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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 24th February 2016 at 7.30 pm

Present

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Leo Mindel	Vice-Chairman
Trevor Dixon	Secretary
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Tony Lane	President
Herbert Levinger	Transport
Jane Clayfield	Committee member
Fiona Morgan	Treasurer
Alan Lester	The Echo Editor
Joan Butfield	Health & EHG
Paul Akers	Road Steward
Andrew Retter	Committee member
Ray Krystofiak	Web Master
David Bishop	Resident
Jo Crockford	Resident
Duncan Flynn	Councillor

- 1. Apologies for Absence received from**
Graham Mann, Lesley Crowcroft, Lynne Halse, Jan Choopani & John Morgan.
- 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27th January 2016:** agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising (not tabled as Agenda Items):**
 - No details of problems with trees had been provided so assume no longer an issue.
 - Hogs back litter bin had now been provided.
 - Ed Partridge's details: no longer required.

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

Investigate tree guards. (Jan 2016).	PA
Report on Robert Symes tree planting for the next Echo. (Jan 2016).	ARet
Provide annual schedule of actions for each committee role for the year to TD/MG. (Jan 2016).	ALL, not LC&TD
Flytipping by flats in Joel St reported but still occurring. (Jan 2016).	JM
Regeneration issues update from council, outstanding since Oct 2014.	JM/DF/JB
Actions outstanding from last meeting:	
Current members wanting to join the Facebook page email: maxine.goswell@tesco.net	ALL
Pinner Road road steward required	MG/ARly
Explore Rochester Road road steward	MG
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader	MG
Christmas Lights Project Manager Appointment by April	ALL
Check if flowers to be provided in Northwood Hills this year	JM

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Since the last meeting he has met with Inspector Rob Bryan and also accepted an invitation to the Topping Out Ceremony at the new Northwood School.

He has also been advised that Bishop Ramsey are proposing to build a new free school but does not believe this will be in the Ward.

He has also been advised that AH will no longer be able to continue as a Planning representative after the AGM. He thanked AH for her valued contribution.

5. Ward Panel:

Further to the January NHRA Committee meeting HL has advised that the following people currently form the Police Ward Panel;

Herbert Levinger (Chairman), Ray Krystofiak (Vice-Chairman), Lois Goswell (secretary), Angela Dixon, Trevor Dixon, Sue Wise, Karen Retter, Ron Barnbrook, Jean Bartoli, John Gannon, PSgt. Alison Fanton and PC Max Christmas.

In anticipation of the Police Ward Panel trial going ahead there will be a requirement to co-opt members who are not already on the NHRA Committee to the said Committee for the duration of the trial. AR suggested that rather than co-opt the Police members by name their membership simply be titled "Police representation" as this would allow for any transfers/changes of representation and also allow people such as P.Insp Rob Bryan to attend from time to time. **Agreed.**

The first meeting of the Ward Panel combined with the NHRA Committee would be 23rd March, the next meeting. Inspector Rob Bryan hopes to attend. The Police items will be first on the agenda and they will attend every 3rd meeting.

6. Planning and Environment:

LC attended the **Residents Forum** at the Civic Centre Uxbridge 4th February 2016.

Various subjects were updated:

1. Following the latest consultation on the Hillingdon Local Plan part 2, the results and changes will be presented to Cabinet 17th March 2016. If approved the draft plan will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate in May with the possibility of the Oral examination taking place in September 2016.
2. National Planning Policy Framework consultation: the LPA are answering this consultation. NHRA answer is attached to this report. **(Appendix 1 of the Agenda)**
3. There will be consultation starting in April 2016 for the DEFRA Air Quality Action Plan, a document that LBH is required to produce.
4. There are no new major applications that will affect Northwood Hills.
5. Randalls Uxbridge: The council has been having pre-application discussion with a house builder concerning a residential led scheme that seeks to retain the listed buildings on site.
6. There are several applications for both Aldi and Lidl in the north of the Borough. Aldi in South Ruislip [The Arla site] & Eastcote [former Budgens site] Lidl in South Ruislip [The old Comet building Victoria Road].

Flood Risk Management Strategy:

Following the consultation on this document, some areas need clarification. LC will attend a meeting March 3rd Civic Centre covering various matters, including the Joel Street Ditch, which runs through the meadows alongside Joel Street eventually reaching the Pinn at Eastcote.

Planning Applications update:

Comments have been made on the following applications:

- 1) 163 Joel Street: over large side rear extension. Similar application refused in 2004: **Refused**. Resubmission of the application. NHRA objecting on the appearance of the extension, although the overall size is smaller. **Undecided**.
- 2) 4 Chamberlain Way: Two storey side extension involving enlargement of roof. **Refused. 30.1.16**.
- 3) Land between 2 & 6 Woodside Road: Erection of dwelling house. This forms part of the Gatehill ASLC. NHRA have objected at the request of the Gatehill RA. **Refused**.
- 4) 70 Highland Road: Side rear extensions plus loft conversion with change of roof shape. **Withdrawn**.
- 5) 38 Hillside Road: Permission already granted for a loft conversion/ extension, now wanting larger windows. **This application has been approved, the comments from NHRA were taken into account, LBH Urban Design Officer also agreed with our comments and changes were made to the design.**

6) 79 Hillside Road: **Same as above.**

7) 51 Hilliard Road: Change from a single dwelling house into two flats.
Undecided.

8) 2 Hilliard Road: Enforcement notice served. Alleged breach: without the benefit of planning permission, the unauthorized material change of use of an outbuilding to a self-contained residential unit. **Appeal undecided.**

9) Rear of Clearview House 201, Pinner Road: Erection of another building to house 2x offices and flats. The building at the front of the site was until recently known as Zettler House. The former Zettler House already has permission to change from offices to flats. The proposed building behind the former Zettler House does not have any amenity space apart from balconies which would be overlooked by the front building which is to have a roof garden. **Undecided.**

10) 1 Rushmore Close Eastcote: Over large extensions to the roof, making the dwelling over dominant within the street scene.

11) 4 Chamberlain Way: Large over dominant changes to the roof.
Resubmission.

ARly reported that LC was tirelessly working on planning and environmental issues and the committee was very grateful. Additionally, he had objected on behalf of NHRA to a recent request for 154 Joel St. He also reported that the Planning Officers see the objections and comments made by NHRA as very helpful; indeed, 99% of them are accepted as valid, unlike many other associations who do not make reasonable comments.

7. Regeneration:

Once again, the meeting stated that an update was long overdue and if the Councillors attend the AGM without any valid timescales, there may be some very unhappy residents.

This is with regard to the lack of progress over: roundabout line repainting, lighting by zebra crossing and moving of crossing on the Rickmansworth Road.

8. Membership Growth:

Zone leaders still required for A and C. Road Stewards still required for Pinner Road East and Raisins Hill. Former Road Stewards for Briarwood/Ferndown, Wrenwood/Arden Mohr and York Road have resigned, but replacements found; new Road Steward found for Wrenwood Way. Potential RS's for Rochester Road and Windsor Close have been identified. Highland Road is passing to GM & JCh. Harlyn Drive (one side) RS has just resigned. JC confirmed that her contact had agreed to do one end of Northwood Way.

Details of new Northwood Way RS to TD.	JC
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Post meeting note:

Produce a 'mini Echo' with brief NH history, what we've done, events coming up. Use it to 'blitz' a few roads, perhaps instead of a clean-up day.

9. Events:

Annual Supper - Tuesday 1st March

About 80 guests are expected. No obvious entertainment has been identified, perhaps have entertainment every other year.

MG went through list of food contributions. No offers of further side dishes were forthcoming so these will have to be bought in.

AGM - Wednesday 25th May at Harlyn School

The Police Cadets will make a short presentation and Insp Rob Bryan will be likely to give a brief update.

DF was reminded that the Councillors would be expected to give an update on parking and the regeneration.

Q90 Picnic in the Park - Sunday 12th June, 2-6pm.

Planning is progressing well, with the budgets agreed and the Green Spaces team have agreed the site layout. There are 5 acts booked, there will be a few stalls and the catering on site will be mainly from the Football club although a few catering vans will also be present. Emmanuel church will prepare picnic packs that can be ordered in advance. The event will be free and will be cancelled if the weather is bad. The Bowling Club will also be holding an open day.

Proposed visit to European Parliament - 2017

This has been provisionally booked for 25 people for Tuesday 24th January 2017, for committee members and partners only. The final confirmation will not be possible for a number of months yet.

10. Treasurer's Report:

FM kindly went through the draft R&A's and was thanked for her hard work. The reserves are still healthy.

Post meeting note: Suggestions for use of Robert Symes money:

- Provision of a number of NHRA noticeboards
- Improvements in the Highland Road entrance to the Recreation Ground

11. Secretary's Report:

No major issues. Trying to update/maintain the membership records is still currently the priority.

12. Transport:

Key points from the meeting with Metline management 28th January:

Signalling: From 2018 all signalling on the Metline will be controlled from a central unit in Hammersmith. All existing signal boxes will be closed. This will give a 3.7% increase in capacity due to closer running.

Track improvements between Finchley Road and Baker Street: From May 2016 there will be no late trains on the Metline between Baker Street and Wembley Park on Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday. Last train will probably be 22 hrs. Passengers will have to transfer to the Jubilee Line.

Croxley Extension to Watford Junction: Completion scheduled for 2020.

Train reliability: The problems with complete train failure seem to have been overcome; there are still occasional problems with door closures. Gradual upgrading of some systems will mean a number of trains being withdrawn from service at any one time, which should not affect overall capacity.

13. Health:

ARly hoped to meet with Nick Hurd in the next few days regarding the Pinner Cottage Hospital, but meanwhile, signatures can still be collected for the petition. HL/TD had just received the Community Voice mailing and TD will forward it to the committee.

Community Voice mailing out to committee electronically	TD
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14. Hills Echo:

AL reminded all that copy date was 11th March and it would be distributed after Easter from 12th April. AL was thanked for the Echo being the best Residents Magazine in Hillingdon. Help with the advertising role was requested. Unfortunately, JC's elderly neighbour had since died so a WW2 article from him was no longer possible.

Provide electronic payment details for The Echo	MG
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15. Councillors' Report:

DF provided the following updates:

- Traffic speed survey by Larkwood Rise will be going ahead shortly.
- Litter by Tesco/Tolcarne Drive has been cleared and rubbish at back of Argyle House is to be cleared shortly. The need for monitoring these locations was agreed. RK pointed out that the issue needed to be tackled at source to stop the littering/flytipping and this was difficult.
- A new bin had been provided by the Highland Road entrance to the Recreation Ground and had been requested on the Long Meadow.
- The budget for traffic tables in Hillside Road was under consideration by cabinet.
- Winchester Road and Highland Road are to be resurfaced in the next few days. It is hoped that other "Cathedral" roads will be resurfaced in the coming months.
- The meeting at which the Council will agree the budget is to be streamed live tomorrow evening, the first time this has happened in any Council in the UK.
- The stress tests for the parking around the station are still to take place.
- A particular Planning matter that DF spoke against was the Woodside Road very large extension. This was rejected.

An update from JM was passed on regarding the stickers about dog fouling that had recently been provided to GM. These can be put on council property but must not be put on private properties.

16. AOB:

It was pointed out that the EU referendum should not be discussed at the meeting.

RK commented on the number of traffic bollards that were not lit. Any damaged bollards can only be repaired by the Council once the electricity supply has been turned off and the power companies are not good at fast responses. Agreed that if it was a bulb, this should be replaced more quickly.

Write to Councillor Burrows requesting faster action (cc DF, JM, JB)	RK
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The alleyway between Haste Hill and Haydon School needed to be cleared back and cleared of litter. TD has the Council contact for alleyway clearing who he had found very helpful in the past.

Provide contact details to JBut.	TD
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JCr asked that details of the 2nd Northwood Scouts jumble sale could be circulated. TD would be able to email out to contacts and forward to RK for it to be put on the website.

Provide flyer to TD	JCr
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JC commented that the uneven paving on the Broadway had been corrected and asked for her thanks to be passed on. 2 new trees had also been planted in Northwood Way but not at the location where the bus had damaged one and where the replacement had been requested. It was explained that if an old tree is removed, the ground has to settle where the roots were and so a new tree cannot be planted straight away.

Residents had been pleased to see the gritters out on a couple of frosty nights recently.

Neither NHRA noticeboard at Tesco Express and the Station were in ideal locations but it was noted that we have to pay to display on the Council noticeboards.

Write to request waiving of fee for NHRA on Council boards.	ARly
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17. Dates for Next Meetings:

Tuesday 1st March - Annual Supper

Friday 11th March - Echo copy date

Wednesday 23rd March

Tuesday 12th April - Echo distribution date

Saturday 14th May - Scouts Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st May - Spring Tidy-Up Day

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 25th May - AGM

Saturday 4th June - Eastcote House Gardens Picnic

Sunday 12th June - Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

Wednesday 22nd June

Wednesday 20th July (tbc)

August - no meeting

Friday 9th September - Echo copy date

Wednesday 28th September

Saturday 8th October (tbc) - Autumn Tidy-Up Day

Wednesday 19th October

Saturday 19th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 23rd November

December - no meeting

2017:

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 24th May - AGM

The meeting closed at 9.30.