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**NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES of the Committee Meeting (including Ward Police Panel) held**  
**On WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Present**

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Leo Mindel	President
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Herbert Levinger	Transport & Health
Alan Lester	Editor, The Echo
Graham Mann	Police Rep
Joan Butfield	Health & EHG
Andrew Retter	Committee member
Jane Clayfield	Committee member
Jo Crockford	Resident
David Bishop	Resident
Duncan Flynn	Councillor
John Morgan	Councillor
Ann Gossington	Resident
Michele Matonti	Resident
Max Christmas	Police PC
Ricky Soler	Police PCSO

**1. Apologies for Absence received from**

Trevor Dixon, Fiona Morgan, Lynne Halse, Jean Bartoli, Lesley Crowcroft, Jan Choopani Tony Lane & Sgt Ben Phipps.

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> October 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:**

<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 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.	JM/DF/JB
Current members wanting to join the Facebook page email: <a href="mailto:maxine.goswell@tesco.net">maxine.goswell@tesco.net</a> (Feb 16)	ALL
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader (Feb 16)	MG/TD
Meeting to review if Echo with adverts should be available on-line. (Mar 16)	AL
Further access to LBH noticeboard at the station (Apr 16)	DF/JB
Council to erect posters advertising Smart water use: progress (Jun16)	DF
Consider any possible candidates for a quartermaster. (Jun16)	ALL
Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Manager to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Parking stress tests results (Sept 16)	DF
Investigate Nextdoor Social Media website. (Sept 16)	MG/ARly
Investigate entertainment for Annual Supper. (Oct 16)	MG
Provide names of potential AGM speakers. (Oct 16)	DB
Update on trial of Panel meeting incorporation into NHRA meeting & other police issues. (Oct 16)	Police
Leaflet target roads with Echo Magazines. (Oct 16)	GM
Bramble clearance on Colchester Road to be requested. (Oct 16)	JB/JM/DF
<b>Actions outstanding from this meeting:</b>	
Confirm the leaseholder of the William Jolle site. (Jan 17)	MM
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	ALL
Provide update on Pinner Cottage Hospital site when available. (Jan 17)	ARly
Confirm contributions to Annual Supper. (Jan 17)	ALL
Report on Pinner Road/Joel Street damaged pavement.	JM
Confirm venue for AGM. (Jan 17)	ARly
Chase Echo advertisers' outstanding payments. (Jan 17)	ARly
Progress provision of Rubbish bin outside the Post Office. (Jan 17)	DF
MM, ARly and councillors to progress dangerous parking/deliveries outside NISA. (Jan 17)	ARly
Confirm surface treatment outside station is still valid.	DF

#### 4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone and wished them a belated Happy New Year!

He thanked everyone involved in **The Grand Christmas Lights Switch On event** and the detailed planning, all the way through to the taking down and legal disposal of the Christmas tree. He also thanked the Scouts for the use of their equipment. The Chairman particularly thanked Jane and Terry Clayfield for the work they put in on the very successful Tombola which raised in excess of £400. A £100 donation was

made to the Mayor of Hillingdon's Charity on the day of the event, a further £100 is being donated to CLIC SARGENT (a Children's Cancer Charity), and the remainder will be used to purchase a new Community Gazebo and presents in Father Christmas's sack. An electric drill appears to have been lost on the day, which we will need to replace. **Agreed**, up to a value of £100. A full debrief meeting was held shortly after the event which has identified a number of tasks and improvements to be considered for this year's event.

In December the Chairman accepted an invitation from Chief Inspector Rob Bryan to attend the Metropolitan Police Carol Service at Westminster Abbey and was delighted to have met Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe.

This month he has already attended a Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Group Meeting but unfortunately could not attend a Ruislip Woods Trustees meeting due to an accident.

Yesterday, with 12 others he visited the European Parliament in Brussels on an EU sponsored visit.

With the assistance of GM and LM Parking Posters have been put up in a number of roads. Positive feedback has been received. Some dissented at the meeting that these would not achieve anything, as they were in no way binding over residents, but LM urged people to wait a while to see if they did result in any improvement. GM happy to put up more signs in other roads.

## **5. Ward Police Panel & Police Report:**

**ARly & HL** agreed to ensure update on trial of Panel meeting incorporation into NHRA meeting was provided by Rob Bryan & Paul Trice.

The police reported on the number of burglaries and car thefts in the ward, with 3 burglaries in the last 2 weeks. Burglary prevention was on-going: street surgeries and drop in surgeries, eg in Costa Coffee were being organised, together with a pop-up surgery in a tent outside the station.

It was agreed that the 3 promises should be:

- Scam and fraud prevention with the elderly. 2 group visits were booked for February. U3A visit likely in July.
- Speeding: The late night bike racing down Joel Street was seen as more of a summer activity to be targeted then but speeding in Catlins Lane had been reported. The corner by the Case is Altered often has fast traffic, which resulted in a serious accident before Christmas.
- ASB: This is a continuing problem outside and behind KFC and the leaseholder doesn't appear to be bothered, other than calling the police, certainly not by employing any security staff. Could the Head Office be urged to suggest limiting opening hours? Prevention orders have been used in the past, perhaps they are needed again.

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

A number of Planning applications have been reviewed and commented on since the last meeting. The most notable applications related to the William Joelle site and premises above. An application to convert the ground floor to a different use was withdrawn last week ahead of the Planning Meeting, the Officers report recommended refusal. There are still applications pending relating to the 1st and 2nd floors. Michele Matonti kindly offered to confirm the leaseholder of the William Jolle. **MM**

An application to develop behind Dominoes Pizza has been successfully opposed.

NHRA has also opposed a Planning Application to further develop and expand The Case Is Altered. While these premises are in Eastcote Ward we believe such expansion would have a detrimental impact on various residential roads in Northwood Hills Ward. The officers are currently recommending approval.

In the last few days an application has been made to develop above the shops at 54a-64a The Broadway to 4x2 bedroom flats and 11 x 1 bedroom flats. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> application.

Reported that the previous pop-up shop is now let as a hairdressers.

Lesley Crowcroft is in urgent need of help with environmental issues and reviewing and opposing planning applications as necessary. All were urged to think of someone who may be able to help. **ALL**

Nick Hurd may shortly have an update on the Pinner Cottage Hospital site and **ARly** will let us know asap. (Post meeting note: ARly to meet with Nick Hurd on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb).

## **7. Regeneration:**

There is still no progress on reduction of pavement width at the roundabout and the meeting expressed serious concern over the lack of progress. The Ward Councillors were asked to invite Councillor Burrows and planning officers to the next meeting. **DF/JM/JB**. ARly reported that a lorry had driven over the kerb at the entrance to restaurant at the roundabout from Pinner Road to Joel Street and badly damage the pavement. **JM** agreed to look and report.

## **8. Membership Growth:**

Subscriptions seem to be at about the same level as last year, though there are still subs outstanding from some roads.

## **9. Events:**

### **Past Events:**

**The Grand Christmas Lights Switch On event:** see details in Chairman's Report item 4 above.

**Remembrance Day Parade:** Unfortunately, NHRA was not called forward to lay the wreath at this event, but did present alongside the other Residents' Associations. A complaint was lodged with the organisers.

**Future events:**

**Annual Supper** -Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. **MG** to co-ordinate food. Please confirm contributions, as listed on Appendix attached. **ALL**

**AGM** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, perhaps at the new Northwood School building, providing no major cost involved although Fairfield had been booked some months ago. Visit to be arranged. **ARly** to progress. Short presentations to be given:

Scout Hut Appeal: **LM**

Police report

Nick Hurd has indicated he will be attending.

**David Bishop** to provide names of potential speakers.

**10. Treasurer's Report:**

Report attached.

**11. Secretary's Report:**

Blocked drains: now mostly cleared.

**12. Transport:**

**Station Redevelopment:**

The Mayor, Sadiq Khan, has finally announced that Harrow on the Hill LT Station will have lifts installed. Work will commence in 2017.

**Croxley Extension:**

A very interesting article dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 on the latest developments in respect of this project is available online. It is entitled "ONE OF OUR EXTENSIONS IS MISSING; THE PRECARIOUS STATUS OF CROXLEY RAIL LINK" <http://www.londonreconnections.com/author/admin/page/2/> The first seven pages are recommended reading.

**However:** HL/LM reported that owing to a massive funding gap, unbelievably, at this stage, all work on the Link had been stopped, reported just earlier in the day.

**13. Health:**

The Spring 2016 issue of the Hills Echo on page 16 contained an article on Community Voice by the Chair, Joan Davis. This organization monitors developments in the local health sector, it also conducts campaigns on important issues. There is a monthly newsletter which is distributed to members and to the NHRA Secretary.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except August) at the Post Graduate Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital at 7.45pm and important guest speakers are invited to address the members. Free parking is available.

Our Association is a member of Community Voice; organisations have two nominated delegates but in addition there is individual membership. Whenever possible, Herbert represents the NHRA at the meetings.

In common with all similar organizations, Community Voice is experiencing a serious succession problem because the highly motivated team which has been running things for many years cannot go on forever. If there is any member of the Committee who would be interested in this very worthwhile cause (or if you know someone who might be suitable) please either contact Joan Davis or talk to Herbert for further details.  
**ALL.**

Noted that Dr Stern has now retired from the Carepoint Practise.

#### **14. Hills Echo:**

ARly had approached a large number of organisations for copy for the next edition and was hopeful of a good number of articles. AL thanked him for his efforts. The Chairman has also been able to confirm a number of adverts. More advertisers are expected to be confirmed in the next 2 weeks. **ARly** agreed to chase remaining advertisers' outstanding payments, as an Advertising Manager was still required, Sgt Ben Phipps had agreed to submit an article.

#### **15. Councillors' report:**

The Councillors reported that the Council Tax was remaining frozen for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row although there may be a slight increase imposed across London, not from Hillingdon Borough direct. There was a significant feeling of unease across the meeting that the Finances of LBH were surely likely to be put under ever increasing pressure with this continued policy and concern was expressed that there may be no 'cushion' for un-anticipated expenditure. AR requested a response to his email of earlier in the month as to the conflict of a report in the local press about the likely closure of Hillside Children's Centre and the 'no reduction of services' reported in Hillingdon People. The LBH Consultation on the Funding of Children Services Provision ended tonight.

**DF** was urged to ensure that the parking stress tests results are made public asap.

A donation of £400 to Northwood Live@Home had been agreed and DF asked for any further suggestions for the Ward budget.

#### **16. Web Site**

The Chairman has negotiated a sponsorship deal for the web site with Intoto Kitchens. Intoto will cover the cost of our software license fees in return for a banner ad at the bottom of the home page.

#### **17. AOB:**

**Namaste Lounge:** rubble at the back to be investigated.

**Rubbish bins:** one was needed outside the Post Office. **DF** to chase.

**NISA:** The parking and deliveries situation outside NISA is dangerous and an accident could happen due to reversing vehicles and the potholes made by the lorries.

Perhaps folding bollards are needed to assist. MM to meet with ARly and councillors to progress. ARly

**Anti-slip surface outside Station:** Confirm that the surface treatment is still valid as the flooring has recently seemed very slippery. DF

**18. Dates for Next Meetings:**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Supper

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Echo copy date

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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

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

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**

The meeting closed at 9.30.