this before, so cannot monitor something they know nothing about.

Speeding on Joel St is an ongoing issue.

Lorries for Grant and Stone causing delays as they park/reverse in: Police agreed to talk to the firm again, though it is very difficult to know what can be done, there are no parking restrictions along that part of Joel St.

**Traffic issues in Chamberlain Way** & nearby roads: the petition is to be heard on 8 November. Residents asked if the Police would have access to the speed camera again for Chamberlain Way and Catlins Lane, specifically for school drop off/pick up times. It was agreed that the police would try to do this the week after half term, as they now sometimes were able to use a better resolution camera.

Inspector Bryan pointed out to the residents that they can request their Councillors to put in a Private Member Enquiry which would allow the Council to put in place a speed survey, which gives a much better picture of the speeding traffic, than the occasional police Speed Gun presence. Should the Speed Survey clearly show speeding traffic, then the Council would have to investigate traffic calming measures such as speed tables.

The training of residents by the Safer Transport team allows for residents from another location to use a speed gun at their place of concern, and then they have to provide the service elsewhere. This was being looked at currently by the residents.

**Inspector Rob Bryan was welcomed back** to the north part of the borough. He reported that the budget shrinkage required was still huge and the loss of Police stations was a part of this, but residents don't tend to go into Police stations now anyway, so maybe they are not as important as they used to be. The impact in Hillingdon if there is only one in Hayes is more of an issue in terms of the base of the rapid response teams covering a large area. Realistically, an additional base such as at the fire station by Ruislip Lido was more likely to be the result, as it was recognised that Hayes was too far away from the north of the borough.

The storage of lost property by the Police had become an expense that was deemed unnecessary and Inspector Bryan confirmed that now, if you found a wallet or other items, as long as you report it to the Police, giving your contact details, if it is not claimed within 3 months, it is yours to keep.

## **5. Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked GM for organising last Saturday's Clean Up Day which was supported by over 20 people. It was a great Community event and he also thanked everyone who supported it.

The gas main replacement works in Highland and Winchester Road have taken longer than expected to complete and residents in Cranbourne have been impacted as the earth spoils have been stock piled in their road.

Since the last meeting the Chair has attended a Christmas Lights event sub Committee meeting and also undertaken a number of tasks in respect of this. The event is on track but additional helpers and stewards are required.

The Chairman was saddened at the collapse of the Intoto Franchisor which had a detrimental impact on the Northwood hills Franchise which has subsequently closed. The issue seems to have been the supply of kitchens from Germany following the German Kitchen manufacturing filing for protection.

Last Saturday as well as taking part in the Clean Up Day, ARly also visited the Namaste Lounge to see the finished interior upgrade works which are very pleasing.

Yesterday, he attended a meeting with the Chair of Governors at St John's School and received a cheque for £500 as sponsorship for the Grand Switch on of the Christmas Lights event. This meant that ARly was unable to attend the quarterly RWMAG Committee meeting.

## **6. Planning and Environment:**

The Chair advised that both he and Lesley Crowcroft had been in e-mail discussion with Christine Brixley, a resident of Raisins Hill. Christine and other residents are concerned that despite the road having ASLC accreditation, over time it is losing its character due to the use of Permitted Development Rights with extensions not being well managed. In some cases, Planning Officers and the Planning Inspectorate appear to be approving applications which may have an impact on the special character. A petition requesting the Council to consider introducing an Article 4 direction for Raisins Hill and/or a question at the full Council may be submitted in the coming weeks. This is a directive where Hillingdon ensures that extensions are a maximum of 4m rather than 8m at the back of a property.

NHRA also has similar concerns regarding the Hillside bungalows ASLC. While neither the Residents nor the NHRA can object to a Permitted Development Planning application, the Committee agreed that NHRA should consider making comment/

reference to the ALCS classification where appropriate. It was pointed out that only residents that do not themselves want a large extension would sign a petition limiting them.

In a recent survey, it was reported that Northwood Hills house prices had increased by 45% in the last 10 years, Eastcote by 29%.

## **7. Regeneration:**

The independent traffic assessment at roundabout is still awaited.

Enforcement officers had been checking the designation of each business in Joel St. Nails & Co needed a slight amendment but otherwise, it seems all were satisfactory.

ARly & DF had looked at the Zebra crossing outside the station. DF progressing this and if necessary, ARly indicated NHRA would be happy to pay for additional spotlights.

## **8. Membership Growth:**

**Road Stewards:** the need to find new RS's was discussed. KB suggested that Social Media needs to be used more to inform residents of what NHRA do. A link on the Eastcote/Ruislip Facebook page may be useful.

AL provided a sample of a lanyard with photo ID for RS's. The slip in type is not required, as there is no need to take the ID card off the lanyard. The ID cards need to be completely waterproof, two versions, one with Photo for those happy to use it, and one without. Design to be agreed at the next meeting. **MG**

Notice board key required. The Ward budget may be able to fund another board. **DF**

## **9. Events:**

### **Past Events**

**Autumn Clean-Up Day:** 10am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October (Report in Item 5).

### **Future Events**

**Remembrance Sunday** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

ARly or Tony Lane would lay the wreath, **ARly** to confirm with TL.

**Christmas Lights Switch-On** - 18<sup>th</sup> November

It was agreed that a leaflet promoting NHRA membership could either be incorporated into the programme or done as a separate A5 flyer for the event. The following activities were reported:

Namaste Lounge electricity supply had been improved and the external feed should now work well.

Namaste Lounge had agreed to provide the mulled wine.

KB to make stands for outside signage.

JCr to liaise with Christine Bennett about the use of the Scout van.

AR to co-ordinate stewards for the day but all were asked to give availability to KB.

KB to produce timed action plan for the day and ARly suggested that a Gap Analysis of things still outstanding would be useful.

#### **10. Treasurer's Report:**

FM confirmed that the final R&A for the year would show a small profit or a break even.

AL still chasing half of the Echo Advertising invoices.

#### **11. Secretary's Report:**

Complaints have again been received from members living in Joel Street about lorries using Grant & Stone queuing to park while awaiting entry. Also about lorries using Wyevale Close as a turning point.

A report has been received on the increased threat of building development to London's Green Belt: [The accelerating loss of London's Green Belt - who is to blame?](#)  
The only sites in Hillingdon are those relating to HS2.

#### **12. Transport:**

##### **Petition to implement 20 MPH speed limit in Chamberlain Way & Catlins Lane:**

A petition containing 300+ signatures has been presented. The petitioners have been advised by Cllr Duncan Flynn that this is due to be heard by Cllr Keith Burrows on Wednesday 8th November. In the meantime they have made a FOIA request for the costing of the 2016 Catlins Lane Speed survey. A "Council neutral" press release entitled "Pinner Residents Declare War on Speeding Motorists" has been prepared for publication ahead of the Hearing to update Petitioners as to progress.

This item had been discussed under the Police report.

##### **Access to Raisins Hills Green Space:**

Ted Adams has submitted a request to the Council for the installation of a public pavement of approximately 5 meters between Thatched Cottage driveway and entry/exit into Raisins Hill Green Space. He was meeting with Council Officers at the site the day after the meeting but it was pointed out that this was not a formal entrance to a footpath, so it seemed unlikely that anything would be done unless the designation was changed. However, the council had recently cleared back the undergrowth so visibility had been improved.

##### **Metropolitan Line Extension**

No progress reported.

#### **13. Health:**

No update.

#### **14. Hills Echo:**

AL reported that RK has problems when loading the Echo onto the website and the adverts have to be removed. It was suggested that perhaps the website software is

now somewhat out of date and a newer version would cope with this more easily. **ARly** to discuss with RK.

#### **15. Website:**

As previously noted, some updates are required e.g. old committee names removed etc. **TD** to liaise with RK. It was recognised that younger people now used Snapchat/Instagram, even Facebook was no longer used by young adults.

#### **16. Scouts**

LM reported that £61,000 has now been raised for the new Scout Centre.

#### **17. Councillors' Report:**

The Councillors had recently held a couple of Street Surgeries where targeted roads were leafleted in advance with the date of the surgery and then residents can talk to them at the designated time. It was planned that these would continue and move around the Ward.

DF had sent in a report, confirming he has progressed enquiries in relation to the matters brought up at the last Committee meeting:

- Markings on Eastcote High Rd, The road markings are confirmed to be repainted shortly.
- Motorcycle bay on Joel Street.
- Street cleaning on Highland Road.
- Fly tipping on Tolcarne Drive.

Resurfacing programme in the coming months includes: Colchester Road, part of Northwood Way, Coniston Gardens and Chippenham Close.

The parking consultation has now closed. There has been a large response and officers are currently analysing responses.

Additionally; the drain with weeds growing out of it in Joel Street has been flagged up to Council officers.

#### **18. AOB:**

- a) Rats had been reported at the back of Tesco Express, by the allotments and the small empty space along Harlyn Drive. There seems to be some dispute as to who has responsibility for this. **FM** was asked to kindly get **JM** to raise this.
- b) **JBu**, as PPG rep, asked if there was any budget available for purchasing display boards for school art work in the Carepoint Practice. It had been suggested to start with Harlyn school and move round the other schools on a rotational basis. **FM** was asked to kindly ask **JM** if there was any Ward budget for this.

#### **19. Dates for Next Meetings:**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

December - no meeting

**2018:**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** (Ward Panel)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Supper

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** cancelled

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** (Ward Panel)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - AGM**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

July and August - no meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** (tbc)