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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 22nd April 2015 at 7.30 pm

Present

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Leo Mindel	Vice-Chairman
Tony Lane	President
Trevor Dixon	Secretary
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Herbert Levinger	Transport
Joan Butfield	EHG & Health
Fiona Morgan	Treasurer
Alan Lester	Editor, The Echo
Graham Mann	Police Rep
Lynne Halse	Events
Jane Clayfield	Committee Member
Anila Hashim	Planning
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.

1. Apologies for Absence received from

Lesley Crowcroft, John Morgan, Duncan Flynn, Jonathan Bianco, Christine Bushell & Andrew Retter.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March: agreed with the deletion of the report under Item 7.

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

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that it was very pleasing that whilst walking in Joel Street last Thursday a number of people stopped him to say how beautiful the trees in the central reservation look now they are in leaf.

Since the last meeting the Chairman has attended the Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Group meeting. He reminded everyone that this year's Ruislip

Wood festival will take place on Sunday 10th May between 12:00 and 4:30 pm. Entry is free and there will be a number of displays including, Lumberjack Races, Birds of Prey in Action, Woodland Crafts, Ferret Racing, Morris Dancing, Children's Woodland Crafts, Axe Men, Charcoal Burning and a family pet dog show.

Over the last few months a great deal of work has been done (still some to do) on the **NHRA web site** by TD and RK. It now looks fit for purpose. He urged all members to take a look at the site and thanked both TD and RK for the impressive work they had done.

He also thanked TD for the continued work he had done distributing The Hills Echo to Road Stewards.

5. Events

Clean-Up Day: Saturday 25th April 10.00. GM has NHRA tabards, 5 small, 5 large, 10 XXL. Litter bags, pickers, etc already in store; advertised in Hills Echo, on website and via round robin. (Joel Street Allotments have also circulated their members and it is on their website.) Councillors have arranged pick-up of bags. GM to contact DF if any issues. Intention is to target shopping area as priority, but also to cover further south along Joel Street if personnel allow.

Bring gloves and litter picker if you have one. Pen and paper/mobile too so that any details of potential members could be noted.

AL/TD to email poster to FM so she could put it in the station noticeboard.

AGM: Wednesday 20th May in the main hall of the **Northwood UTC**. Speakers booked: Air Vice-Marshal, Stuart Atha; Nick Hurd MP (if re-elected); Inspector Rob Bryan. Ward Councillors have confirmed their attendance. A Q&A session with speakers and the Councillors is to take place.

ARly and MG visited the UTC on Friday 17th.

ARly to email profile of Atha to TL for introduction.

Discussion over a poster for the event took place. MG to email poster to FM so she can put it in the station noticeboard.

Tea and coffee will be provided and the UTC is happy for plans of Northwood School to be on show. Laptop and microphones will be there, 6.30pm access possible for 7pm refreshments and 7.30pm start.

The Official opening of the UTC is that afternoon, a WW2 bomber pilot is speaking. Suggestion that the staging may be of use for both events was to be put to UTC.

As a point of interest, there is very little external space and students there currently go to RAF Northolt for PE. An application for a MUGA pitch to the left of the building, and a changing room may be submitted, together with planning permission for a hurricane bomber model at the front of the building.

Matters for the AGM: Logo updating, suggestions of projects (trees in Hillside Gardens) & tree planting in memory of Robert Symes.

ARly challenged the committee to each bring one new resident to the AGM. **ALL**

Big Lunch: Sunday 7th June. Tom Rawling is organising the Fairfield contribution to this and has circulated outline plan/schedule to key players. TD has arranged to meet with him on 28th April to discuss. Fairfield are planning on holding the morning service there, prior to the Big lunch.

6. Planning and Environment:

Planning Applications:

- 1) **Green belt.** The application for land opposite **176-184 Fore Street**, for use as storage. More information was requested from LBH, 27th March 2015, this has still not been received. Reminder sent 15th April 2015.
- 2) **Eastcote Village Conservation Area.** Arens Bar [formerly the Woodman PH.] The enforcement notice to remove the wooden lean to, plastic guttering and down pipes, unsuitable windows and venting ducts has been appealed by the owners. In the interim a planning application has been received by LBH to replace the wooden lean to with a brick structure in keeping with the existing building. After consultation with NHRA & ERA the Conservation Panel have not objected to this application. With regards to the appeal, the Conservation Panel has written to the Planning Inspectorate, agreeing with the planning application but asking for the other areas of the Enforcement Notice to be upheld.
- 3) **Prior Approval** 210 Pinner Road, Zettler House. To change from offices to flats. This is Central Government policy to allow changes to dwellings without full planning permission. The only reasons that LBH can object is lack of parking and contaminated soil. A soil survey has been submitted with the application. There does appear to be adequate parking, but there will not be any amenity space, but this does not need to be supplied.
- 4) **Prior Approval.** 116 Pinner Road [opposite Zettler House] Change from retail to flats. Same conditions as above apply.
- 5) **12 Colchester Road.** Re submission of earlier application that was withdrawn. Demolition of bungalow/ erection of houses. Another petition is being gathered and the Chairman will be writing on this matter.

An application for what appears to be office space at the side of the vets in Joel St was submitted very recently, details pending.

Conservation:

1. The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens thank NHRA for their support for the book *Eastcote House & Gardens*. This will be available at the EHG Picnic 6th June 2015.
2. The flag pole in Long Meadow has been erected for the flag showing the Meadow was Conservation Area category winner 2014. We will try our hardest to retain the status for 2015.

7. Health:

Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals have changed car parking charges to £1.50 an hour.

The Hillingdon HGCC is forecasting a deficit of £7.7m. GP networks are to get £33k funding to allow specialists across practices to be linked to prevent patients attending hospitals unnecessarily.

8. Transport:

Elgood Avenue was resurfaced in March.

Ruislip High St is being strengthened due to an unknown underground river having caused the road surface to break up.

When the METROPOLITAN LINE ticket offices are being refurbished, staff are to be available in the forecourts or on the platforms.

9. Police: Cash Machine at Northwood Hills Post Office was broken in to last Sunday morning at 5am. Ruislip Manor and Ealing were also attacked on the same night.

10. Treasurer's Report:

FM had applied for an HSBC account with on-line access.

The committee agreed that 4 members should have on-line access and could make payments of up to £2.5k each, 2 members needed if the amount was more. FM would be in touch with those members to arrange security details, each one would be able to view all activity on the account, and who had authorized a payment.

A donation of £150 to Fairfield for the use of their facilities was agreed be presented at the forthcoming AGM.

10 out of 39 Road Stewards had returned their subscription collections so far, money to be given to FM, list of members to TD please.

11. Secretary's Report:

A draft scheme has been prepared for dividing the Ward into six regional zones. Each would have a Chief Road Steward who would co-ordinate the delivery of magazines to the individual Road Stewards in their zone, plus the collection of monies from them. This proposal was broadly favoured by the committee and was to be discussed further at the sub-committee meeting as in item 14.

12. The Hills Echo:

AL was thanked for an excellent edition and TD for the work done distributing to Road Stewards. AL reported that he still needed an Advertising manager.

A prize would be needed for the Caption competition.

Suggested that the Autumn edition could have articles by the new Head at Harlyn and updates on Northwood School and the UTC.

13. Councillors' Report: Received from DF by email:

Salisbury Road shops - Traders and residents are concerned about groups loitering around the back of the Salisbury Rd shops and have called for security fencing ideally with gates to be erected. I am liaising with Council Officers to see if this can be provided and will keep people updated. (Post-meeting note: it has since been confirmed that this project has been put forward as a priority for expenditure approval.)

Tolcarne Drive - a cherry tree on Tolcarne Drive was recently removed by the Council as it was overhanging and another one may also have to be moved shortly. I have requested that trees are replanted in Tolcarne Drive to make up for the loss of these trees.

Road resurfacing - the next roads to be resurfaced will be Daymer Gardens, Hillside Rise and Hillside Gardens. This work should be completed in the next couple of months.

Potter Street Hill - there have been reports of rubbish being dumped on Potter Street Hill and I have ensured these have been cleared.

Arens Bar - there continue to be some instances of late night disturbance in and around Arens bar. The ward councillors are liaising with local residents, the police and the council over the best way to deal with this.

14. Sub-committee meeting

It was agreed that a separate meeting was needed to find a way forward to gain new members and committee members. TD, MG, JC, AL & JB agreed to attend the first meeting.

15. Any Other Business:

Suggestion that Tony Ellis be asked how well the Northwood RA notice board outside Waitrose worked.

Traffic and Unfinished work in Joel St: **DF** and **JM** were requested to report back to the committee.

General issues: eg fly tipping or items such as the recent tree problem in Northwood Way (damaged by a bus): all residents were urged to report these to the council contact centre, ensuring they received a log number and if it was not subsequently dealt with, then to contact one of the local councillors.

The rubbish by Nisa and Early Bird Convenience Store had been reported and was being dealt with by the council under Health & Safety.

A question was asked as to whether or not planters would be in place in Joel St this year for Hillingdon in Bloom.

LM reported that he was standing down as Scout District Commissioner after 7 years.

ARly thanked the committee, in advance of the AGM, for another year's hard work and success for the NHRA.

16. Dates of Future Meetings:

Clean-Up Day: Saturday 25th April

(Sunday 26th April - St Georges Day Parade: starting outside Haydon School, Wiltshire Lane, Northwood Hills 1:30pm - finishing at the Hogs Back.)

(Thursday 7th May - General Election)

(Sunday 10th May - Ruislip Woods festival)

(Sunday 10th May -12-5pm. Northwood Bowling Club 80th Anniversary Challenge Bowls Match)

(Saturday 16th May - Scout Jumble Sale @ the Hogs Back 1:30pm)

Wednesday 20th May - AGM

(Saturday 6th June - EHG Picnic)

Sunday 7th June - The Big Lunch

Wednesday 17th June

Wednesday 15th July

August - no meeting

Friday 11th September - Hills Echo cut-off date (end of week date is simpler)

Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 21st October

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 14th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 18th November

Sunday xx December - Evening of Community Carols

December - no meeting

The meeting closed at 9.30.