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**NORTHWOOD HILLS RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES of the Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Present

Andrew Riley	Chairman
Trevor Dixon	Secretary
Maxine Goswell	Minutes Secretary
Tony Lane	President
Herbert Levinger	Transport & Health
Joan Butfield	Health & EHG
Jane Clayfield	Committee member
Fiona Morgan	Treasurer
Alan Lester	The Echo Editor
Lynne Halse	Events
Ray Krystofiak	Web manager
Jo Crockford	Road Steward
Keith Blunden	Resident
Andrew Retter	Committee member
David Bishop	Resident
Duncan Flynn	Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence received from

Leo Mindel, Lesley Crowcroft, Graham Mann, Anila Hashim, Paul Akers, Jonathan Bianco & John Morgan.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 23rd March 2016: agreed with following amendment: Present: Jean Bartoli was accidentally omitted.

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

Fly tipping by flats in Joel St had been cleared but is likely to re-occur (Jan 2016). Terry Clayfield unfortunately was too busy to review planning applications. AL may be able to and LH had started checking any Hillside planning applications.

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).	ALL, not LC&TD
Regeneration issues update from council, outstanding since Oct 2014. Traffic survey at roundabout is ongoing. Independent review on use of parking bays is to be undertaken.	JM/DF/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)	MG/TD
Check if flowers to be provided in Northwood Hills this year (Feb 16)	JM
Meeting to review if Echo should be available on-line. (Mar 16)	ARly, MG, AL, GM
Actions outstanding from this meeting:	
Source Echo Article about sewers problems.	AL
Join NORA.	ARly/FM
Meet to resolve dangerous bollard outside NISA.	DF
AGM arrangements	ARly/MG
Pay additional funds for Q90 Picnic	ARly/FM
Email list of dates for Christmas lights event sub-committee meetings	KB
Inspect Christmas tree pit and resolve propping issues	ARly/KB
Ask if Green Spaces team can regularly check Hogs back elm	DF
Arrange donation to Fairfield for use of the premises	FM
Visit Grant & Stone yard regarding parking of lorries	DF
Further access to LBH noticeboard at the station	DF/JB
Raise the Long Meadow shrine issue with enforcement officers again.	DF
Review bus cage on the road at the stop in Northwood Way	ARly

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Since the last meeting he had attended a Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Group Meeting and a Music and Picnic in the Park Committee meeting. He had also taken part in the Hills Echo Bagging Up Day.

Just after Easter he requested Jon Gurr to take a look at a couple of the trees in the central boulevard in Joel Street that had a lean and was subsequently assured that this is nothing to worry about.

The Chairman reported that a number of people have reported to him that Wetherspoons have taken the William Joelle off the market. He stressed that he has received no notification of this from Wetherspoons with whom he has good links. He is however aware that the Community Order served on Wetherspoons a few months ago effectively means that the leasehold premises have to stay as a pub for 5 years which could put off any potential buyers interested in the lease.

There have been some sewer problems in the Ward recently, Winchester Road and the Library in particular. The infrastructure is old and liable to cracking and residents can help by ensuring that nothing large is put down the drains. This could be an article in the next Echo. **AL**

Agreed that the NHRA should join the National Organisation of Residents Associations (NORA). They may be helpful on any national issues such as transport/ planning. Agreed to pay £25pa for subscription to them. **ARly/FM**

5. Ward Police Panel:

You will be glad to hear that it has been a pretty quiet month on the crime front. Four attempted burglaries where the suspects have failed to get inside the house but have left behind tool marks on the door frame and locks. These happened on Fore Street, Joel Street, Pinner Road and Joel Street again.

There was one offence however which was particularly distressing for the victims. An elderly couple in Acre Way were subjected to a distraction burglary. A white man in his 50s knocked at the door and said he was from the District Nurses and needed to check the house for damp. The lady in the house is bed bound and her elderly husband let the man in. The suspect could see the lady bed bound in the front room yet continued with his quest to rob the most vulnerable of our society. Thankfully the husband got a feeling something was not right and shouted at the man to leave, which he did. At this stage it is thought that he did not get away with any property. It is unfortunate that some of these criminals target the elderly and vulnerable in our society and it is for these reasons that we should all look out for our neighbours and report anything that seems suspicious. The investigation continues and the couple received support and advice from the team.

There have been 0 street robberies and 0 thefts from cars. There has been 1 van stolen with tools inside, this was from Hilliard Road.

The team are continuing to work in and around the problems in Malmsbury Close. Residents there are being blighted by groups of youths gathering into the late night hours and riding up and down on mopeds. The team are focussing their attentions on this area and have been conducting regular patrols there. Work is ongoing and we hope that it will not be long before there are some drastic changes here as we continue to work with the council to ensure tenants are not causing anti-social behaviour without there being some consequence to their tenancy.

The team carried out a search warrant at an address in York Road, Northwood Hills. The warrant was granted by Uxbridge Mags Court and was based on information supplied to Police regarding drug dealing in and around Northwood and Ruislip areas. Unfortunately there were no drugs found on this occasion but it will give the clear message to this person and others who choose to partake in such behaviour, that one day.....we will come knocking.

PS Fanton is working with the NRA and the NHRA to oversee the safety plans for the Queens birthday event at Northwood Football Club. The planning meeting is to be held shortly and the Police team will be offering their support and assistance on the day to ensure that it passes off smoothly and also it will be a great opportunity for the team to engage with residents.

The team are continuing to visit addresses to hand out MetTrace property marking kits. These were discussed in the last meeting but if anybody wants to know anything more then please contact the team.

The team are always keen to get involved in any groups who may be meeting and want the Police to come and talk about crime prevention. Ricky and Max attended the Dementia Café tea morning and spoke to many of the customers and carers about general crime prevention topics. It was well received and they will be planning to visit again soon.

The dates of Police attendance at future meetings are included in Item 17. However, 2 members of the WPM have prior commitments on a Wednesday evening so can no longer attend. The detailed regular reports/emails were welcomed by those present.

6. Planning and Environment:

Flood Risk Management Strategy:

The Flood Risk meeting was being attended by LC at the same time as this meeting.

Planning Applications update:

To 20th April: any application or updates after this date will be available in May.

Comments have been made on the following applications:

51 Hilliard Road. Change from a single dwelling house into two flats. This was recommended refusal, the applicant then submitted more drawings. LBH withdrew the application from the North Planning Committee agenda as the new drawing were submitted too late to be properly considered before the meeting. NHRA have sent further comments upon the new drawings. Petitioners will be able to present their petition when this application comes back to the NPC, March 22nd 2016. **Approved.**

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.**

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. New drawings have been added and the council have re-consulted. NHRA have commented again. The new drawing showed a clearer view of the

parking layout but this does not make any changes to our original objections.

Approved, work has started on the original building.

1 Rushmore Close Eastcote. Over large extensions to the roof, making the dwelling over dominant within the street scene. **Undecided**

4 Chamberlain Way. Large over dominant changes to the roof. Resubmission. **Approved**

73 Ryefield Crescent. This is the 4th attempt to build a miserable dwelling at the back of the shops. This time the applicant is trying the Prior Approval route, which means the LPA can only refuse on parking and/or land contamination. Parking was a reason for refusal before, and a ground contamination survey has not been submitted, so hopefully it will be refused again. The proposal is little better than a 'bed in shed' housing. **Undecided**

3 Pikes End. This development is within the Eastcote Village Conservation Area. The dwellings forming this part of Pikes End were designed by a local architect Noel Wurr. <http://www.modernism-in-metroland.co.uk/pikes-end.html>

The first application to change the street scene was approved in 2010 although there was strong opposition from both the Eastcote Village Conservation Panel and local residents. The planning permission was renewed in 2013. Six years from the original application this development has not been carried forward.

This current application is not asking for a renewal of planning permission but has been entered as a new application. Our objections are the same as for previous applications. The addition of the extra floor spoils the harmony of the roofscape of this modernistic designed courtyard development. **Undecided**

Joel Street Farm. Change of use to a Day Nursery. The landscaping layout has been submitted to LBH. It appears adequate. However there is a gate shown from the fields into the children's play area, comments have been sent to LBH stating.....' Our main area of concern is the proposed gate at the end of the children's play area. This gate opens out onto the fields beyond. Surely it is not in the children's best interest to have a gate that could allow access to anyone wandering in the fields. Should this gate be approved, then there should be a strict condition that the gate to kept locked when children are using the Nursery.

Work has started at the Farm, although the conditions have not been approved.

Work at the farm was halted by Enforcement officers earlier in the day.

Enforcement Officers have advised the contractor that Planning Conditions have not yet been fully satisfied/approved and that if work continuous there is risk of a possible fine.

Concerns over parking were raised at the initial Planning Hearing. These were dismissed as acceptable by the Planning Committee.

68 Raisins Hill. This forms part of the Raisins Hill ASLC. The proposed extensions are larger than the original dwelling so do not look subordinate to the original. **Undecided**

48, Harlyn Drive. Demolish current house; erect 5 bedroom dwelling with an over large basement. Refused by LBH. **Appealed**

61 Northwood Way. Increase in size from a modest 3 bedroom detached house to an 8 bedroom house. Only two parking spaces. **Undecided**

17 Hillside Gardens. Same application as the one refused late 2015. This time trying to gain permission under House Holder Permitted development. However, the dwelling already has an extension, the proposed design would make the depth of the extension 7 metres. This is not acceptable under the HDAS guidelines, and the Article 4 direction which covers the whole of Hillingdon. [When the Government introduced a system called Prior Approval householders were allowed to extend to the rear of a property by 6 meters without planning permission. LBH introduced the Article 4 direction so that LBH can regain control of the size of rear extensions.] **Undecided. Now with the Bristol Planning Inspectorate.**

Land between 2 & 6 Woodside Road. This has now gone to appeal. The company employed by the Appellant, has sent the usual bullying/intimidating report to the Planning Inspectorate. LC is assisting the residents with their submissions to the PI.

70 Coniston Gardens. A small bungalow. Application for extensions to both sides and to the rear. This would more than double the size of the bungalow. There has been a planning history for this site going back 8-9 years, most applications have been refused at appeal.

56 Briarwood Drive. Application to divide house into two flats. The house is large enough and so is the garden. The only objections put forward, were: 1.the loss of a family home which would be out of keeping with the area. 2. The internal arrangements of the rooms are not satisfactory, having a bedroom underneath the living room of another.

Land forming part of 1 Bramley Close. To erect an attached dwelling on the side garden. NPPF sections 48 & 53 state that building on gardens is not acceptable. Objections will be made.

70 Highland Road. Loft extension, gives a very odd roof shape. Objections will be made.

7. Regeneration:

Cllr Flynn has reported that the reason why the street furniture on the traffic island close to NISA has not been replaced is that the Council are looking to remove this traffic island later in the year, albeit we are aware (see last March Minutes) that the Council are currently looking at traffic flow on all arms of Northwood Hills Circus. RK was exceedingly unhappy with this answer and felt that the work to replace the dangerous bollard was long, long overdue.

DF, RK, ARly and Council officers to meet to resolve. **DF**

Once again, an update was needed. The need for roundabout line repainting was paramount and a timetable for resolution should be available for the AGM.

Changes to shops:

Safe deposit: is to be an Italian restaurant (owners of Amaretto in Ruislip Manor).

East & West restaurant is still closed, but a new Vietnamese restaurant has opened near the roundabout.

Other shops for lease all have potential new leasees.

8. Membership Growth:

Raisins Hill and Harlyn (evens) are still both without Road Stewards; TD has delivered Echoes to members there with a flyer requesting electronic or cash payment (also asking for a volunteer to take over the role). A few members have paid to date. Attempts have been made to recruit members from the far end of Northwood Way (past Hillside School), but there have been no takers as they consider themselves as part of Northwood.

Some members have paid on line and the suggestion of a £5 for 2 years subscription may be worth pursuing. Ruislip RA are doing this using an agency with little overhead cost. Direct credit, as opposed to direct debit, does not cost a lot to set up.

9. Events:

Future:

AGM - Wednesday 25th May

Formal Notice regarding the AGM can be found in the Spring Edition of the Hills Echo, at the Library and in the notice at the station. Further publicity is planned.

Bright posters on lampposts. **ARly**

Confirmation of Car parking availability & cost of caretaker needed from **MG**:

Refreshments can be provided using the school urn, but disposable cups and our own tea/coffee will be needed. We will not have access to the kitchen.

Police cadets/cybercrime talks liaison **MG**.

Nominations for committee posts are required by 11th May.

The new logo below will require approval at the AGM. Apostrophe to be added!



The agenda sheet should be printed in colour to show this.

Draft agenda for the AGM to be circulated with these minutes.

Q90 Picnic in the Park - Sunday 12th June.

Planning for the Music and Picnic in the Park Event is going well and numerous licenses have been applied for to hold the event. The Ward Councillors of both Northwood and Northwood Hills Ward have agreed to allocate some money from the Ward Budget for this free Community event.

Previously, NHRA agreed to donate £500 towards the event and if requested make available a further £500. A similar pledge was made by Northwood Residents' Association. The additional £500 will definitely be required and both associations are being asked to agree to authorise the transfer of funds and also agree, in case of need, a further £500 each on top of this. Northwood Residents' Association agreed to these requests at their Committee Meeting earlier this month. To help defray

expenses key businesses are being approached to sponsor the event. **Additional funds Agreed.**

Volunteers, are required to make the day a success. Some of those present signed up. Any not present, please confirm availability to help ARly. **ALL** Portaloos had been booked and the Bowling Club toilets will also be open. Parking on the grass will be allowed.

Christmas Lights - Saturday 19th November

The Chairman has spoken to a number of people regarding the 2016 event and whilst there is a lot of enthusiasm it is clear that we need someone to act as Project Manager to ensure all aspects of the event are properly planned. Keith Blunden agreed to take on this role and was thanked for his commitment to this event. He agreed to email out a list of dates for sub-committee meetings. **KB**

L B Hillingdon have already agreed that a formal License will not be required for the event.

Concern was expressed over the use of the PA system as Steve Rogers will not be available. It was agreed that the event should still go ahead as the Mayor was already booked for this day.

An inspection of the Christmas tree pit is required. **ARly/KB**

It was agreed that the refunding of the costs for the event needed to be understood more fully in advance of the event this year.

10. Treasurer's Report: R&A briefly reviewed. Minor deficit of £35 last year.

Ruislip Woods/Robert Symes

Positive discussions have been held with the Ruislip Management Advisory group who are agreeable to us having a bird box and camera linked to a monitor at the Visitors Centre, perhaps with a link to NHRA website. Costs are now being researched by that Committee. The meeting agreed to allocate a budget of up to £1,000 for this purpose as heavy duty equipment that will last a number of years is required.

Discussion is also required with the Ward Councillors regarding a small line of trees at the Highland Road entrance to Northwood Recreation ground.

Protection for elm on Hogs back to be reviewed and any further funding that would be required was agreed. **DF** to ask if Green Spaces team can check Hogs back elm regularly.

It was understood that Tony Lane, as an Elder of Fairfield, had a declaration of interest in any finance matters relating to contributions made to the church, in regard to our regular use of the premises for meetings. The meeting agreed to donate £200 to Fairfield for this for the coming year. **FM**

11. Secretary's Report: An invitation has been received from Grangewood School for the Committee to attend their Art Exhibition on Wednesday 25th May (the date of our AGM).

Tesco has sent details of their Bags of Help grants for Green community projects which will be funded by money used to pay for carrier bags.

Reported that Grant and Stone Lorries reversing into the yard have to wait for a Banksman and sometimes park in Norwich Road/Joel Street. A particularly difficult

incident occurred when one parked in the bus stop in Joel St and caused chaos. DF has talked to the manager of the yard but each driver tends to do what they want. DF will try to visit the yard. TD to follow up with the Police should another incident of the bus stop being disrupted occur.

12. Transport:

METROPOLITAN LINE

Closure on the Met between Baker Street and Wembley Park on Mon. Tues. and Wed. from about 22 hrs is to start on May 16th. Services on Amersham, Chesham and Uxbridge services will start from Wembley Park, Watford services from Harrow. The Sec. of State for Transport has issued a directive to LUL to open the Croxley Link not later than 2020.

13. Health:

THH LATEST FIGURES

Mount Vernon has achieved planned staff levels but Hillingdon hospital has 98 vacancies for various positions.

Hillingdon Hospital A & E target to treat, admit or discharge 95% patients within four hours was not met in February at 85%, year to date figure is 92.78%. Despite using all escalation capacity, patients were regularly lodged in the department awaiting beds becoming available.

Year-end revenue forecast remains a deficit of £1.5m. The February figure was a deficit of £1.4m driven by a £4.2m adverse pay expenditure. Compared to the same month in 2015 there was an increase of 159 whole time staff. This is partly explained by the transfer of maternity activity from Ealing and the increased use of one-to-one nurses for higher risk patients as well as the CQC and Shaping Healthier Future related quality investments.

Year-end capital expenditure forecast has been reduced by £900,000 due to slippage.

At month 11 (Feb) HCCG achieved a cumulative surplus of £6.85m and it is now forecasting a year end surplus of £7.48m. A financial plan for 2016/7 has been submitted to NHS England for a surplus of 1% (approx. £3.6m), this is despite a reduction of £5.3m in its Strategy Funding and being expected to contribute its full 2.5% to the other NWL Strategy and Saving a Healthier Future work streams (£8.6m in 2016/7 compared with £1.5m this year).

This is based on a QIPP programme for saving £50m over the next five years, the 2016/7 target is £10.5m. Some of the schemes have a high failure risk. To put it in context the challenge is that the HCCG could face 20% more demand with a 20% gap in funding.

ROYAL BROMPTON AND HAREFIELD TRUST

The draft financial plan FOR 2016/7 submitted showed a £2.3m deficit for next year but was resubmitted with a deficit of £8.9m. This received an uncompromising response stating that a maximum deficit of £3.7m was required. Meanwhile NHS England grabbed an estimated £3m profit made by the Trust from the supply of high end devices. A final plan was required by 11th April which was not achieved and the 31 March deadline for signing off was also not met.

Margins are wafer thin and as 80% of the staff costs are for clinical staff, there appears to be little scope for more staff cuts

MOUNT VERNON CANCER CENTRE

The 2015 CQC report rated the Safety Care and End of Life Care as "inadequate", two other areas were deemed "Requires Improvement", on the other hand Chemotherapy Care is "Outstanding" and Radiotherapy as "good".

There was some confusion about the apparent contradiction of these ratings.

The state of the old buildings including the Michael Sobell hospice also caused concerns but the centre's overall standards were recognised as being both safe and compassionate.

The ongoing tensions between the two NHS trusts (East & North Herts and THH) regarding the site were also commented upon.

DB gave details of a meeting for any to attend at Brunel University 1-3.30pm on 18 May.

14. Hills Echo:

Echoes were distributed to zone coordinators on 12th April. MG to arrange for copies to be provided to Glynn Poole.

High quality art work of the new logo needs to be provided to AL.

15. Councillors' Report:

DF agreed to further the request to JB for access to the LBH noticeboard at the station, without high fees being required. DF

£2.5k is available in the Ward budget for the Q90 event, should it be required.

Speed tables in Hillside are being considered, but a chicane arrangement would need further consultation.

Once funding for Security gates at the back of the Salisbury Road shops is obtained, this should help disperse the youths.

The litter at the top of Tolcarne Drive is reported/cleared regularly, but continues to be dumped. A 'No dumping' notice is to be installed; then the situation will be monitored.

Rubbish on the footpath from Salisbury Road into the woods should be cleared regularly.

16. AOB:

The shrine on the Long Meadow continues. DF to raise with enforcement officers again.

No bus cage has been painted on the road at the stop in Northwood Way. ARly to review and write to TfL and DF.

17. Dates for Next Meetings:

Tuesday 12th April - Echo distribution date

Wednesday 27th April

Saturday 14th May - Scouts Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st May - Spring Tidy-Up Day

Wednesday 25th May - AGM

Saturday 4th June - Eastcote House Gardens Picnic

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

Wednesday 22nd June (incl. Ward Panel)

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 (incl. Ward Panel)

Saturday 19th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 23rd November

December - no meeting

2017:

Wednesday 25th January (incl. Ward Panel)

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 22nd March

Wednesday 26th April (incl. Ward Panel)

Wednesday 24th May - AGM

The meeting closed at 9.15.