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NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
WEDNESDAY 27th January 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
Graham Mann	Police Rep
Andrew Retter	Committee member
Jan Choopani	Committee member
David Bishop	Resident
Jo Crockford	Resident
John Morgan	Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence received from

Joan Butfield, Lesley Crowcroft, Sue Allen, Alison Judd, Anila Hashim, Alan Lester, Lynne Halse, Paul Akers, Jonathan Bianco & Duncan Flynn.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th November 2015: agreed, with the following additions:

Item 9. Annual Supper or AGM. It was suggested that both Lynette from Neighbourhood Watch and the Police Cadets Cyber Team could attend (providing information, not as a speaker), to broaden exposure to both.

Item 13. J Ch had contacted MetTrace to ask for Smartwater lamppost signs but they were unable to give an estimated delivery date yet.

3. Matters Arising (not tabled as Agenda Items): none
Actions outstanding Remaining:

Actions outstanding from 2015 meetings:

By:

Urged to bring one new person each to next meeting, or ask someone to come forward.	ALL
Provide details of problems with trees in the ward to TD.	ALL
Provide details of Hogs back litter problems to JM	JC
Regeneration issues update from the council at next mtg, outstanding since October 2014.	JM
Actions still outstanding from last meeting:	
Foliage cut back on alleyway reported but not yet done.	JM
Find Ed Partridge's details.	LM
Provide annual schedule of Finance actions for each year.	FM
Investigate tree guards.	PA
Report on the Robert Symes tree planting for the next Echo.	ARet
Provide annual schedule of actions for each committee role for the year to TD/MG.	ALL except LC
Flytipping by flats in Joel St reported but still occurring.	JM
Details of how to report fly tipping etc in the next Echo.	AL

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman wished everyone a belated happy new year and reported that he was impressed with the amount of work that various members of the Committee had done over the Christmas and New Year period.

Since the last meeting he had attended a Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group (Mag), Ruislip Woods Mag, The Christmas Lights Learning Points meeting, the Music and Picnic in the Park Committee meeting and a petition hearing regarding a request for additional speed and safety measures in High Road Eastcote at the Civic Centre. He had had numerous discussions verbal and by e-mail on a number of issues with the Ward Councillors and Nick Hurd MP.

In addition, from the surplus proceeds from the Christmas Lights event he has also presented a donation of £150 to the William Jolle's favoured charity "Clic Sergant", £75 to Wrap, a charity that has recently moved into Northwood Hills and £75 to Northwood Live at Home.

Discussion is ongoing with the Ruislip Woods Mag to install a suitable bird box with a camera which would feed live pictures back to a monitor in the Visitors centre. If agreed this would be funded by NHRA in memory of the late Robert Symes. Robert's wife, sister and daughter are supportive of this initiative. While this has not yet been costed Agreement in principle is required for this expenditure. **This was agreed, providing the amount was within the funds donated by Robert.**

The Chairman has been advised that Tom Rawling is leaving Fairfield to take up a position out of the borough. The Chairman has written to Tom to thank him for all the help and support he has given NHRA.

Disappointingly we have lost some shops and business in Joel Street; We are advised Rockwell Safe deposit centre was sold and the new owners simply merged the business into another centre.

Bailiffs have repossessed Wax but it had now reopened so any dispute had been settled.

Allen Brothers has now closed but we are advised that new tenants will move in in February.

Brainchild which only opened a few months ago has closed.

The good news is that the Indian Restaurant appears to have been sold so hopefully it will not be too long before this re-opens.

5. Northwood & Pinner Hospital:

The Chairman thanked those that had helped to collect signatures. He was awaiting confirmation of a date for a meeting with Nick Hurd.

6. Planning and Environment:

The Committee will see below that over the last 2 months there has been a lot of intervention mainly by LC with a number of notable results. Also of note is that across Hillingdon there was a 25% increase in planning applications in 2015.

All applications submitted during December and January have been looked at. Below are the applications on which NHRA sent comments, plus updates on outstanding applications and appeals.

- 51 Wieland Road, in conjunction with Gatehill RA. New building, which would be out of keeping with the Area of Special Local Character. **Refused:** Another application was lodged but has now been withdrawn.
- 116 Pinner Road, conversion of garage at rear of property into a dwelling, applicant seeking Prior Approval, NHRA challenging the claim for PA. **Refused.** **The same application was submitted as Householder Permitted development this has also been refused.** Another application has been submitted objections have been sent. **Now refused.**
- 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**
- 5, Burlington Close Pinner. Extensive changes to the roof to allow for a loft conversion, objections to be sent from NHRA. **Approved.**
- The Woodman Public House, appeal against an enforcement notice. **Appeal dismissed.**
- Appeal against an enforcement notice 92 Catlins Lane, unauthorized division of a dwelling house. **Appeal dismissed**
- Appeal, 2 Raisins Hill over large extension in an ASLC . **Dismissed**

- 17 Hillside Gardens Over large extension for an ASLC. **Refused**
- 95 Pinner Road First floor side/rear extension. **Refused**
- 16, Northwood Way, Side, rear extensions plus loft conversion. **Refused**
- 4 Chamberlain Way Two storey side extension involving enlargement of roof. **Undecided**
- The Pent House Cuckoo Hill part of the raisins Hill ASLC Change of size of dormers and other alterations to the roof. **Refused**
- 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. **Undecided**
- 70 Highland Road. Side rear extensions plus loft conversion with change of roof shape. **Undecided**
- 10, Woodgate Crescent Appeal decision, **Refused**
- 37 Pinner Road, large rear extension Appeal. **Refused**
- 16 Hilliard Road Large extension Appealed. **Refused**
- 38 Hillside Road. Permission already granted for a loft conversion/ extension, now wanting larger windows. **Undecided**
- 79 Hillside Road. Same as above. **Undecided**
- 51 Hilliard Road. Change from a single dwelling house into two flats. **Undecided**
- 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.**
- 54/64 The Broadway, two storey rear extension and conversion of roof space to habitable use to include 2 rear dormers and 3 side dormers and conversion from 6x3 bed flats to 5 x2 bed flats and 10 x 1 bed flats. **Refused.**

Grateful thanks were expressed to Lesley Crowcroft for all her work.

LM thought an objection to a change of use from a shop to a restaurant had been submitted by AH and was unsure if NHRA should be objecting to this as a matter of course.

Details to TD & ARly	LM
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7. Regeneration:

Once again, the meeting requested that **JM** endeavoured to get attendance at an NHRA meeting by Council Officer David Knowles or Cllr Keith Burrows to report on the lack of progress over the outstanding items: roundabout line repainting, lighting by zebra crossing and moving of crossing on the Rickmansworth Road.

It was noted that any funding provided to shops at the time of the regeneration for their shop fronts had to have had supporting invoices, so even if the business has now closed, the work had been completed at the time.

LM reported that house prices in the ward had increased since the regeneration project.

8. Events:

Past events:

Christmas Lights: Unfortunately, the NHRA banner became stained with red dye from the new carpet in the porch at Fairfield and will need to be replaced, this was agreed.

Draft Minutes of Review Meeting had been attached to the Agenda.

The Christmas Lights debrief meeting had concluded that a Project Manager was needed for any future event as it had become too big to be 'left to chance' particularly with regard to Children's Safeguarding and management of the children's activities and safety. A Project Manager needed to be agreed by April.

Christmas Lights Project Manager Appointment by April	ALL
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Committee Christmas meal: Tuesday 12th January at Inso had been enjoyed by those who attended. AH thanked for organising.

Future events:

Annual Supper - Tuesday 1st March

The first batch of invitations has been sent out. MG has agreed to coordinate the menu. An offer of some food has been received from INSO. The Committee discussed whether to have entertainment on the evening or not. Agreed that background music could be tried this year. ARly to ask if Little and Lambert may be able to provide a pianist.

Email draft list of food contributions	MG
Investigate a pianist	ARly

AGM -Wednesday 25th May

Edna Partridge, retired Deputy lieutenant, the Queen's representative in Hillingdon may still be a possible speaker but unlikely to be available.

Details of Neighbourhood watch and Cybercrime warnings to be provided.

Richard Bartlett, minister at Holy Trinity to moving to the Mission Field, he may be an interesting speaker.

Q90 Picnic in the Park - Sunday 12th June

This is being organised jointly with the Northwood Residents' Association on Northwood Recreation ground. A grant has been applied for but it was agreed to provide 500pounds from the NHRA to help fund this event. If remaining money from The Mayors events fund allowed for more than this, this was agreed by the meeting. There would be no entrance charge, this was not allowed.

Proposed visit to European Parliament - 2017

ARly had been in touch with the MEP and groups of 25 can be booked to visit Brussels. It was agreed that this would be interesting and could be done on a Eurostar day trip ticket.

Investigate possible 2017 dates	ARly
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9. Treasurer's Report:

FM reported that a surplus was expected at the end of the year.

10. Transport:

HL was to attend the Met Line meeting the next day and will report at the next meeting.

11. Health:

The Community Voice newsletter had been attached to the Agenda.

12. Secretary's Report:

TD had been in discussion with Northwood Hills Service station, who wished to build a shopkeepers website, maybe offering discounts, with a link to the NHRA website. Consideration of the Chamber of Commerce was also being given but these discussions were in the early stages. An article in the Echo may be useful.

Neither noticeboard at Tesco Express and the Station were in ideal locations.

13. Police Neighbourhood Watch & Ward Panel:

At a meeting of ward panel chairpersons on 18th January, the Commissioner felt that there was a need to restructure the operations of the ward panels. Some panels have only 3 - 4 regular members, a few have 10. It is felt that this small number is not representative of the local community. There was a poor spread of age diversity; too few people were getting involved.

There did not seem to be a mechanism in place for involving the whole local community rather than just the panel members in deciding the priorities to be set for the police teams. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of bringing together the Residents Association, the Ward Panel Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Neighbourhood Watch. A pilot scheme in a few wards was suggested. If asked, would the NHRA be willing to take on such a pilot scheme?

HL was to raise this issue at the next quarterly meeting of the ward panel on 25th February and the Committee agreed, in principle to assume responsibility for the future working of the panel. Clearly the objective of greater involvement of the local community would require strengthening the membership of the panel and some initiatives from the NHRA Committee.

The structuring of this would need to consider some practicalities: e.g. would the new body be a sub-committee of the NHRA? Would the present members of the panel be invited to join the new body? Perhaps the meeting could be the first item of the NHRA committee once a quarter, clearly the meetings must not be too lengthy, but this may be possible, at least as a pilot.

14 Hills Echo:

AL had started work on the next edition and would like articles asap please.

Help with the advertising role was requested.

Agreed that Northwood Hills in WW2 would make for an interesting article. JC had previously suggested an elderly neighbour who may be a useful source. It was suggested that Jo Crockford's son may be able to talk to him and then write up an article.

Check with AL if article could be included	ARly
Check resident's willingness and article writing	JC Jo Crockford

15. Councillors' Report:

Traffic survey to be completed following petition for additional traffic tables by Larkwood Rise.

Flytipping by flats in Joel St continues. Residents/committee members were reminded that the best way to report any instances needing action by the Council was to do so through their website. This then gives a reference number, date of reporting and provides a much more efficient way for the councillors to chase/progress actions.

In his absence, having left the meeting early, JM was asked if flowers were to be provided in Northwood Hills this year.

Check if flowers to be provided	JM
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17. Membership Growth:

A supply of Membership Cards have been ordered which will also promote the NHRA members Facebook page.

The newly printed membership Flyer was distributed. Noted that any future reprint should include 'your details will not be passed onto any other organisation'. The flyer can be used by road stewards when next distributing the Echo and can be used to 'hit' target roads.

Further discussion took place on how to attract new members. It was agreed that the prospective new members were 'the Facebook generation'.

Ongoing action is still required to boost membership. Any current member wanting to join the Facebook page to email: maxine.goswell@tesco.net

AH, JM & ARet also have Facebook accounts. It is only if people start posting to the NHRA Facebook page that it will become viable and useful.

A number of actions were agreed:

Update a letter for the road stewards.	ARly
Check if R Kapoor willing to do a road	JC; pass details to TD
Cover a couple of target roads	JCh/GM
Email to committee map/list of 'dead' roads	TD
Explore Membership Secretary role	MG

Pinner Road road steward required	MG/ARly
Explore Rochester Road road steward	MG
Ensure all Zones have a zone leader	MG

The vast amount of work so ably covered by our chairman was pointed out and that without new members who may ultimately become new committee members, we have not only no succession planning, but also no current gap management prospects either.

16. Dates for Next Meetings:

Wednesday 24th February

Tuesday 1st March - Annual Supper

Friday 11th March - Echo copy date

Wednesday 23rd March

Saturday 14th May - Scouts Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st May - Spring Tidy-Up Day

Wednesday 27th April

Wednesday 25th May - AGM

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

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 9.40.