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**Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
 of the Northwood Hills Residents Association  
 held on WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 pm  
 at Fairfield Evangelical Church, Windsor Close.**

**Members present:**

Andrew Riley (ARly)	Chairman
Trevor Dixon (TD)	Secretary
Maxine Goswell (MG)	Minutes Secretary
Graham Mann (GM)	Police Rep
Joan Butfield (JBU)	Health & EHG
Alan Lester (AL)	Committee member
Jane Clayfield (JC)	Committee member
Sjur Berven	Resident
Bobbie Ward	Resident
Alan Shipman	Resident

**1. Apologies for Absence received from:**

Leo Mindel, Tony Lane, Fiona Morgan, Jan Chooapani, Lynne Halse, Keith Blunden, Jo Crockford, Lucy Hulatt, Ted Adams, John Morgan & Duncan Flynn.

**2. Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017: approved.**

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

**Actions Outstanding Remaining:**

<b>Actions outstanding from previous meetings:</b>	<b>By:</b>
Candidates for the position of Echo Advertising Editor to be considered (Sept 16)	<b>ALL</b>
Help with reviewing and opposing planning applications. (Jan 17)	<b>ALL</b>
Consider a new candidate for Web Master. (Feb 17)	<b>ALL</b>
Meeting with Northwood RA re electronic membership system. (Ap17)	<b>ARly</b>
Seek Road Stewards for roads without one. (Mar 17)	<b>All</b>
Traffic assessment by independent company awaited. (May 17)	<b>JM/DF</b>
Investigate possible funding for the provision of a ramp from behind the shops onto the Salisbury Road green space. (Jun 17)	<b>JBi</b>
Cost of the elm on the Hogs Back. Status to be confirmed. (Jun 17)	<b>ARly</b>

Possible emergency repairs in Maycroft and Ryefield Crescent to be looked at. (Jun 17)	JBi
Overview documents from local groups liaising re Health Service Provision. (Sept 17)	ALL
Distribution of Echo Magazines (Sept 17)	Various
No Street Cleaner for Highland Road. (Sept 17)	Reported by DF
Report litter behind Argyle House. (Sept 17)	Reported by DF
Website updates are required e.g. old committee names etc. (Jun 17) TD to give detailed changes to RK. (Oct 17)	TD
Review website software with RK. (Oct 17)	ARly
Notice board key required. The Ward budget may be able to fund another board. (Oct 17)	DF
Rat problem by Tesco Express. FM was asked to kindly raise with JM. (Oct 17)	JM
Ward budget availability for art display boards at Carepoint practice. FM was asked to kindly raise with JM. (Oct 17)	JM
<b>Actions outstanding from this meeting:</b>	
Investigate a Pay Pal button on the website for membership payment (Nov 17)	TD
Offer RS's photo ID card (Nov 17)	MG/TD
Christmas lights de-brief meeting to be held (Nov 17)	LH
Christmas lights: £113.88 donation to the Mayor's Fund. (Nov 17)	FM
HARA representative sought (Nov 17)	ALL
Hillingdon PPI representative sought (Nov 17)	ALL
Provide/chase outstanding Echo invoices (Nov 17)	AL/ARly
Investigate Sunday traffic and parking congestion outside Northwood School. FM was asked to kindly raise with JM. (Nov 17)	JM

#### 4. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, the last before Christmas and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year.

He thanked everyone who helped ensure that the Christmas Lights event went ahead safely. Despite the drizzle on the day a great time was had by all and some £450 was raised. £100 has already been donated to the 1st Northwood Scout Hut Appeal. ARly has also written to the Scouts to thank them for their help and support with the logistics.

During the past few weeks the Chairman laid the NHRA wreath at the Northwood Service of Remembrance and attended a Planning North Committee Meeting.

On the 17th November the Chairman proudly received his British Empire Medal at The Tower of London.

As he would be unable to attend a meeting at St John's School on 12<sup>th</sup> December, MG agreed to represent NHRA at this informal meeting. The school had invited local parties to a display of plans for their new Sports Hall design, prior to submitting it for planning permission.

#### **5. Police Report:**

It appeared that the decision had been made to close Uxbridge Police Station and long term there would only be one in the Borough, at Hayes. Ruislip may remain for a while, acting as a base in the north of the Borough.

The use of Speed Guns, in association with another area, was currently being progressed.

#### **6. Planning and Environment:**

One worrying trend noticed among recent applications is so-called "Mission Creep": applying for a small extension, which is passed, then submitting a further small one before building work has started on the first; thus making, in effect, a larger extension than would normally have been passed. Instances recently noted have included Frank Welsh Court in Daymer Gardens, plus several household ones in the Larkwood Rise/High Street Eastcote area and in Joel Street.

Sjur Berven agreed to meet with ARly to see if he may be able to help with reviewing planning applications.

Regrettably, the Bristol Appeals office had overturned the Council's decision to refuse the 24/7 gym in 2 floors above the old William Jolle and so it will now go ahead. The applicant had previously worked for the Council and this had not been declared.

Bristol had also overturned the decision to refuse permission for an extra floor of flats to be built into the roof space of the flats above the shops between Cartridge World and the Nail bar. These have also now been approved.

#### **7. Regeneration:**

The parking bays opposite the station have now been replaced by double yellow lines and those outside The Namaste Lounge have been allocated to disabled and motorbikes only. Further report given in Item 18.

#### **8. Highways:**

Chamberlain Way/ Catlins Lane, 20mph Petitions: Hearing on November 8th was postponed as a result of late information on 2 previous Council surveys and a 2012 detailed plan to impose a 20mph limit with humps in Chamberlain Way. More information on all these items has been requested from Safer Roads Team. New hearing is due on December 6th.

## **Accesses:**

There was no update currently on the request to the Council for the installation of a public pavement at the entry/exit into Raisins Hill Green Space from Cuckoo Hill. Request has been passed to the Council's Chrysalis funding by Green Spaces Team.

The access into/out of Larkwood Way is difficult due to speeding traffic and the residents there requested that a mirror be positioned to help at the blind entrance. It was recommended that they write to the Councillors requesting this.

## **9. Membership Growth:**

A new member has offered to investigate the feasibility of setting up a PayPal account for online membership payments through the website. TD agreed to progress how to set up a Pay Pal button on the website.

MG provided a sample photo ID card and the design was agreed. No lanyard requirement currently exists, just the ID card. This needed to be offered to RS's for future distributions. **MG/TD**

## **10. Events:**

### **Past Events**

#### **Christmas Lights Switch-On - 18<sup>th</sup> November**

ARly thanked everyone involved in the event. LH had asked for people to email her suggestions/comments and it was agreed that a fully recorded de-brief meeting was needed, preferably before Christmas. **ARly** to ask **LH** to arrange.

### **Future Events**

None currently

## **11. Treasurer's Report:**

### **Christmas Lights Event:**

Net surplus of £113.88

Expenses = £2,289.98

Income = £2,503.86 made up of Tombola receipts of £300, Donations of £163.88 & St John's School £500, estimated Grant from LB of Hillingdon = £1,539.98 (assumes payment will cover refreshments, dinner etc)

Donation made to Scouts of £100

It was agreed that the remaining £113.88 be donated to the Mayor's Fund. **FM**

### **Financial Update:**

Cash at Bank = 13,151.14 (net of amounts to be banked)

Surplus to date for this financial year (to end March 2018) = £128.12  
(assuming receipt of grant etc)

Reserves of £2,240 also spent so far this year.

Subs received almost at level of previous year after receipts in the past few months including £300 from Hilliard Road collected by Paul Akers.

(Appendix 1 with the Agenda)

## **12. Secretary's Report:**

Someone is sought to represent NHRA at the bi-monthly meetings of the Hillingdon Alliance of Residents' Associations (HARA), held at the Civic Centre. As well as the opportunity to meet and discuss with other RAs, there is always an interesting speaker dealing with issues relevant to the Borough. The Secretary has been the representative recently, but regrets he is no longer able to attend.

## **13. Transport:**

### **Metropolitan Line Extension**

The following is taken from Richard Harrington MP, web site:

On Thursday 12th October, MPs Richard Harrington and David Gauke met with London Mayor Sadiq Khan, Deputy Mayor for Transport Val Shawcross and Transport Commissioner Mike Brown to discuss the future of the Metropolitan Line Extension. In 2015, Richard Harrington, Member of Parliament for Watford, secured £109m of Government funding for the Met Line Extension, which looks to connect the Metropolitan Line up to several stations in Watford. Last year, TfL took over the management of the project and have begun design and utilities work, however Mr Khan has said that more funding is needed to deliver the project.

At the meeting, that all sides have described as constructive, Richard Harrington MP reiterated the offer from the Department for Transport to let TfL take over responsibility for the track which would lead to additional funding for the project, at no further cost to the public purse. Mr Harrington and Mr Gauke highlighted that this project also has the capacity to generate significant private investment which would help to bridge the funding gap. Mr Gauke and Mr Harrington will now work with the Department for Transport and London's Transport Commissioner to explore additional funding options. These could include contributions from developers who would benefit from the new line. Further meetings will be arranged to that end. Watford MP, Richard Harrington, who arranged the meeting, said: "I'm pleased that the London Mayor has recommitted to the project and shown willingness to work together on this. We had a constructive meeting and agreed a way forward. There's a lot more work to be done but it's clear that there is support on all sides to make sure this happens. I look forward to working with the London Mayor, and breaking ground on this."

David Gauke, Member of Parliament for South West Hertfordshire, said: 'Our meeting was constructive and there is a willingness on all sides to find a way forward for the Metropolitan Line Extension. There is much work to be done but I was encouraged by our discussions.'

## **14. Health:**

### **Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital Site:**

The Chairman understands that NHS Property Services will be meeting with the Doctors at the Health Centre in the coming days to discuss what facilities they would like to see in a new Health Centre on the site.

### **Hillingdon PPI:**

Herbert has advised that he is no longer able to continue to represent NHRA on this Committee. A replacement is required. **JB** agreed to investigate any possible candidates.

### **15. Hills Echo:**

AL reported that £500 of Echo Advertising invoices were still outstanding. **AL** to send details to **ARly**.

MG and ARly agreed to meet with LH, the new editor, before the January meeting.

### **16. Website:**

Updates are required e.g. old committee names removed etc. **TD** to liaise with RK.

### **17. Scouts**

ARly reported that £85,000 has now been raised for the new Scout Centre.

### **18. Councillors' Report:**

MG thanked DF for arranging for the repainting of the road markings on Eastcote High Rd.

DF had sent in a report relating to the matters raised at the last Committee meeting:

- Unfortunately Councillor Burrows had been unwell and so he had not been able to get an update on the traffic survey.

- White lines and Keep Clear signs have been repainted on the roundabout and the parking bays in Joel St have been remarked. The solo motorcycle bay near the crossing has been removed.

- The petition on Traffic Calming in Chamberlain Way/ Catlins Lane was to be heard on 6th December, but only the petitioner can speak for 5 minutes.

- Replacement paving work is currently being undertaken in Colchester Road.

- Resurfacing works will soon commence in Chippenham Close and Arden Mhoor.

### **19. AOB:**

The traffic and parking congestion outside Northwood School on a Sunday morning was reported by a number of residents as being dreadful. **FM** was asked to kindly get **JM** to raise this.

### **20. Dates for Next Meetings:**

December - no meeting

#### **2018:**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** (Ward Panel)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Supper

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** cancelled

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** (Ward Panel)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - AGM**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

July and August - no meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** (tbc)