

Minutes of the Eastcote Residents Association held on Wednesday 26 September, 2018 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road, Eastcote HA5 2SJ commencing at 7.30pm

Present : A Holtorp (Chair) S Ruddick (Secretary) K Barnard, C Dereki C Hankin, I Murray, M Penny, A Plummer, J Redrup, K Spink, Dev Chadha (visitor) Chris Head (OWL – visitor) Cllrs N Deny and H Makwana

1. Apologies : A Akerman, Deesha Chadha, A Dungworth, M Phillips, Cllrs Barnes, Edwards, Haggard and Lavery
2. AOB : No notifications
3. Minutes of 29 August, 2018 Meeting approved with the following amendment 9.5 should read 6 October, 2018
4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 29 August, 2018
 - AH reported that as the recycling facility is no longer 'local' they are reluctant to organize 'tours' as concerned that with a high demand this could become a full time activity. However it may be possible to organize a tour of West London Composting as they are Hillingdon based and the visit would be by Hillingdon residents.
 - Possible visit to Parliament – AH to investigate
 - Open Forum – Plans are well ahead and posters sent for permission to use logo.
 - Fencing Fore Street – SR to send photos to Cllr Deny
 - Outstanding matter from September, 2018 meeting
The cherry tree outside 43/45 Rusdene Road was removed as the main crown of the tree was found to be dead. A replacement tree will be planted between November, 2018 and March, 2019. As part of the regeneration project of Eastcote High Street, three trees were removed as they were in decline. Therefore three Magnolia Grandiflora have been planted. Two where the Alders were removed from and one at Eastcote Station.
5. Ward Boundary Changes – AH presented maps of the proposals but reiterated that it is for the residents of Eastcote to make their objections heard. Eastcote Resident's Association vote will only be counted as a single vote. This will also be emphasized at the Open Forum. It is a widely held opinion that wards should be based on Residents Association areas as these best describe local communities.
6. Chairman's Report – AH reported that the council had thanked ERA for the generous donation of £500 towards the Christmas lights. A

request has been made for the 2019 programme to include lighting both trees at the library end of the high street and a change of colour to be considered. The council is aware that not all the lamp posts are in place. The committee agreed to a week day switch-on of the lights during the last two weeks of November, 2018.

6.2 Conservation – DP

6.3 Finance – AD As we ourselves cancelled appearing that the Open House event due to the inclement weather, it was thought proper that we still paid the entrance fee. KB also reported that some 35 'classic cars' turned up in the afternoon which was appreciated by those who attended the event. Chris Groom has purchased his Pear tree and will be reimbursed accordingly.

6.4 Newsletter - DH advised that the newsletter is nearly ready for printing and there will be approximately 22 items/boxes which feature up and coming events including the results of 'London in Bloom', the proposed boundary changes, the open forum and other notices. Information notices such as driving without lights at night etc can be included. It was again queried why the Open Forum has been moved from November to October as it makes it difficult to deliver the newsletter in time.

6.5 Parks – KB reported that Hillingdon has been awarded 4 gold awards by 'London in Bloom' for (a) the walled garden (b) Park of the Year, (c) Long Meadow (conservation area) and (d) Our Community (volunteering award) level 5 Outstanding Hillingdon also received a gold award and was a category winner for the Large City entry for the second year running. AH to write to the council thanking them for the excellent hanging baskets and floral displays throughout Eastcote and Eastcote House Gardens.

6.6 Planning – JR – All new and outstanding applications are shown on the attached planning report for June, 2018 as usual, and with comments/updates, where applicable.

Other Issues Discussed :

Woodman public house sign – this has been removed from the Arens Bar and Restaurant. The History Society has written to Arens to ask for its reinstatement. JR has also heard from other concerned residents and will be writing in support of the History Society.

Budgens sign at the Eastcote Service Station

JR has received a night time photograph showing this sign illuminated at the front of the shop – this was not allowed as part of the approved application. However, JR has driven past on several occasions at night and the sign has not been illuminated therefore no further action can be taken at the moment.

JR continues to monitor the status of the Tudor Lodge Hotel and United Reform Church sales but there is still currently no further information other than that previously provided.

- 6.7 Police : Chris Head is now OWL co-ordinator for the Eastcote and East Ruislip Ward. The CC/TV facility in the High Street is still under investigation.
- 6.8 Transport – IM reported that the original date of the FOMLUC meeting had been postponed by one week to 18 September, 2018 and unfortunately he had been unable to attend. He referred to notes taken by others at that meeting as follows ;

- The Finchley Road to Baker Street drainage works would be completed on schedule and full evening services would resume on or about 30 December, 2018. LU were in discussions with the Trades Unions on the effect a change of time tables might have on train crews.
- Six "S" stock trains at any one time are returned to Derby for modification work to allow for compatibility with the new signaling system. Additionally, some other minor problems such as with seat covers are being assessed.
- Jubilee Train Doors opening whilst train is in motion. A full enquiry is underway and all LU rolling stock is to be assessed.
- Step Free Access at Harrow-on-the-Hill Station : The contract has been let to Taylor Woodrow with Otis for the lifts. Hoardings are in place on platforms 1 to 4 and platforms 5 and 6 are being cleared. LU are proposing a ramp for the Lowlands Road entrance/exit although there is preference locally for a lift. This will be reconsidered prior to planning applications yet to be submitted. Target time for completed installation of the lifts is August, 2019.
- Redevelopment work at Rayners Lane station is underway. LU have not confirmed the numbers of car parking spaces will be maintained as at present. Lifts will not be installed due to the

cost of removing and re siting items of infrastructure, such as cables.

- New Signalling System : The schedule has “slipped” due to software problems although projected completion dates will be met. It is reported that the new system will not be installed north of Harrow where tracks are shared with the Chiltern Line although this was said by LU to be “unlikely”.
 - The delay in the opening of Crossrail to Autumn 2019 will have an adverse effect on LU/TfL finances in the current and 2019/20 fiscal years.
- 6.9 Web Site : MP This is now “up and live” and although not at the MP had sent detailed instructions as to how to access the site and what this can offer. For example, news and information regarding future events can be posted at any time.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Next meeting is on 31 October, 2018 in the Elsie Fischer Room, St Lawrence Church, Bridle Road, Eastcote HA5 2SJ commencing at 7.30pm