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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of
 Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 7.30 pm
 Held at Fairfield Evangelical Church, Windsor Close.**

Members present:

Andrew Riley (ARly)	Chairman
Leo Mindel (LM)	Vice-Chair
Maxine Goswell (MG)	Minutes Secretary
Fiona Morgan (FM)	Treasurer
Alan Lester (AL)	Editor, The Echo
Jane Clayfield (JC)	Committee member
Graham Mann (GM)	Police rep
Lynne Halse (LH)	Events
Joan Butfield (JBu)	Health & EHG
Jo Crockford (JCr)	Road Steward
Keith Blunden (KB)	Christmas Lights Event
Duncan Flynn (DF)	Councillor
Roxana Peters (RP)	Road Steward
Jim Wood (JW)	Resident, Tolcarne Drive
Sue Wood (SW)	Resident, Tolcarne Drive

1. **Apologies for Absence received from:**
 Tony Lane, Trevor Dixon, Jan Choopani, Anila Hashim, Lucy Hulatt & John Morgan.
2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 28th June 2017: approved.**
3. **Matters arising (that are not tabled as Agenda Items):**
Actions Outstanding Remaining:

Actions outstanding from previous meetings:	By:
Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	ALL
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	ALL
Consider a new candidate for Web Master. (Feb 17)	ALL
Meeting with Northwood RA re electronic membership system. (Ap17)	ARly/TD/MG
Seek Road Stewards for roads without one. (Mar 17)	All
Traffic assessment by independent company awaited. (May 17)	JM/DF

Review the need for an extra motorcycle bay in Joel St. (Jun 17)	JBi/JM/DF
Investigate possible funding for the provision of a ramp from behind the shops onto the Salisbury Road green space. (Jun 17)	JBi
Cost of the elm on the Hogs Back. Status to be confirmed. (Jun 17)	ARly
Possible emergency repairs in Maycroft and Ryefield Crescent to be looked at. (Jun 17)	JBi
Website updates are required e.g. old committee names etc. (Jun 17)	RK,TD ARly, AL

Actions outstanding from this meeting:	
Details of lanyards supplier for RS ID cards. (Sept 17)	AL
Remembrance Sunday ARly or Tony Lane to lay the wreath.	ARly
Ask Hillside Juniors about taking part in the Christmas Lights event	DF
Overview documents from local groups liaising re Health Service Provision.	ALL
Distribution of Echo Magazines	Various, see Item 14
No Street Cleaner for Highland Road.	DF
Report litter behind Argyle House.	ARly
Repaint white arrow markings on speed bumps on Cuckoo Hill.	DF

4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He reported that he is pleased that the number of vacant shop units in Joel Street continues to reduce and that we are attracting some big High Street names such as Cake Box.

The owner of the Namaste Lounge has now secured the lease on the former William Jolle pub and has advised that he wishes to re-open it as a traditional pub/sports bar. The facility is to have a food menu not that dissimilar to that previously available. It is hoped that the facility will be open this side of Christmas.

Cadent Gas (the new name for National Grid) has advised that they wish to carry out works in a number of roads, which have recently been resurfaced. This has been raised with the Council; and Officers are in discussion with Cadent. In the meantime Cadent may carry out upgrade works, which involves digging up pavements and residents' driveways and replace steel pipes connected to gas meters.

On a personal note ARly thanked everyone for the messages of congratulation he had received over the summer months regarding the British Empire Medal award. He is to receive the medal at The Tower of London in November. In 2018 he will receive an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Those present toasted the

Chairman with a small glass of bubbly to congratulate him and recognize this fantastic achievement.

The 1st Northwood new Scouting Centre Fundraising appeal currently stands at £61k.

5. Police Report:

Ian Bryant is now Chief Inspector, Hillingdon and Rob Bryan has returned to his role in the north part of the borough.

The Mayor of London's Office for Policing and Crime together with the Metropolitan Police Service has issued a consultation paper on the future of Policing in London. There is a major impact on Hillingdon as the paper proposes the number of Police stations in the Borough be reduced to one (Hayes) and whilst other smaller boroughs may cope with just one site, as the second largest in London, this is a huge area for the force to cover from just one location, especially if it is not centrally located. L B Hillingdon, Nick Hurd and Boris Johnson all believe this is a backward step and if we are to have a single Police station it should be at Uxbridge. They also wish to see the Police continue to have a rapid response vehicle in the north of the Borough. The consultation ends on 6th October. The Chairman urged everyone to review the consultation paper and have their say. <https://londonvoice.org.uk/web/index.php/survey/index/sid/271515/lang/en>

6. Planning and Environment:

A new application to allow additional flats to be built at 116 Pinner Road (corner of Hilliard Road) has been submitted yet again, NHRA objecting once again. The Advertising hording that has been erected on the side of the building without permission may now become an enforcement issue.

7. Regeneration:

DF reported that the Council had requested the UTC to contribute to the independent traffic assessment at roundabout which will take place in the next 2 months. It will also assess parking issues, such as the potentially unnecessary extra motorcycle bay. Councillor Burroughs had visited, without any input from NHRA. GM regretted that yet again, 3 years on, he had to express his unhappiness at the lack of progress from the council/councillors. **JB/DM/DF**

The shop occupancy rate on Joel St is now one of the highest in the area. The Zeemat, Afghani restaurant had opened (BYO in the basement) and Himalayan Flavour seems to be changing to Ruby M, which has another branch in Rayners Lane, run by the same family as when the restaurant was the Indian Kitchen.

The KFC is currently being refurbished. It had been reported to a few committee members that residents above the shops in Joel St do feel intimidated by the youths gathering there. Perhaps the refurbishment will discourage youths from gathering there in the future.

8. Membership Growth:

Road Stewards: Replacements found to cover Raisins Hill & Hazelwood Drive. Still none to cover Waverley Crescent, Harlyn Drive evens, Heatherfold Way, Lichfield Road, Winchester Road & Wiltshire Lane. Road Stewards for Stanley Road, Hillside Road & Cranbourne Road have just stepped down. There are a further 30 roads with no Road Steward and no members. **This issue needs to be addressed as a matter of some urgency.**

Several Road Stewards have also asked for some form of lanyard and/or photo ID as they are concerned about calling on strangers to collect money without this. The Committee agreed that this needs to be put in place before the Spring 2018 edition of The Echo, which is when the majority of Road Stewards collect. **AL** to provide details of lanyards recently ordered for another organisation. There was a suggestion that some older RS's may be happy to use a non-photo ID card together with their TfL Freedom Pass.

9. Events:

Past Events

none

Future Events

Autumn Clean-Up Day: 10am Saturday 14th October

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 12th November

AL reported that he has now received the wreath. It was agreed that this year ARly or Tony Lane would lay the wreath, **ARly** to confirm with TL. The Chairman advised that he is aware that Inspector Rob Bryan will lay the Metropolitan Police wreath this year.

Christmas Lights Switch-On - 18th November

St John's School have kindly agreed to sponsor the Christmas Event. The cheque will be presented to the Chairman on 17 October.

The Christmas Event sub-committee held a meeting on 20th September, the notes had been circulated with the agenda. The Chairman thanked KB/LH for organising this event and continuing to manage the outstanding actions as in the sub-committee notes. **KB, GM and ARly** to meet again to undertake Risk Assessment. Harlyn and Hillside Infants had agreed to take part, together with the St John's Band. **DF** agreed to ask Hillside Juniors if they were interested. The electricity supply needed to be confirmed by **KB**. Bennett Holmes had not yet agreed to sponsor the programme as in previous years.

The Website link to the Christmas Lights 2016 Photos does not work. They are on the NHRA Members Facebook page.

10. Treasurer's Report:

FM confirmed that the final R&A for the year would show a small profit or a break even.

The committee agreed to pay the NORA membership fee again this year.

The councillors were thanked for hanging baskets finally being provided for Northwood Hills this summer.

11. Secretary's Report:

The London in Bloom result for Long Meadow was *Gold* in the Large Conservation Area category, in addition to a *Green Flag*. Eastcote House Gardens received the following: *Walled Garden - Gold; Our Community - Gold; It's Your Neighbourhood - Level 5 Outstanding (equivalent to Gold); Park of the Year - Gold and category winner (ie best park in London).*

12. Transport:

Metropolitan Line Extension

There is a suggestion from Richard Harrington, Watford MP that TfL take over the management of the track from Network Rail as a way forward to guarantee significant funding for the project by generating private investment, whilst also saving the taxpayer money. It seemed unlikely to those present that this was in any way a way forward and it is not likely to result in progressing this once more.

13. Health:

The Chairman spoke with Nick Hurd at the end of August regarding the Northwood & Pinner District Hospital site. Nick reported the plan to create a new Health Centre on the site is now the preferred option and NHS Property Service will look to start discussions with Hillingdon Planning before the end of the year. While we accept to fund the project there will have to be some residential development, parking and traffic considerations will need to be carefully reviewed.

ARly is concerned that no one on the committee is taking an overview of the documents from various local groups liaising with Health Service Provision. Any offers would be welcome. **ALL**

14. Hills Echo:

AL thanked everyone who had been involved with the Autumn/Winter edition of the Hills Echo. The article about the Motor Race held many years ago on the Cathedral roads was very interesting. These roads used to be known as Joel Park.

TD reported that the newsletters had been distributed to the Road Stewards on the 20th September and anticipated that most will by now have been distributed to members. However, he is aware that a couple of Road Stewards collect the annual subscriptions in September, which may cause a slight distribution delay to some residents.

GM and JCh agreed to walk around the shops with the magazines for those that had advertised, **AL** to send a list of them to **GM** and **FM**.

AL previously organised the below distributions. MG (with TD) agreed to incorporate these onto the spreadsheets/labels on-going and endeavour to find distributors for them, but for this distribution, the following agreed to do them:

Dr Sabby Kant at Mountwood Surgery LH
Nick Hurd ARly
Lesley Crowcroft ARly
Head Teacher and Julie Martin at Haydon LH
Hillside Junior, Hillside Infants JClayfield
Northwood LH
Harlyn JCrockford
St Johns LH
Cllr Puddifoot LH
Police Cmdr Bryan LH
St Edmunds LH
Emmanuel Church LH
Mayor Carol Melvin LH
Councillors LH
Fairfield RP

The Committee thanked AL for all the hard work he had done over the last 8 years as Editor.

The Committee was delighted that Lucy Hulatt an ex Nower Hill pupil, who lives in Harrow Weald had agreed to take on the role of Editor and to help defray her travel expenses an honorarium of £50 per edition of the Echo was agreed. Lucy is hoping to attend the October meeting.

15. Website:

As noted at the last meeting, some updates are required e.g. old committee names removed etc. ARly, AL and TD to liaise, perhaps with an additional helper.

16. Scouts

LM reported that at the halfway point of the 1st Northwood Scouts new Scouting Centre appeal, an amazing £50,000 has been raised, which has since been exceeded. If you are able, do support the appeal as there is still have a long way to go to reach this challenging target. Donating is easy. Simply log on to the BT Just Giving website using [this link](#) and don't forget by selecting the "Gift Aided" your donation will be that much bigger. You can also check on the progress of the fund and other ways to donate [here](#).

The Trinity Swing Band event the previous weekend had raised £948. Those involved especially Roxana Peters and Alison Judd, were thanked for their hard work.

17. Councillors' Report:

ARly reported that following a number of petitions from residents in various Roads the Council had sent out an informal consultation letter to homeowners which had been attached to the Agenda.

A discussion on the parking problems in the Ward took place once again, together with the problems a Controlled Parking Zone would bring about. The results of the Parking Stress Test had shown that some roads had 80% stress in the middle of the night and weekends, showing that the parking is not purely a commuter parking problem, rather a problem of too many cars being owned in a road without sufficient space for them all to park. The test will lead to further consultations in the roads particularly affected. No CPZ would be instigated without the residents being consulted. The answer is to control traffic, rather than control parking. A Multi-storey carpark over the Argyle House carpark or a car park over the underground rail line would be the only substantial answers to the parking problem and both of these are costly. Hillingdon has the highest car ownership % of all the London Boroughs.

Traffic issues in Chamberlain Way & nearby roads: the petition is to be heard in November.

The HOAC facility being provided at Denham Quarry is a new suggestion that will at least cater for the activities, even if HOAC is lost due to HS2.

The LED upgrade programme has led to some lampposts having notices placed on them by residents objecting to them, but no one has come forward about this to the Councillors or the Residents Association.

18. AOB:

- a) GM reported that no Street Cleaner was now taking care of Highland Road. DF to investigate.
- b) Litter behind Argyle House was building up. ARly to raise it with them.
- c) There had been a recent arson attack on Northwood Football Club shed.
- d) The Pinner Road traffic is particularly bad on Saturdays for the Saturday school drop offs and pick-ups at Northwood School, with far too much dangerous parking on the main road. The school has been asked to address this.
- e) MG had reported to the Council the fact that the white arrow markings for the speed bumps on Cuckoo Hill are virtually gone and need repainting. DF to investigate.

19. Dates for Next Meetings:

Saturday 14th October - Autumn Clean-Up Day. 10am

Wednesday 18th October (Ward Panel)

Saturday 18th November - Christmas Lights Switch-On

Wednesday 22nd November

December - no meeting

2018:

Wednesday 24th January (Ward Panel)

Wednesday 28th February

Tuesday 20th March - Annual Supper

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 25th April (Ward Panel)

Wednesday 23rd May - AGM

Wednesday 27th June

July and August - no meeting

September meeting to be brought forward to early September, so the gap from June to the September meeting is not so long.