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**NORTHWOOD HILLS**  
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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of  
 WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**Members present:**

Tony Lane (TL)	President
Leo Mindel (LM)	Vice-Chair
Trevor Dixon (TD)	Secretary
Alan Lester (AL)	Editor, Hills Echo
Andrew Retter (ARet)	Quartermaster
Jane Clayfield (JCI)	Committee member
Jan Choopani (JCh)	Committee member
John Morgan (JM)	Ward Councillor
Duncan Flynn (DF)	Ward Councillor
Ted Adams (TA)	Road Steward

The meeting was chaired by Leo Mindel. Minutes by Trevor Dixon.

**1. Apologies for Absence received from:**

Andrew Riley, Joan Butfield, Lesley Crowcroft, Maxine Goswell, Herbert Levinger, Sgt Ben Phipps, PC Max Christmas, Jean Bartoli, Jo Crockford

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017:**

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

**Actions Outstanding Remaining:**

<b>Actions outstanding from previous meetings:</b>	<b>By:</b>
Urged to bring one new person each to next meeting, or ask someone to come forward. (Nov 2015).	<b>ALL</b>
Provide annual schedule of Finance actions for each year. (Jan 2016).	<b>FM</b>
Provide annual schedule of actions for each committee role for the year to TD/MG. (Jan 2016). <b>Post meeting note: MG confirmed GM still to provide.</b>	<b>ALL: not LC, TD &amp; JB</b>
Current members wanting to join the Facebook page email: <a href="mailto:maxine.goswell@tesco.net">maxine.goswell@tesco.net</a> (Feb 16)	<b>ALL</b>
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader (Feb 16) ) 2 remaining: A-roundabout/Hilliard Rd, C- Briarwood/Woodford	<b>MG/TD</b>

Meeting to review if Echo should be available on-line. (Mar 16)	AL
Council to erect posters advertising Smart water use: progress (Jun16)	JB/JM/DF
Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Investigate Nextdoor Social Media website. (Sept 16)	MG/ARly
Bramble clearance on Colchester Road to be requested. (Oct 16) <b>on-going</b>	JB/JM/DF
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	ALL
Provide update on Pinner Cottage Hospital site when available. (Jan 17) <b>Done</b>	ARly
Report on Pinner Road/Joel Street damaged pavement. (Jan 17) <b>Done</b>	JM
Progress provision of Rubbish bin outside the Post Office. (Jan 17) <b>Done: 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	DF
MM, ARly and councillors to progress dangerous parking/deliveries outside NISA. (Jan 17) <b>Being monitored</b>	ARly
Confirm surface treatment outside station is still valid. (Jan 17) <b>Yes</b>	DF

<b>Actions outstanding from last meeting:</b>	
Formal request to JM/JB/DF for an update on Regeneration issues outstanding since Oct 2014. Traffic survey at roundabout is ongoing. (Feb 17) Parking stress tests results to also be requested (Sept 16) <b>Agenda item.</b>	MG/LM/ARly
Assist ARly to chase Echo advertisers' outstanding payments. (Feb 17)	ALL
Request donation to Scout Centre appeal at the AGM (Feb 17) <b>In hand.</b>	ARly
Assess direct debit systems for other RA's. (Feb 17) <b>In hand</b>	ARly
Post meeting: Fairfield AGM booking to be cancelled. (Feb 17) <b>Done.</b>	TD
Arrange delivery date of the next Spring Echo to coincide with the Annual Supper/AGM. (Feb 17) <b>In hand.</b>	AL/TD
Consider a new candidate for Web Master. (Feb 17)	ALL
Raise rubbish outside NISA with JM. (Feb 17) <b>In hand</b>	JC
Provide old photos of the Scout hut, if available. (Feb 17)	ALL
Prepare a paper on Chamberlain Way traffic problems. (Feb 17) <b>See AoB</b>	TA

#### 4. Chairman's Report:

In his absence the Chairman submitted the following report:

First of all sorry that I am not able to attend tonight. This is one of three meetings in my diary for this evening.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the annual "Thank You Supper" Feedback has been extremely positive and one person has even suggested that we do it twice a year! Another has indicated that they would be willing to come forward and organise Residents' Association visits/outings. It was also remarkable that working as a team we were able to clear down and leave Fairfield by 10:00 pm. Thank you!

I'd also like to thank AL for putting together the Spring/Summer edition of the Hills Echo and those that have contributed copy, adverts etc. The newsletter is due to be delivered to us by the printer on 24 March and any assistance you can give to help with the bagging up that afternoon would be appreciated. I understand that this edition will be some 72 pages long, our biggest ever edition.

Since the last Committee Meeting I have attended the launch of the "£100k in 12 months" new Scouting Centre appeal, the opening of the expanded Muna Saloon which the Mayor and Mayoress also attended, the NHRA Supper, spoken on behalf of petitioners at a Planning North Committee meeting and visited the new Osteopath Centre in Salisbury Road to see how the refurbishment of the premises was progressing.

#### **5. Police Report:**

In accordance with the notice given to Panel members on 24th February, a resolution was passed on 17<sup>th</sup> March by five votes to one to dissolve the Ward Panel in accordance with the provisions of clause 9 of the Constitution dated 26th February 2015.

Ward Panel issues will now be dealt with by this Committee on a quarterly basis. Former Panel members will be copied in to Agenda & Minutes, unless they opt out.

The Police are continuing to work on the Joel Street ASB issues, especially in conjunction with youths outside KFC. They will also be undertaking both plain-clothes and uniformed traffic operations.

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

None logged.

Several applications were on-going concerning the William Jolle site, but none has yet reached the North Planning Committee.

#### **7. Regeneration:**

In order to ensure the smooth running of this item, LM, in his role as Chairman, set down the following procedures:

The questions will be asked one at a time with the opportunity for the Councillors to answer; any follow up questions will only be allowed through me as Chair.

We are only asking the questions that have already been submitted to the Councillors, plus any clarification if needed.

Any new issues that have not been raised prior will be recorded to enable the Councillors to answer at a future time.

Issues raised by the NHRA committee on the Regeneration Scheme, initially in October 2014 and since:

**1) Move the Crossing from the roundabout back to outside of NISA to ease congestion.**

DF quoted Cllr Keith Burrows as stating, "The crossing is considered to be in an optimum position, from a road safety and pedestrian point of view. The remains of the redundant traffic island have been removed." A follow-up question was asked by LM that this did not solve the congestion issue. JM noted it is viewed as an issue of safety.

**2) Re-instate two clear lines of traffic when approaching the roundabout from Pinner allowing traffic to go straight ahead or left.**

Cllr Burrows was not currently proposing to take any action on this or on the similar approach from Joel Street, but stated that, "Mindful of the traffic congestion trend here, it would seem prudent to consider a study of this busy interchange. Having said that, any approach involving widening of the top of Joel Street to create two lanes northbound would necessitate the removal of considerable lengths of the new paving, lose similar sections of parking and would re-introduce the road safety concerns." Both JM and DF agreed that such a survey must take place and agreed to press for it to be undertaken. The committee agreed with the Councillors that the survey must happen.

**3) The zebra crossing outside the station needs further illumination and is dangerous.**

JM reported that the Zebra Crossings in Joel Street are due to be enhanced by the fitment of 'Zebrite' haloes (<http://www.zebrite.co.uk/products/index.html>), the work being in the streetlighting programme. The equipment involved has been delivered and the necessary arrangements are being made with their contractor. JM also expressed that his original concern that he raised was the lighting was not sufficient on this crossing.

**4) Pelican crossing to be installed across Pinner Road to the Library to help flow of traffic.**

DF reported that there is to be a new pedestrian crossing to benefit the school, the timing of which depends on TfL, who are the body responsible for authorising, implementing and maintaining all the traffic signals in Greater London. This would have the knock-on effect of reducing pedestrian use on the existing Library crossing. It was suggested that if a Pelican crossing were to be installed at either or both crossings, it could be time-phased to operate only during the busiest periods. ARet expressed concerns that there is limited space for another crossing and it was

difficult to locate the island due to the number of drop curbs. There was a general concern that this will have a further impact on the congestion.

**5) The non-slip surface on the floor tiles outside the station could also be coated on the opposite pavement, where it slopes as pedestrians do slip on it.** JM reported that this could not be done using the existing treatment, as the tiles were of different material, but they would investigate to see if a different treatment was available. It was also confirmed that the surface outside the station was treated and tested regularly.

**6) Permanent lights on the central reservation trees.**

This is not being considered at present because of the disruption to the central reservation surfacing and the fact that the project budget has closed. However there is provision for power supplies to allow the installation of lighting poles which could be used to feed strings of festive lighting. The views of colleagues in Green Spaces would need to be sought on when the trees themselves would be suitable for this. It was, however, pointed out that the electricity supply was installed in the central reservation when it was constructed, so any disturbance should be minimal. DF to follow this up.

**7) Pavement outside of Namaste Lounge by Intoto is broken since the works at Namaste have started. - New issue**

This has been reported to Highways.

**Parking:**

**1) Results of the Council survey - to be shared with the Residents and the other petition requesters.**

DF has the results, which he will pass to ARly and LM.

**2) What are the plans that the Councillors are proposing before they are implemented?**

DF reported that a number of problem roads have been identified in the survey. The normal first step would be an informal consultation to ask fairly simple questions of whether the residents and businesses would support some form of parking control in their roads. Once a response to that is known, a suitable scheme could be developed with more detailed survey and design work, using the feedback gleaned from the initial consultation, and only after that draft design has been reviewed and agreed in principle by Members, would it be subjected to further consultation. Because of the likely size of the scheme, and the contentious nature that is common to most parking management schemes, it is likely that the Council would adopt a process of an informal consultation again before incurring the expenses of a formal statutory consultation (i.e. advertisements and public notices). This would ensure maximum transparency and minimise the risk of any sensible challenges.

**3) In a recent Residents' meeting, a member reported carrying out a freedom of information request to find out who was carrying out the parking survey and then approached them for information.**

JM confirmed that such a request had been made after the survey had been carried out, but the company undertaking it had declined to give any information. This had not compromised the results of the survey.

#### **8. Membership Growth:**

Copies of The Echo, plus necessary paperwork, will be prepared on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March for distribution to Road Stewards via zone coordinators. All parties involved have been notified. For those roads where the Road Steward has dropped out, a flyer will also be circulated to members; some roads will also be targeted on a larger scale, with a membership flyer.

We currently have 6 roads where the Road Steward has dropped out, but not been replaced: Waverley Gardens, Lichfield Road, Winchester Road, Harlyn Drive (evens), Raisins Hill, Wiltshire Lane.

In addition, there are 33 roads without either members or Road Stewards, as opposed to 50 with both.

#### **9. Events:**

**AGM - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Big Lunch - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

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

None.

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

None.

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

##### **Metropolitan Croyley Extension - 17.3.2017:**

Contrary to press reports, Metline management have denied the cancellation of this project. The current position is summed up as follows:

- The project cannot be delivered within the current funding package of £284.4m.
- It is estimated that a further amount in excess of £50m on top of their £49m contribution would be required.

This is not due to any change in the scope of the project but reflects the market. We have done detailed work on what can be done to reduce costs but without success; we simply do not have the funds to match the additional costs. As a result the Mayor believes that further discussions are needed with the DfT and the other

funding partners about how the funding pressures are to be met and has written to the Secretary of State to begin this process.

In the meantime and subject to discussions with our funding partners, we think it is sensible for our project delivery team to continue to deliver stage 1 design work, which is expected to be completed by late July. Stage 2 works could then begin should a revised funding package and/or delivery strategy come forward in the coming months.

**13. Health:**

None.

**14. Hills Echo:**

The current issue of 72 pages is the largest ever produced. (See also item 8 above.)

**15. Website:**

None.

**16. Councillors' Report:**

None.

**17. AOB:**

a) ARet: Northwood School is now being hired out on Saturdays and Sundays as a Faith school. This is attracting upwards of 1000 pupils from a very wide area and is causing severe traffic and parking problems in Pinner Road and the surrounding streets. ARet queried whether there were limits to the number of pupils and the number of cars allowed.

**Post-meeting note:** Mark Anderson, Head of Northwood, has sent the following comment: "We are aware that there have been some traffic issues regarding the Sunday School and I believe Councillor Morgan has visited the site on the Sunday with members of Northwood Staff to review the situation. Andy Lovesey, Deputy Head, is overseeing our lettings and he would be more than happy to discuss with you the measures that are in place to relieve traffic congestion."

b) JCl: Both Robin Paterson and Laura have suffered vandalism to the rear of their premises, in Ferndown.

c) TA: Traffic issues in Chamberlain Way and neighbouring roads. Vehicles are using these roads as short-cuts to avoid the bottleneck at Northwood Hills Circus. TA has been canvassing opinion among residents, many of whom are in favour of a 20 MPH speed limit. This would also involve the siting of speed humps, which had previously been rejected as an option by residents due to the loss of parking space. There was currently a petition being organised by residents of Catlins Lane for the same purpose. DF was meeting with them on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>; TA also to attend. DF also to liaise with Mary Aitken, Road Steward for Harlyn Drive, where similar issues had been raised. Report back at next meeting.

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** (incl. Ward Panel)

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - AGM** (Northwood Secondary School)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Eastcote House Gardens Picnic

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June - The Big Lunch

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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** (tbc)

August - no meeting

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

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**

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

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Supper

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

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