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NORTHWOOD HILLS
 RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting to be held on
 WEDNESDAY 26th April 2017 at 7.30 pm**

1. Apologies for Absence received from:

Alan Lester, Anila Hashim, Leo Mindel, Fiona Morgan, John Morgan, Lesley Crowcroft, Duncan Flynn

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd March 2017:

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

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
Provide annual schedule of actions for each committee role for the year to TD/MG. (Jan 2016). Post meeting note: MG confirmed GM still to provide.	ALL: not LC, TD & JB
Current members wanting to join the Facebook page email: maxine.goswell@tesco.net (Feb 16)	ALL
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader (Feb 16)) 2 remaining: A- roundabout/Hilliard Rd, C- Briarwood/Woodford	MG/TD
Council to erect posters advertising Smart water use: progress (Jun16)	JB/JM/DF
Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Investigate Nextdoor Social Media website. (Sept 16)	MG/ARly
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	ALL
MM, ARly and councillors to progress dangerous parking/deliveries outside NISA. (Jan 17) Being monitored	ARly
Assist ARly to chase Echo advertisers' outstanding payments. (Feb 17)	ALL
Assess direct debit systems for other RA's. (Feb 17) In hand	ARly
Raise rubbish outside NISA with JM. (Feb 17) In hand	JC

Actions from last meeting:

Press Cllr Burrows to instigate a traffic survey at roundabout.	JM/DF
Follow up electricity supply to lights on central reservation.	DF
Broken pavement by Namaste Lounge	JM/DF
Sharing of traffic survey	DF
Seek Road Stewards for roads without one.	All
Traffic issues in Chamberlain Way & nearby roads. (See item 7)	DF/TA

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked those involved in the Clean-Up Day on 8th April. Particular mention was made of GM who not only organised the event but also cut down all the brambles at the former entrance to the car park in Colchester Road ahead of the day.

While Parliament has not yet been dissolved a General Election has been called for Thursday 8th June. This regrettably means that the invitation to Nick Hurd to speak at our AGM in May has had to be withdrawn.

The Chairman proposed that - to ensure NHRA remained apolitical during the run up to the General Election - with immediate effect the Ward Councillors be welcome to attend NHRA Committee Meetings and the AGM on the 24th May as normal, on the understanding that at such meetings they do not engage in the promotion or encourage and/or discourage political support for any political party. Similarly, Committee Members and members of the public also be allowed to attend such meetings on the understanding that they too do not engage in the promotion or encourage and/or discourage political support for any political party. **Agreement required.**

Since the last meeting the Chairman has attended a Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Group Meeting, a North Planning Committee meeting and along with Lesley Crowcroft has written a number of letters of objections regarding planning applications.

He also attended the long-awaited, hand over of the £100 donation to Wetherspoons for Clic Sargent, the Childrens' Cancer Charity, with MG.

He has also collected in NHRA membership subscriptions for Winchester Road and is currently collecting subs for Lichfield Road.

He commented that a new ATM had been installed at Viki & Jons in Joel Street.

5. Police Report & Ward Panel:

Police Report:

We have been in contact with various businesses along Joel Street offering advice (especially KFC) about how to deter groups congregating. While KFC have listened to some of our advice, they have declined to hire a Security Guard which most KFCs in Hillingdon have, especially in Uxbridge. We identified numerous buildings that were attracting ASB and by tracing the owners we have managed to get these boarded up, which stopped some groups coming all the way from Uxbridge/Hayes loitering in Northwood Hills.

In the last month, there have been 5 arrested in and around Joel Street for offences ranging from assaults to public order offences, so we do manage to catch offenders. Sadly it just isn't possible all the time when we are not on duty or we receive very limited information from victims/witnesses.

We always encourage that everytime someone witnesses ASB to report it. However through ward panel meetings we have seen that a lot of the community do not report these incidents at the time and simply just mention it a few days later. If people were to call 101 or even our office to see if we are on duty, whilst on patrol we would be able to respond and deal with some of the more familiar faces that affect the ward.

I went through the earlier stages of applying for a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order) to give us a wider range of powers to move groups on. However the Borough of Hillingdon is still reviewing introducing a borough wide PSPO, putting my application on hold.

However there is an update from the 19th April 2017 - <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/pspo> - meaning we have more powers to deal with groups in Parks, etc. More information can be found on the Website explaining these powers in more detail.

Mosquito boxes were considered, however it has come to light we are not able to use these anymore as these affect ALL passers-by therefore could amount to an assault on members of the public, so sadly that option is not available to us.

We are constantly bidding for additional resources to assist the area by means of our Partnership Team. However Northwood Hills is not the only area that is affected by ASB so often other areas needs are seen to be greater, although on occasion they do patrol in a minibus consisting of about 4/5 officers who do nothing but target these groups.

Lastly, the structure of the Borough is changing next month which hopefully will mean officers will work more late shifts on Local Policing Teams and the Investigation side will be taken away by another department, freeing up more time for the local officers to patrol.

Update from Last Meeting:

We have conducted presentations with the Northwood 1st Scouts and the CMSS (Central Middlesex Skills Development centre) on Wiltshire Lane to try and engage more with different areas of the community, offering crime prevention advice and a chance to meet with us.

We have conducted speed awareness operations on Catlins Lane & Rickmansworth Road with possibly a third and/or fourth to be arranged to help slow the speed of traffic and provide data for a community campaign.

As above re the ASB in Joel Street.

Sgt. Ben Phipps

6. Planning and Environment:

The Chairman reported some notable successes. The Planning Application for Frank Welch Nursing Home was turned down, as was the application to build an addition floor of flats on top of the block in Joel Street (Cartridge World to Nails and Co). Significantly, the latest application to convert the former William Jolle pub to part pub and part retail was withdrawn in a matter of days, perhaps as a result of Government policy (recently reported by CAMRA) regarding premises currently classified for use as public houses. A further application to convert the 1st and 2nd floors above the William Jolle remains but this was withdrawn from the last North Planning Committee meeting on the instructions of the Head of Planning as more information regarding traffic impacts is required. Again, significantly a to-let sign offering a lease on the 1st and 2nd floors has appeared on the building in the last few days.

An advertising sign board has been installed on the side of the former Hire Shop in the Pinner Road. This does not have planning permission and an appropriate letter of objection has been sent. The owner of the building has subsequently put in an application for retrospective planning permission.

7. Regeneration:

The Chairman reported that Hillingdon Council has started a £5.2m programme to convert all the street lighting in Hillingdon to LED which should help improve security and safety of residents. The work will be completed in 18 months by Civil Engineering firm McCann. McCann will also be responsible for maintaining all 25,000 lights, subways, illuminated signs, bollards and zebra crossings owned by the Council. Hopefully this will mean that bollards etc. which need to be replaced will happen in a timely manner. Currently bollards at the former "Ship" pub site and the junction of Joel Street, Eastcote High Road are long overdue for replacement. (Note: the light at the "Ship" crossing has now been replaced, but not the bollards.)

Traffic Chamberlain Way: Little to report as TA is awaiting response from DF who has offered to liaise with traffic department over contradictions between restrictions in CW proposal and Harlyn Drive. He is also continuing to liaise with GH of Catlins Lane, who is deciding what to include in their petition.

8. Membership Growth:

Since the last meeting, the Road Stewards for Stanley Road and Hillside Road have also notified that they will stand down next year; this brings the total of roads with members but no Road Steward to eight. But FM reports that increasing numbers of members and Road Stewards are paying online, so we need to put a system in place to monitor and collate these.

9. Events:

AGM - Wednesday 24th May

Guest Speaker: see Chairman's Report

Committee nominations: see Appendix 1

The Big Lunch - Sunday 18th June

This is the anniversary of the murder of Jo Cox and is being held in her memory. TD has been liaising with Andy Dimon from Fairfield, who is organising the event. He has confirmed that they will be hiring a portable toilet, but in view of the additional costs involved he would like some idea of the potential financial input from NHRA. He also needs to know what we need as a stand on the day.

10. Treasurer's Report:

See Appendix 2.

11. Secretary's Report:

None.

12. Transport:

None.

13. Health:

14. Hills Echo:

15. Website:

The Chairman has agreed with the Manager of Into to reduce the £100 sponsorship of the web to £75 this year. The amount will revert to £100 next year.

16. Councillors' Report:

17. AOB:

- a) The Chairman reported that he had been advised that the 1st Northwood Scout Hut appeal has so far raised circa £19k, which is a great start. He urged everyone to support this appeal as best they can as this is a great investment in a much needed facility for current and future generations. Police Sgt Ben Phipps is aiming to raise £1,000 for the appeal through the London Vitality 10K Run and would appreciate support. Ben's Just Giving Charity donation link can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ben-hipps>
- b) A neighbour in Lichfield Road has reported that David Bishop has suffered a severe stroke. He is currently in hospital, but will return home later this week.

18. Dates for Next Meetings:

Wednesday 24th May - AGM (Northwood Secondary School)

Saturday 3rd June - Eastcote House Gardens Picnic

(Thursday 8th June - General Election)

Sunday 18th June - The Big Lunch

Wednesday 28th June

Wednesday 19th July (tbc)

August - no meeting

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 18th October

Saturday 18th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 22nd November

December - no meeting

2018:

Wednesday 24th January

Wednesday 28th February

Tuesday 6th March - Annual Supper

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 25th April

Wednesday 23rd May - AGM

Appendix 1:

Committee members standing at AGM:

President	Tony Lane
Vice-President	vacant
Chairman	Andrew Riley
Vice-Chairman	
Secretary	Trevor Dixon
Treasurer	Fiona Morgan
Minuting Secretary	Maxine Goswell
Quartermaster	Andrew Retter
Editor, Hills Echo	Alan Lester
Webmaster	Ray Krystofiak
Events	Lynne Halse
Events Project Manager	Keith Blunden
Health	Joan Butfield
Transport	vacant
Police	Graham Mann
Planning Advisor	Lesley Crowcroft
Auditor	Jane Bearman
Committee	Jan Choopani Jane Clayfield

Appendix 2:

1. Draft unaudited accounts for year ending 31st March 2017:

Northwood Hills Residents Association Income and Expenditure - year ended 31st March 2017

	Not e	Year to 31/03/2017 £	Year to 31/03/2016 £
Income			
Subscriptions		2,861.50	2,860.00
Advertising Income		2,698.80	2,868.00
Interest received (Net)		0.00	30.60

Website Sponsorship (Intoto Kitchens)		0.00	100.00
Grant from Hillingdon Council for Christmas Lights		1,825.00	969.01
Christmas Lights Event Donations & Funds Raised		1,092.80	966.83
Total Income		8,478.10	7,794.44

Expenses

Echo Printing Costs		2,690.00	3,134.00
Music in Park Event		500.00	500.00
Donations	2	425.00	600.00
Postage, Stationery and Photocopying		37.52	161.47
Road Stewards Supper		323.29	284.00
Big Lunch Event		0.00	426.34
Other Expenses	3	618.05	644.00
Public Liability Insurance		433.87	176.48
Membership Fees		96.00	30.00
Web Domain		94.19	65.51
Christmas Lights & Tree & Switch on Event		2,109.99	1,719.01
Total Expenses		7,327.91	7,740.81
Net Income/(Deficit)		1,150.19	53.63

Honorary Treasurer Fiona Morgan
F.C.C.A.

Honorary Auditor Jane Bearman
A.C.M.A

Northwood Hills Residents Association
Balance Sheet - as at 31st March 2017

	Not e	31/03/2017 £	31/03/2016 £
Assets			
Fixed assets	4	0.01	0.01
Cash at bank		16,891.98	15,485.38
Current assets			
Public Liability Insurance		296.76	247.07
Amounts to be banked		45.42	26.52
LB of Hillingdon Grant		0.00	0.00
Membership fees		0.00	0.00
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		342.18	273.59
Total assets		17,234.17	15,758.98
Liabilities			
Advertising Income		0.00	0.00
Donations planned		0.00	0.00
LB of Hillingdon Grant		2,335.06	2,335.06

Subscriptions	0.00	0.00
	<u>2,335.06</u>	<u>2,335.06</u>
Net assets	<u>14,899.11</u>	<u>13,423.92</u>
 Reserves		
Robert Symes Memorial Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00
 General Fund		
Carried forward	10,423.92	10,370.29
Net Income/ (Deficit) for the year	1,150.19	53.63
	<u>14,574.11</u>	<u>13,423.92</u>

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017

- 1 Accounting Policy
- The Accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis, with the exception of membership subscriptions, and all income & expenses are shown gross. Membership subscriptions are shown in the year in which they were received.
- 2 Donations are made up as follows:
- | | Year to
31/03/2017 | Year to
31/03/2016 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| From Christmas Lights Donations & Raffle: | | |
| Northwood Live at Home | | 75.00 |
| WRAP | | 75.00 |
| Wm Jolle Charity | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Mayors' Charity | 100.00 | |
| Other: | | |

Eastcote House Gardens		100.00
Fairfield Church	175.00	150.00
Northwood Hills Station Garden		50.00
	425.00	600.00

3	Other expenses are made up as follows:	Year to	Year to
		31/03/2017	31/03/2016
		£	£
	AGM Expenses	19.99	382.00
	Banner	54.00	0.00
	High Viz Vests for Clean Up Day	-	165.00
	Membership Leaflets/Cards	150.00	58.00
	Parking Signs	325.06	0.00
	Logo Design	37.50	0.00
	Poppy Appeal	31.50	39.00
		618.05	644.00

4 Fixed assets purchased for Community use from a grant from the London Borough of Hillingdon have been fully depreciated in the year of purchase to leave a notional value of 1p.

1. So far this year we have collected subs of £563. Apart from the Echo Expenses paid are £243 for Membership Cards and £22 Subs for Community Voice.