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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 19th October 2016 (incl. Ward Panel)

Present

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Tony Lane	President
Trevor Dixon	Secretary
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Herbert Levinger	Transport & Health
Alan Lester	Editor, The Echo
Graham Mann	Police Rep
Jean Bartoli	Ward Police Panel
Anila Hashim	Committee member
Jane Clayfield	Committee member
Jo Crockford	Resident
David Bishop	Resident
Paul Trice	Police Inspector
Alison Jeffrey	Police Sergeant

1. Apologies for Absence received from

Leo Mindel, Fiona Morgan, Lynne Halse, Joan Butfield, Lesley Crowcroft, Keith Blunden, Jan Choopani & Angela Dixon.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 28th September 2016: agreed.

3. Matters Arising: (not tabled as Agenda Items):

If there is an action by your name, **PLEASE DO IT**. Agreed that outstanding actions were not being completed, hence all remain below.

Actions Outstanding Remaining:

Actions outstanding from previous meetings:	By:
Urged to bring one new person each to next meeting, or ask someone to come forward. (Nov 2015).	ALL
Provide annual schedule of Finance actions for each year. (Jan 2016).	FM
Provide annual schedule of actions for each committee role for the year to TD/MG. (Jan 2016).	ALL: not LC, TD & JB

Regeneration issues update from council, outstanding since Oct 2014. Traffic survey at roundabout is ongoing. Independent review on use of parking bays is to be undertaken.	JM/DF/JB
Current members wanting to join the Facebook page email: maxine.goswell@tesco.net (Feb 16)	ALL
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader (Feb 16)	MG/TD
Hanging baskets and weeding to be done (Feb 16 & Jun 16)	JM/JB
Meeting to review if Echo should be available on-line. (Mar 16)	ARly, MG, AL, GM
Source Echo Article about sewers problems. (Apr 16)	AL
Meet to resolve dangerous bollard outside NISA. (Apr 16)	DF
Email list of dates for Christmas lights event sub-committee meetings (Apr 16)	KB
Ask if Green Spaces team can regularly check Hogs back elm (Apr 16)	DF
Arrange donation to Fairfield for use of the premises (Apr 16)	FM
Visit Grant & Stone yard regarding parking of lorries (Apr 16)	DF
Further access to LBH noticeboard at the station (Apr 16)	DF/JB
Raise the Long Meadow shrine issue with enforcement officers again. (Apr 16)	DF
Review bus cage on the road at the stop in Northwood Way (Apr 16)	ARly
Council to erect posters advertising Smart water use: progress (Jun16)	JB/JM/DF
Confirm if a car parked with 2 wheels on the kerb is fined (Jun16)	JB/JM/DF
Investigate disabled parking bays future on Joel St (Jun16)	JM
Consider any possible candidates for a quartermaster. (Jun16)	ALL
Candidates for the position of Echo Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Parking stress tests results (Sept 16)	JB/JM/DF
Report that gates into Ruislip Woods prevent bicycles being taken in. Provide details of Ruislip Woods Trustees contact. (Sept 16)	LH and ARly
Investigate Nextdoor Social Media website. (Sept 16)	MG/ARly
Actions outstanding from this meeting:	
Update on trial of Panel meeting incorporation into NHRA meeting & other police issues.	AF
Write to Councillor Burrows about lack of progress on regeneration issues.	ALL
Leaflet target roads with Echo Magazines.	GM
Bramble clearance on Colchester Road to be requested.	JB/JM/DF
Report blocked drains on Joel Street.	TD to DF
Help with The Echo, raise sub-committee, chase/provide articles.	ALL
Progress Parking posters.	LM
Investigate entertainment for Annual Supper	MG
Provide names of potential AGM speakers	DB

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone with special mention of the Police Ward panel members and Inspector Paul Trice.

Since the last meeting he has met with Chris Reveley (pastor) from Fairfield and Andy who is Tom Rawling's replacement. Andy has agreed to be Road Steward for Fairfield Court. The Chairman also attended a meeting of the Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Committee and the raising of The Green Flag ceremony on the Hogs Back. This year's Green Flag Awards mean Hillingdon, very notably, now boasts the highest number of Green Flag awarded parks and open spaces in the World! Jokingly he said "of course it was the award of the Green Flag for the Hogs Back that broke the previous world record."

Unfortunately, due to family reasons he had to pull out of the Clean Up day at short notice, but thanked the volunteers for their splendid efforts which were positively commented on by the shopkeepers and members of the public. The Chairman had also assisted with the bagging up and distribution of the latest edition of The Hills Echo and attended the Christmas Lights sub-committee meeting.

5. Ward Police Panel:

Acting Inspector Paul Trice has taken over from Inspector Rob Bryan and has been in post for a month or so. Apart from that there are no changes to the make-up of the Northwood Hills Police Team. It is hoped that there will be an additional PC in each Ward.

It had been a busy period for the team as the summer months can bring about a rise in Anti-Social Behaviour and also PC Christmas has been managing the team to cover PS Fanton's holiday.

Most of the ASB reported has revolved around mopeds being used to the annoyance of others. The team seized 5 mopeds/motorcycles from a lock-up just outside of Northwood Hills. They were being used by a number of people to ride around on and all were stolen. They have been kept by Police and returned to their owners now. GM thanked the police for the work on the moped problems.

We currently stand at 199 followers on TWITTER, so tantalisingly close to the 200 mark.....please advertise this to your contacts.

There have not been any particular crimes of note to discuss. There had been 8 burglaries in the ward in the last month. A couple of recent burglaries occurred whilst people were away on holiday. We are trying to promote more neighbourhood watch around Northwood Hills. If you know of any roads that may benefit from it, let us know and we can do some work around helping residents to set one up.

Tony and Y barbers, Joel Street were broken into on 8th October around 0430-0505 hours. 2 white males were seen running away and got into a Black BMW car. Investigators are still working on this one.

Unfortunately a 90 year old lady had her life savings taken from her when she fell foul of a phone fraud. Somebody rang her and pretended to be from her bank and got her to move her money from her account. This is a common problem and we do try to get the message out there to the vulnerable members of our society. The team are keen to work harder on this topic and suggest that this becomes one of our ward promises this time. This may involve visits to elderly and vulnerable to warn and discuss these topics.

Last time we were asked to look at possible drug dealing on Catlins Lane. We have done patrols in uniform and in plain clothes at this location and have not come across anything untoward. We will keep in touch with the Catlins Lane neighbourhood watch to see if the problem re-appears but it can be removed from the promises this time. The same goes for Windsor Close, being unable to find evidence of drug dealing there. Some activity had been seen in Columbus Way, **AF** to investigate. No activity had been reported at the Salisbury Road shops, the police were thanked for their vigilance there.

Operation Autumn nights will be going into full swing next month. This is our approach to tackling ASB when the nights get darker with the clock change and around Halloween and Bonfire Night. The team will be changing shifts to work more late shifts to help deal with issues. Other operations were currently on-going in the ward, information to be provided once they had reached a conclusion.

Recommendation for the promises would be the fraud prevention with the elderly. Suggestions from the Panel for other issues affecting the Northwood Hills residents were discussed and the following agreed:

- Scam and fraud prevention with the elderly. Liaise with Northwood Live@Home, U3A and NDCA. Pharmacies are a good source of information for elderly residents, leaflets can be handed out with prescriptions. The Older Peoples' forum at the Civic Centre was also suggested, along with the weekly Friday coffee morning at Fairfield.
- Burglary prevention: target householders in particular roads, with street surgeries to give prevention advice, Northwood Way being one. **AF** and team to leaflet the nearby roads with a surgery time.
- Late night bike racing down Joel Street.

TD reported that there had been an apple crop theft at the allotments, if this was repeated, then the police should be notified. **[Post-meeting note: some of the plot-holders had since reported the thefts to the Police and the matter is being dealt with by PC Groome.]**

HL asked for feedback as to how the police felt the trial of the Ward Panel into the NHRA meeting had progressed. Although not all the previous members were now attending the meetings, there were more residents represented at the NHRA committee meetings. **AF** agreed to provide the view of the trial from the Police perspective at the next meeting.

6. Planning and Environment:

Letters of Objection have been submitted relating to proposed developments at:

12 Colchester Road

116 Pinner Road

91 Joel Street (former audio shop)

89/91 Joel Street (part change of use)

It was pointed out that local residents needed to object to plans that they felt were out of keeping, not just the NHRA.

An application has been published relating to:

18-19 Ferndown and 47 Joel Street to which we would have objected, but we are prohibited from doing so under Prior Approval application rules. This relates to Residential Development behind Dominoes Pizza.

Councils can now apply for a Court Order if a developer submits multiple applications for development.

The Chairman commented that a recent BBC Radio 5 programme reported that there are currently some 400,000 approved planning applications where allegedly developers have decided to "land bank" rather than proceed at present. Tackling this should be a priority for both the UK Government and Mayor Khan.

7. Regeneration:

There is still no progress on reduction of pavement width at the roundabout or the bollards outside NISA. It was suggested that all present, as individuals, write to Councillor Burrows, copying in the Ward Councillors to progress this. The NHRA had tried to have an impact but had not been successful. **ALL**

The pop-up shop by NISA had recently been let so now there were only 3 shops vacant. It was confirmed that the William Jolle was closing at the end of November.

It was confirmed that the broadwalk tree at an angle does urgently need replacing.

8. Membership Growth:

Membership growth still needs to be a priority, yet no progress is being made.

Andy Dimon from Fairfield has agreed to be Road Steward for Fairfield Court.

There are still four roads where we have been unable to replace the Road Steward: Raisins Hill, Harlyn (evens), Hazelwood Drive and Heatherfold Way. **JC** had a new RS for Hazelwood Drive. For these roads, Echoes have been delivered containing a flyer

asking members to pay electronically or, better still, offer to volunteer to take over the role. GM and John Choopani agreed to leaflet target roads with Echo Magazines.
GM

9. Events:

Past Events:

Autumn Tidy-Up - Saturday 8th October: Had been very successful with 13 people so a big difference was made to the areas tackled. GM thanked those that had attended. The brambles on the right hand side going up Colchester Road were particularly full of litter. This area is owned by Argyle House, so is not Council responsibility but the Council have cleared them before. Bramble clearance is needed again so **Councillors** to be asked to submit request.

A future location for a Clean-up was the Eastcote High Road. Any residents wanting to clear an area local to them could borrow the equipment, not having to wait until the next scheduled date.

Future events:

Remembrance Day Parade: Sunday 13th November

ARly had agreed to lay the wreath as Tony Lane was unable to do this now.

Christmas Lights - Saturday 19th November

The Chairman was pleased to report that St John's School had confirmed their willingness to sponsor the Christmas tree once again.

The Council were very happy with the NHRA planning for the event.

A few copies of the Echo can be put with the Tombola.

Plan and job list/timetable had been attached to the agenda.

Date of next sub-committee meeting: Wednesday 9th November.

Committee Christmas Meal - agreed to hold this after Christmas, discuss at next meeting.

Visit to The European Parliament - The Chairman has written to our MEPs Secretary to confirm that next year's visit to the European Parliament, post the Brexit vote, is still in plan.

Annual Supper - Tuesday 7th March. **MG** to investigate entertainment.

AGM - Wednesday 24th May, perhaps at the new Northwood School building. **David Bishop** to provide names of potential speakers.

10. Treasurer's Report:

No report.

11. Secretary's Report:

Since the last meeting, the Secretary had attended the Christmas Lights sub-committee meeting, the Autumn Clean-Up Day and the Green Flag ceremony on the Hog's Back. He had also helped deliver Echoes to Road Stewards. In addition, he was invited to the Mayor's Parlour as one of the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens in recognition of the receipt of a QVSA and attended a Committee meeting of FEHG to plan events for 2017.

During the Clean-Up, it was noticed that several of the drains in the kerb appeared to be blocked. A later survey revealed that of the 30 in the shopping area, only 6 were clear; the rest were blocked or partially blocked. This information was passed on to DF, who reported it to the relevant officer for action. 15 of the 30 are still blocked. He will report them again to DF. **[Post-meeting note: this has been followed up by TD and DF, who has now obtained a date for clearance of Sunday 27th November.]**

There have also been problems with Parking Meter 431 - outside Sultan - which only presents a ticket if coins are inserted. This again has been reported to the relevant officer, who promised that action would be forthcoming but it seems that they just need the buttons to be pressed especially hard. **[Post-meeting note: other meters also seem to be faulty. JB reported that all are being checked.]**

12. Transport:

Metropolitan Line:

Work on the major signalling contract is expected to commence in July 2017 and it is scheduled for completion in 2021.

Harrow Development:

Feasibility study with proposals for commercial development has been carried out and discussions will now take place with stakeholders.

S-Stock Carriages:

This is scheduled to be completed by end of 2017.

Track renewal between Finchley Road & Baker Street:

Work is currently being carried out on the first section

Next major track renewal scheme:

Replacement of track and points at Harrow South will commence next Easter.

Motorists' Forum:

There is a proposal to introduce CCTV monitoring of School Keep Clear Areas. Although the Forward Plan mentions a Public Consultation, the Council have now decided that there is no need for such a consultation. Awaiting details of Local Implementation Programme

Croxley Link upgrade to be provided for the next meeting. **HL**

13. Health:

Hillingdon CCG has a useful website 'My Health'.

Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital decision is expected shortly.

The latest Community Voice mailing is to be distributed with the minutes.

14. Hills Echo:

The 48 page magazine had cost less to print and the advertising revenue had covered this. AL requested articles from all the committee for the next meeting. It was agreed to hold a sub-committee meeting to move forward with the compilation of the magazine. **Jo Crockford** to request article from St Edmunds and **Jean Bartoli** was happy to chase other churches such as the United Reform on Joel St.

Although they are not in the Ward, Emmanuel (contact detail from **GM**), St Mathews, Hollowell Road, St Thomas More and the Northwood Synagogue serve the area, so could have articles/news in the Echo. As could the cricket and football clubs, scouts and Red Cross.

15. Councillors' report:

None

16. Parking

LM was asked to progress parking posters for Windsor Close.

17. AOB:

Northwood School: the new building opened on 1st October, the old building demolition will start in November. Feedback on traffic flow would be welcome. The open day for prospective pupils was to be on 12th November, with a date for residents to view the building yet to be agreed.

Ruislip Lido Boathouse: this new building had also recently been opened.

Website: It would be useful if a map of the ward was on the website and included in the Echo regularly.

Conker trees: JC worried that some on Northwood Way were diseased. John Gurr is the specialist.

18. Dates for Next Meetings:

Wednesday 9th November - Christmas lights sub-committee meeting

Sunday 13th November- Remembrance Day Parade

Saturday 19th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 23rd November

December - no meeting

2017:

Wednesday 25th January (incl. Ward Panel)

Wednesday 22nd February

Tuesday 7th March - Annual Supper

Thursday 9th March - Echo copy date

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April (incl. Ward Panel)

Wednesday 24th May - AGM

Saturday 3rd June - Eastcote House Gardens Picnic

Sunday 4th June - The Big Lunch

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 19th July

August - no meeting

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 18th October

Saturday 18th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 22nd November

December - no meeting

2018:

Wednesday 24th January

Wednesday 28th February

Tuesday 6th March - Annual Supper

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 25th April

Wednesday 23rd May - AGM

The meeting closed at 9.30.