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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
 WEDNESDAY 26th February 2014, at 7.30 PM**

Present

Andrew Riley (ARly)	Chairman
Herbert Lvinger (HL)	Transport
Graham Mann (GM)	Police Rep
Maxine Goswell (MG)	Temporary Minutes Secretary
Lucy Hall (LHI)	Committee Member
Alan Lester (AL)	Editor, Hills Echo
Trevor Dixon (TD)	Secretary
Jane Clayfield (JC)	Road Steward
Gerald Paterson	Resident
Cllr Andrew Retter (AR)	Ward Councillor
Tony Lane (TL)	President
Anila Hashim (AL)	Planning
Cllr Jonathan Bianco (JB)	Ward Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence received from:

John Morgan	Environment
Lesley Crowcroft	Ward Councillor
Leo Mintel	Deputy Chairman
Paul Akers	Road Steward Co-ordinator
Joan Butfield	Co-opted Committee Member
Lynne Halse	Events Organiser

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd January 2014: Approved.

3. Matters Arising (not tabled as Agenda Items): ARly reported that he had tried to organise a meeting between Pauline Sherman and Jacks Stables but was awaiting response from PS. He also reported that the Namaste Lounge roof was not separately listed.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman was pleased to report that he had not been advised of any homes in the Ward being flooded during the recent storms but was aware that some trees had fallen and that a number of residents had lost garden fences, sheds and walls! A local roofer, Mark Smith had helped many residents recently and **AR** agreed to ask him to advertise in the Echo. The Council had cleared 40 trees since the recent storm and 200 so far this winter, many more than normal. Replacements cannot be planted until the autumn.

ARly was also concerned that the owners of Haste Hill Nursery had lost their "poly tunnels" due to wind damage and as a result may not be able to supply sufficient plants this year, which could have a major financial impact on the business.

He met with Nick Hurd at the end of January to discuss the Northwood & Pinner hospital site. Nick had taken an action to meet with Ceri Jacobs (CEO of Hillingdon CCG) and Dr Goodman (Chairman, Hillingdon CCG) and others before reporting back. **ARly** will provide contact details of Nick Hurd's new PA when he had them.

ARly has also seen Paul Akers, who has not been well since before Christmas but was pleased to report that (on the Sunday before this meeting) Paul was starting to look and feel better and had recovered his appetite.

The Chairman and Secretary have jointly visited most of the shops in Joel Street to introduce TD and also make the shopkeepers aware of the date for Independents Day 2014 about which the traders are very upbeat.

ARly had an impromptu meeting with the LBH Senior Engineer who is overseeing the regeneration works in Joel Street. He was pleased to report that the number of workmen is being increased to speed up the work.

ARly had attended a meeting with ARENS bar owners and 2 residents with the councillors. It was hoped that the residents would be able to look forward to help ensure resolution of problems, rather than looking back at previous problems. It was noted that any complaint made to the police is only linked to particular premises if it occurs within 50m of the entrance. Residents were urged to report issues to 101 as this ensures there is an incident record number that can be used for any future hearings regarding nuisance. 999 should be dialled if a criminal activity is seen and a rapid response unit will endeavour to be there within 15 minutes.

5. Events

Thank You Supper - Tuesday 4th March: The fridge/freezer at Fairfield Church had unfortunately just broken and the committee agreed to offer to replace it as the NHRA donation to Fairfield for the use of their premises this year. **ARly** reported that there were around 90 acceptances so far. **All** agreed to bring the provisions they had agreed, 6.30 for a 7pm start.

Visit to Mayor's Chamber for the committee: Thursday 13th March. Car registration numbers required if parking at the Civic centre.

Northwood Hills Clean Up Day: as the original date of 19th April is Easter Saturday, agreed to move this to Saturday 29th March, at 10am.

The Big Lunch: Sunday 1st June, CB has asked for people to assist with the organisation, particularly the residents local to the Salisbury Road shops/green space where it is held. A leaflet drop may be a way forward.

Independents' Midsummer Day: Saturday 21st June, **ARly** to meet with Stephanie Waterford to agree pavement space and parking bays suspensions that would be required. The banners and bunting would require date patching.

AGM: Wednesday 25th June: still to be arranged.

6. Planning and Environment

LC reported that the Colne Valley CIC (Community Interest Company) borders Northwood Hills and she recommends that the NHRA becomes a member. Appendix 1 attached to minutes. Membership cost is not great and LC would be happy to represent NHRA as she will be attending meetings on behalf of Eastcote Conservation. Agreed that happy for LC to attend on NHRA's behalf. LC was thanked for her work.

Long Meadow and Eastcote House Gardens

With S106 funding the Blue Sky team has been employed to clear the ditches in Long Meadow. This work is in progress. [Blue Sky is a social enterprise company, employing ex-offenders. Each person has 6 months employment, and there are opportunities for training.]

Several trees have fallen in EHG, those that are not obstructing a footpath will not be cleared until the ground is firmer. For the first time ever the Volunteer Gardeners have not been able to work because of the ground conditions, losing nearly a month's volunteering time. There are rivers, ponds and waterfalls never seen before!

Now added to the website for downloading: Ecology Walk for spring with maps and illustrations. Thanks to Steve & Sue Place and Tony Bucksey.

Conservation planning matters

Refurbishment of The Woodman Public House Joel Street: grade 2 listed building. All 3 planning applications are undecided, signage, new fence and internal works (listed building consent: yet these works have been carried out but should have been decided by 24.7.13.)

JB to investigate why still undecided and to report back.

Dog walking on farm land in Fore Street: ECP has written against the application as it does not have an ecology survey and there is question concerning animal welfare. This application has not yet been determined, and it is out of time. There is a Petition against the application. NH Councillors are looking into it. There has not been any further movement on this application.

Joel Street Farm: another application to demolish the old barn, rebuild and change of use for part of the premises to a day nursery. There are still concerns re the parking. There are several discrepancies between the first and current applications, these have been challenged. TD sent in objections/comments on behalf of NHRA. LC has sent in objection to the application on behalf of EVCAAP.

Thatched Cottage: part of the Raisins Hill ASLC, application under central governments Prior Approval scheme. The application was not within the guidelines for Prior Approval, the applicant has been informed but has since reapplied. These applications have to be objected to by the immediate neighbours.

25 Elgood Road: Gatehill ASLC has gone to appeal. The objection letter sent by the Gatehill RA was not taken into consideration, and not sent to the Planning Inspectorate. The RA have been sorting this out.

The petition against the Ravenswood/Elgood Avenue development had been due to be heard but had been postponed. **ARly** to ask why the 7 days required was not initially given.

Chester Ball, planning advisor for the Gatehill RA for 15 years is now stepping down. Our thanks to Chester, it has been a pleasure to work with him. We welcome Chris Harris who will be taking over, and will continue to work with the NHRA conservation advisor.

Other Planning Matters:

154 Joel Street: have applied for three applications at the same time:

- a) 2 storey rear extension under the certificate of Lawfulness (LC submitted comment that this cannot be allowed under permitted development as only single storey extensions are allowed.)
- b) Conversion of roof space to habitable space - Certificate of Lawfulness (no comment or objection)
- c) First floor side extension - planning (no comment)

181 Joel Street: Conversion to 1 x 4 bed and 1 x 2 bed house.

LC sent in objection on behalf of NHRA. The 2 bedroom house is extremely small, also the front elevation is of poor design. The houses in this area of Joel Street are detached and this will be out of keeping with the area. No result yet. Work on this application appears to have already started, viz internal works and the supply of a water main to 181a (sic) which entailed the use of temporary traffic lights for two days. JB & TD followed this up with the relevant officers and found that everything had been done according to the strict procedures.

NISA, 117, Pinner Road:

JB still to provide a detailed report as to why the demolition order was rescinded. It would be helpful if this could be put in the Echo, print deadline 1 March.

7. Health

Report Provided by Community Voice: attached as Appendix 2. A copy of the paper on the Out of Hospital Strategy for Hillingdon was to be provided by ARly & JB.

8. Transport

No update, meeting to be held next week.

9. Police

Noted that an open meeting is to be held on 5 March, AR to send details to ARly. The Borough Commander is retiring in March, even though he was not in the post for long, but he was due for retirement.

The SNT are holding open days in local libraries, details on the website.

10. Secretary

A list of Road Stewards has been compiled as a spreadsheet, with contact details including email (where appropriate). It is hoped to be able to map these and present a list of roads not covered. This was discussed, with FM answering a number of questions regarding the list. It was a very useful document and showed where some of the gaps were. Road Steward

hubs, perhaps 4, to act as interim collectors between the Road Stewards and the Road Steward Co-ordinator were considered and **ALL** were asked to consider who may be willing to take on these roles.

TD and ARly, visited the vast majority of the shops in The Broadway and an up-to-date spreadsheet of businesses is now being compiled, again with email and website, where appropriate. The intention is to make these available as links on the website.

The "front" pages of the website are now being regularly updated by RK, although a number of the other pages are rather out of date. Work is continuing to progress a re-vamped website, hopefully with the co-operation/input of Haydon.

TD was also asked by one of the shopkeepers in Salisbury Road to investigate the delay in providing a fence and secure gate to the service road to the rear. This appears to have been in the pipeline for nearly two years. TD sent an email to the relevant officer and has been told it will be done by 15th March. **JB** to chase and confirm.

The committee thanked TD for all his work since taking on the Secretary role, he has helped to continue to raise the profile of NHRA.

11. Councillors Report

JB reported that the Council set the budget last week. A point of concern is the expansion of primary school places needed in the Borough.

The Joel St shop front renovation scheme has not been available to all those requesting a grant. If any monies are left, it will be offered to these late requestors. The Central reservation and the black lampposts will be the last items completed in the regeneration scheme. Any retailers suffering hardship, who can show lost revenue due to the road works may apply for rate relief.

Noted that the major lighting outage on Cuckoo Hill Bridge is still to be repaired, but is scheduled for 2/3 weeks' time.

A petition for a controlled parking zone has been submitted by residents in Oakdale Avenue and other roads around the UTC are expected to follow. The UTC travel plan is awaited before any new schemes are considered. No parking schemes would be imposed unless 50% of residents were in agreement.

Only one road in the ward, Jasmin Close was to benefit from the £2.4M budget to be spent by the Council on resurfacing roads in Hillingdon. The

committee agreed that it was unlikely that this small cul-de-sac was less fit for purpose than many other roads in the ward, for example Winchester Road that has through traffic and many, many potholes. **JM** and **JB** were asked to report back on this anomaly.

12. The Hills Echo

AL reported that adverts for the new edition are promising, with some new advertisers. Articles due by 1 March. Agreed that Haste Hill Nursery be offered a free advert in an effort to help their business after their storm damage.

13. Web Masters Report

See item 10, above.

14. Treasurer's Report

FM presented the unaudited accounts, in preparation for the AGM. A variety of points were discussed and FM was thanked for all her work.

15. Any Other Business

The H13 bus route needs more school time buses, **ALL** were asked to provide to LHL any information that would help.

AR requested that any present interested in Benjamin Retters' World Challenge Auction items ask him for details.

16. Meeting Dates (Committee meetings in bold)

Wednesday 26th March

Saturday 29th March, at 10am - Northwood Hills Clean Up Day

April - No Meeting (Easter, 18th to 21st April)

Wednesday 21st May - (Local Elections 22nd May and Half Term 26th-30th May)

Saturday 24th May: Scouts Jumble Sale

Sunday 1st June - The Big Lunch

Saturday 21st June - Independents Midsummer Day

Wednesday 25th June AGM (Any nominations for Guest Speaker?)

Wednesday 16th July (NB 3rd Wednesday of Month)

August - No Meeting - School holidays

Monday 15th September - Hills Echo Cut Off Date

Wednesday 24th September

Saturday 27th September - Northwood Hills Clean Up Day

Wednesday 22nd October (provisional) (half term 27th -31st Oct)

Saturday xx November - Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Wednesday 22nd November

Sunday xx December, Evening of Community Carols

December - No Meeting

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm

Appendix 1:

Colne Valley Regional Park Community Interest Company.



Where and what is the Colne Valley CIC, why is it important?

The Colne Valley Regional Park covers seven different local authorities, including Hillingdon. Included in the Park are Old Park Wood Harefield, Hillingdon Outdoor Activity Centre and Bayhurst Woods Ruislip, so very much on our doorstep.

The origins of the Colne Valley Partnership go back to 1965 and since that time has existed as an unincorporated association of local authorities sharing a common interest in developing, promoting and managing the Colne Valley Park. In more recent years, two charities have joined the Partnership; Groundwork Thames Valley, and the Chiltern Society. A summary of key achievements is outlined below.

- ☒ Estimated visitors to Colne Valley Park: over 2 million each year.
- ☒ 8 to 10-fold return on the core funding each year. Over £10m of funding secured since the Park's inception.
- ☒ Five country parks established and designated.
- ☒ 47km of new footpaths and bridleways created within the Colne Valley.
- ☒ Colne Valley Food social enterprise established to support local farms and raise awareness of the links between food choice and the quality of the local landscape.

☒ CVP Visitor Centre at Denham provides information, family activities and a café. It is staffed by volunteers and open 364 days a year.

☒ Local people give well over 3,175 volunteer days each year, representing a current value of around £160,000.

The Community Interest Company formed 2012 have the following six objectives for the Park

Objective 1: To maintain and enhance the landscape

Objective 2: To safeguard the countryside.

Objective 3: To conserve and enhance biodiversity

Objective 4: To provide opportunities for countryside recreation

Objective 5: To achieve a vibrant and sustainable rural economy

Objective 6: To encourage community participation

Large areas of the Park are under threat from large developments, HS2, Heathrow expansion, Pinewood Studios expansion. All of these are being strongly contested, to keep this invaluable green space open for all.

Recently, working with the Crane Valley funds have been secured from the Mayor of London's Big Green Fund. Some of this money is funding the improvements to Long Meadow Eastcote and the part of the River Pinn that runs through the meadow.

Appendix 2

HILLINGDON NEWS

Central & North West London Foundation Trust (CNWL):

The Hawthorn Intermediate Care Unit was officially opened on 29th January 2014 in the Woodlands Centre, on the [Hillingdon Hospital](#) site. It is administered by Central & North West London Foundation Trust (CNWL), which includes Hillingdon Community Health (HCH), which provides patient care within the unit. Donald Edwards made a video of the launch, which can be seen on our website.

The Unit has an interesting history. In 2005, for safety reasons, the last patients of the [Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital](#) were moved to the Northwood and Pinner Community Unit in Mount Vernon Hospital. It is that Unit which has now been re-opened by CNWL as the Hawthorn Intermediate Care Unit. It is sad that the Northwood and Pinner link is relegated to history - but we can only rejoice in the splendid new facilities that are now available for the Unit's patients.

This NHS unit is a model of integrated care. The nurse-led unit is run by HCH, medical care is provided by the Care of the Elderly team from Hillingdon Hospital, and mental health services are available from other CNWL units within the Woodlands Centre. Most generously, over £33k of furniture, pictures and garden facilities have been provided by the combined Friends of Northwood and Pinner Unit and the Mount Vernon Comforts Fund to enhance the new Unit. This is a project of which all can be proud!

The Community Voice has always fought for the Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital site to be used for the benefit of local people, in accord with its status as a war memorial to local people who died in the 1914-1918 war. That fight will continue unabated, despite it no longer being suitable for a hospital.