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Draft Minutes of the Committee Meeting
of the Northwood Hills Residents Association
held on **WEDNESDAY 24th January 2018** at 7.30 pm
at Fairfield Evangelical Church, Windsor Close.
(Subject to approval)

Members present:

Tony Lane (TL)	President
Andrew Riley (ARly)	Chairman
Trevor Dixon (TD)	Secretary
Maxine Goswell (MG)	Minutes Secretary
Graham Mann (GM)	Police Rep
Joan Butfield (JBu)	Health & EHG
Jan Choopani (JCh)	Committee member
Jane Clayfield (JC)	Committee member
Andrew Retter (JR)	Quartermaster
Lucy Hulatt (LHu)	Editor, The Echo
Jo Crockford (JCr)	Road Steward
Roxana Peters (RP)	Road Steward
Gareth Crockford (GC)	Resident
Sjur Berven (SB)	Resident
Bobbie Ward	Resident
Alan Shipman	Resident
John Choopani (JhCh)	Advertising editor
Jean Bartoli (JB)	Police Ward Panel
Ashlie Whittick	Police Ward Panel
Jim Child	Police Ward Panel
May Jean King	Police Ward Panel
Duncan Flynn	Councillor
Jonathan Bianco	Councillor
Sgt Sam Quinn	Police
Malgorzata Targoni	PCSO Police

1. Apologies for Absence received from:
Leo Mindel, Fiona Morgan, Ted Adams, Alan Lester, Sue Gittins & John Morgan.
2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 29th November 2017: approved.

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

Actions Outstanding Remaining:

Actions outstanding from previous meetings:	By:
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
Christmas lights de-brief meeting to be held (Nov 17)	LH
HARA representative sought (Nov 17)	ALL
Hillingdon PPI representative sought (Nov 17)	ALL
Investigate Sunday traffic and parking congestion outside Northwood School. (Nov 17)	JM/DF
Actions outstanding from this meeting:	
Anyone wishing to receive the agenda/minutes of meeting to email TD.	ALL/TD
Forward the Planning Applications List each week to SB. (Jan 18)	TD
All Website updates to MG to collate changes for RK. (Jan 18)	ALL/MG/RK
Offer photo ID to RS's for future distributions. (Jan 18)	MG/TD
Instigate a Pay Pal button on the website for membership payment. (Jan 18)	TD
MG to ask for food donations for Annual Supper (Jan 18)	MG
Investigate the possibility of using a Restricted Direct Debit. (Jan 18)	ARly
Discuss moving AL's previous address across to Lucy (Jan 18)	ARly
Photo of wreath laying and article copy. (Jan 18)	JC/ARly
Article highlighting the benefits on offer to older residents. (Jan 18)	ARly
Provide details of NHRA held items to AR (Jan 18)	ALL
Prepare advert/suggest ideas for information via RS's.	MG/ALL

4. Police Report & Ward Panel:

PCSO Targoni & Sgt Quinn reported the following crimes in

December 2017: Burglary 9
 Vandalism 7
 Assault without injury 6

There was no particular pattern to the burglaries, although they were often via UPVC patio doors. The police always do offer support and advice to the premises near a break in.

Drugs had been sold from a car in Salisbury Road.

A criminal order on a particular individual had reduced the ASB a little although it was recognised that ASB can never be truly eliminated, but officers try to patrol Joel St for a period on every shift.

A speed operation on the Rickmansworth Road and Catlins Lane had result in 27 motorists being stopped. The Catlins Lane/Chamberlain Way traffic speeding petition hearing resulted in it being agreed that speed surveys should be carried out. A suggestion was made of double yellow lines on the corner of Tolcarne Drive and Chamberlain Way.

The Council had installed CCTV cameras on the zigzags outside every school in the Borough and this has had some traffic calming success in slowing down the approach speeds. It was suggested that CCTV at the zebra crossing on Joel St by Tesco Express may be helpful.

The NHRA website has a link to the www.met.police.uk site with the recent statistics and advice for the Northwood Hills ward. Communication to the police, if anything suspicious is seen, should be reported immediately, after the event is too late. A Police report will be included in the next Echo and the Met Police newsletter is placed in shops, libraries and noticeboards.

The Virtual Ward Panel November survey results were shared. This was helping the Police to stay aware of residents' priorities. Agreed that the **3 issues of importance** should remain as:

Burglaries, ASB and drug related activity.

5. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished all a belated Happy New Year! He particularly welcomed Lucy Hulatt, new Echo Editor, to her first meeting.

He reminded everyone of, with a Local Election not that far away, the importance of the Association being apolitical and requested that any question to the Councillors and anyone intending to stand for election/responses from the Councillors and anyone intending to stand for election, be worded in such a way to ensure there were no political connotations.

He thanked GM for attending a Police Liaison meeting at Ruislip Police station. GM reported that some MOPAC money was available London wide (25k) for a project to assist with crime prevention and anyone with suggestions should forward them to him.

ALL

The chairman apologised for having to pull out of a Ruislip Woods MAG meeting at short notice due to a heavy cold.

He thanked PA for liaising with the contractor to have the Christmas tree taken down, chipped and legally disposed.

6. Planning and Environment:

The Chairman expressed his concerns that some developers are getting around Planning Law by submitting multiple applications rather than an all-encompassing application which would likely be refused and that the Council appeared to be powerless to stop this happening. An example is a further application for work on a house in Larkwood Drive having been submitted, it's an amendment to the original application.

Sjur Berven and ARly had met to discuss him helping with reviewing planning applications. **TD** to forward the Planning Applications List each week to **SB**.

The banner above Costa Coffee advertising the 24/7 gym had no permission and they had been told to remove it.

The Locker Room Bar had not applied for Planning permission for the outside wooden cladding and they have been told to apply. The health and safety aspects are also being investigated.

7. Regeneration:

The traffic survey is still awaited. The LED replacement lighting project may result in an improvement of the visibility on the zebra crossing outside the station.

8. Highways:

The Councillors were thanked for the recent resurfacing of a number of roads. Northwood Way was about to be done.

9. Membership Growth:

PayPal account: It appears very simple to set up and could be added to the website. No annual fee, but a charge of £0.30 per £3.00 payment. It was agreed to instigate a Pay Pal button on the website for membership payment. **TD**
Investigate the possibility of using a Restricted Direct Debit. **ARly**
MG/TD to offer photo ID card to RS's for future distributions. **MG/TD**

10. Events:

Past Events

None

Future Events

Tuesday 20th March - Annual Supper:

100+ invitations sent; replies coming in slowly. **MG** to email asking for requests for food donations nearer the time.

Wednesday 16th May - **AGM**

The guest speaker was confirmed. It will be up to them whether or not they come in uniform.

11. Treasurer's Report:

Spreadsheets had been attached to the Agenda.

12. Secretary's Report:

The next Community Voice meeting is Thursday 1st February; TD happy to attend. The next HARA meeting is Monday 19th March; someone is sought to represent NHRA at the bi-monthly meetings of the Hillingdon Alliance of Residents' Associations (HARA), held at the Civic Centre.

13. Transport:

Nothing to report.

14. Health:

Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital Site:

This is progressing, but very slowly.

15. Hills Echo:

Lucy has now commenced work on the next edition of the Hills Echo and copy is already being received. Graham Mann, John Choopani & Andrew Riley are all working on advertisers, supported by Jan Choopani. John was thanked for coming forward to take on the co-ordination of the Echo Advertising.

A non-personal email address needed to be set up for the new Editor. **ARly** to discuss moving AL's previous address across to Lucy.

Jane C to provide photo of wreath laying and **ARly** to provide copy for an article.

The benefits on offer to older residents could be included in an article, **ARly** agreed to prepare one about Burglar Alarms, Allotments and swimming.

16. Website:

The Chairman advised that the software on the web site had been updated and the content had also been reviewed. There is still some work to do so the Chairman requested everyone to take a look at the site. **All** Website updates to **MG** to collate changes for **RK**.

The current photographs still need to be updated so please forward to Ray any electronic photos which you believe will enhance that page. Ray is covering 50% of the software upgrade cost himself and has requested NHRA to donate the remaining 50% to an environmental charity. This was agreed by the committee and Ground work and the new Scout Centre were suggested.

17. Scouts

ARly reported that £86,000 has now been raised for the new Scout Centre.

JBi advised that he was very impressed with the amount of money raised to date and said that with the 1/3rd share from the Mayor of Hillingdon Charities fund, he believed that the group would more than achieve the £100k target. He also stated that LBH would ensure that 1st Northwood would have sufficient money for the project.

Additionally, JBi stated that 2nd Northwood have been given a sum of money this year from the Northwood Hills Ward Budget fund.

18. Councillors' Report:

JBi was pleased to report that additionally, some Ward budget would be made available for:

- Art display boards at Carepoint practice
- Northwood Live@Home
- Arrow Players
- Fairfield church to engage contractors to pave over area for street cleaning equipment storage.

The number of street cleaners has been reduced recently, hence the litter build up particularly in the alleyway behind Argyle House, but the numbers should be increased again shortly. DF to ask if the previous incumbent would be able to do it as a one off, alongside his other duties.

Litter in Argyle House carpark is the responsibility of the landlords themselves, not the council. The previous car wash personnel were kind enough to keep it clear, but they are no longer there.

There is now a CCTV by Tesco Express which will hopefully help with the fly tipping problem.

It was noted that some extremist posters are being put up on the outside of noticeboards. This is not acceptable as there is no consent given and they are taken down when seen.

The committee thanked the Councillors for the support that had been given to the Ward for:

- Hanging baskets
- Scout Centre
- Christmas lights

The Councillors responded that the Council was very keen to support Youth organisations, in particular, uniformed groups.

19. AOB:

The traffic and parking congestion outside Northwood School on a Sunday morning is on-going. **DF and JM** to follow up.

Anyone wishing to receive the agenda/minutes of meeting should email **TD** to request them.

Noted that the new build at Hillside School has commenced and that the William Joelle is expected to reopen in March.

As Quartermaster, AR requested details of NHRA held items so an inventory could be kept. **ALL**

MG suggested that the RS's could be used more as a conduit for information, between residents and the NHRA. It would be a way of highlighting suggestions or issues that would be helpful to people. An advert could appear in the Echo asking for ideas. **MG**

20. Dates for Next Meetings:

Friday 23rd February - Hills Echo copy date

Wednesday 28th February

Saturday 3rd March Scout Fundraising quiz

Tuesday 20th March - Annual Supper

Wednesday 21st March - no meeting

Wednesday 25th April (Ward Panel)

Saturday 28th April - Clean-Up Day

Wednesday 16th May - AGM

Saturday 8th June - Eastcote House Gardens Summer Picnic

Sunday 9th June - The Big Lunch

Wednesday 27th June

July and August - no meeting

Wednesday 5th September (tbc)

Wednesday 24th October (Ward Panel)

Saturday 17th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 28th November

December - no meeting