

## **EASTCOTE VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY PANEL**

Minutes of AGM/QGM held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 in The Stables Eastcote House Gardens.

CONSERVATION PANEL AGM delayed from June 2015.

The meeting commenced at 10am.

1. Apologies :- Chris Groom, Irene Groom, Liz Gambier, Christine Lake, Rob Cousins, Rosemary Bucksey, Linda Wells, Marilyn Jones, Cllr. Becky Haggard, Cllr. Nick Dennis.

2. Present:- Andy Weller, Antony Bucksey, Ron Voinquel, Heather Chamberlain, Ed Fuller, Linda Furnell, Jane Neave, Jackie Solomon, Susan Toms, Karen Spink, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Marg Bacon, Trevor Dixon, Dennis Cave, Jon Marx, Margaret Ray, Jenny Gurdon, Philip Coombes, Gerry Edwards, Gill Hughes, Martin Cartwright, Christine Wallace, Paul Lake, Joan Butfield, Keith Barnard, Lesley Crowcroft, David Payne.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman offered apologies for the lack of meetings due to the impossibility of finding a venue.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Balance of Account at year end April 2015 - £385.70
- Activity on account - receipt of donations for hedge planting at War Memorial, holding ward budget money.
- Outgoings - Payments to Colne Valley Park , British Legion, Remembrance Day wreath, subscriptions to the Green Belt Council, purchase of plants for Missouri Court which came out ward budget allowance.
- Waitrose tokens money for Warrender Park

5. Election of Committee - to serve from June 2015 - May 2016 . Agreed

Lesley Crowcroft  
Chris Groom  
Rob Cousins  
Keith Barnard

Chairman  
Deputy Chairman Built Environment  
Deputy Chairman Open Spaces  
Treasurer

## **CONSERVATION PANEL - QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

1. Apologies - The same as the AGM above.
2. Present :- Same as AGM above.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 11th December 2014 - agreed

4. Matters arising not on the agenda

- **Long Meadow Shrine** - the family are still renewing the decorations. LBH are removing them on a weekly basis. Stuart Hunt has been asked by Andrew Riley, Northwood Hills RA if enforcement action can be taken against the family, as painting the tree and banging in nails is criminal damage. Cllr. Duncan Flynn NH Ward is requesting a litterbin for the Cheney Street end of the Meadow. DF is working with Cllr Nick Denys Eastcote/East Ruislip ward on this as no one is exactly sure where the boundary is.
- No further news re the flooding/sewerage problems at **Bessingby Park**. It has been noted that a car park has been installed for the bowls club by LBH without any consultation with either residents or park users.

5. **From Any Other Business [ 11.12.14]** The Chairman gave a brief update.

- The application for a licence to run 24/7 internet alcohol sales from 42 Hale End was refused Cllr. Nick Denys and LC both spoke against. The Chairman of the Licensing Committee Cllr Dominic Gilham gave the verdict from all members of the committee as a refusal. To date there has not been an appeal.
- The new post box is now installed in Eastcote thanks to Cllr. Becky Haggar.

6. **Chairman's report**

- Dennis Cave and Jon Max from Northwood were welcomed. A brief history of the formation of the conservation panel was given and how Eastcote Conservation Panel has extended its reach to include parks and open spaces as well as the built environment.

#### 7. **Friends Group Pinn Meadows**

Martin Cartwright on behalf of Rob Cousins represented the Friends of Pinn Meadows.

- Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2. The Council have refused our request to grant dual Metropolitan Open Land and Green Chain designation to Pinn Meadows. They also refused to retain the wording of the existing Green Chain policy. Therefore, we will argue the case for these with the Planning Inspector at the public inquiry later this year.
- The new running track and gym equipment was installed and formally opened by the Mayor and Council Leader in May. It includes a six lane tarmac track and drainage system to the infield area.
- The drainage project was completed in June and included the installation of a new meadowsweet pond and ditches which are successfully preventing excess flooding to the meadows except in exceptional weather.
- A scything festival was held in July and attended by the Mayor and Mayoress.
- The main car park has been resurfaced

- New drainage was recently installed on the cricket pitch.
- The skate park has also recently been fully refurbished with new upgraded equipment.
- Objective for 2016 is to attain Green Flag status for Pinn Meadows

### **Friends Group - Warrender Park/Highgrove Woods**

Ed Fuller reported:-

- There have been no hardware/structural changes to report. Late evening drinking, with the resultant debris around the picnic tables was reported to the Neighbourhood Police Team and more patrolling has helped.
- 5 new trees planted
- Around 15,000 spring bulbs were purchased with £140 from Waitrose. Members of the 6th Eastcote Beaver/Cubs and their Dads did sterling work planting up the flower bed and 2 large areas with bulbs. Because the grassed areas of the park are now waterlogged bulbs have also been planted in the shrub and rose beds at the entrance to the Park. Due to the inclement weather in Nov/Dec and lack of manpower, the remaining 400 bulbs may not be planted.
- Green Tree Relief Project - published in Dec.2015 as "Valuing London's Urban Forest" Results of the London in Tree Eco Project - 84 pages - available on [www.forestry.gov.uk/London-itree](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/London-itree)
- LC stated that Warrender had retained Silver Gilt 2015 London in Bloom and Highgrove Woods Gold
- LC will speak at the oral hearing of Hillingdon Plan part 2's refusal for Metropolitan Open Land status for Bessingby Park and Warrender Park.

### **8. Treasurer's Report - from last May 2015 to date – Keith Barnard.**

- Current balance - £180.96.
- Payments again from the Ward Budget allowance for the purchase of plants for Missouri Court. Purchase of bulbs for Warrender Park from the Waitrose tokens money and Remembrance Day wreath

### **9. Green Belt - Ian Murray**

- IM stated that the Green Belt Council, of which we are a member, had been a voluntary body for almost 30 years. It met three times a year in Portcullis House and although it had no statutory powers it was very influential. However it is now in a state of flux with the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary all having retired. There has been no news since the AGM and no update on website. There is now a new chairman - Mr. Knox Johnson.
- IM presented a copy of the map of the London Green Belt area to the Conservation Panel.
- JM asked if Northwood was represented and IM responded that it was not.
- The Chairman stated that Northwood Hills was represented via the Eastcote Conservation Panel.

### **10. Colne Valley CIC**

- David Payne attended AGM. Discussion on expansion at Heathrow .The Management of CVCIC are actively fighting the HS2 proposals which will affect areas within the park. HS2 will also obliterate part of the Frays Conservation site with is one of the few remaining reed habitats in Greater London classed as an SSSI
- Go ahead has been received from South Bucks Council for improvements to the visitors Centre Denham Country Park.
- Applied to Heathrow Community Trust for £25,000 to upgrade toilet facilities
- Applied for Lottery Landscape Funding for one and a half million pounds .
- Acquired two and hopefully three areas of ancient woodland owned by South Bucks Council to incorporate within park and have more nature trails etc. Lease signed on one area, second almost there and the third up for negotiations.
- KB said a one off donation of £25. had been made to their Fighting Fund.

#### **11.Hinman Shield and Community Award**

- The Hinman Shield as presented to the 4th Eastcote Beavers at the June 2015 picnic
- The Community Award was presented to Lesley Crowcroft at Open House in September 2015.

#### **12.London Green Spaces Friends Network**

- Martin Cartwright explained this was a way of getting Boroughs across London together. They meet four times a year at County Hall. It is run by bodies representing green spaces Friends groups in London Boroughs. It gives an opportunity to hear how other Friends groups deal with their Councils. Needs more representation from Hillingdon. MC working on idea of getting Friends' groups in Hillingdon together.

#### **13.War Memorial and Missouri Court**

##### **War Memorial**

- The fence has now been fixed. The hedge planted. The old shrubs will be removed later this year and the area leveled and grassed over. The volunteers from Eastcote British Legion, Friends of Eastcote House Gardens and Eastcote Residents Ass. will continue to carry out maintenance work with LBH.

##### **Missouri Court**

- Both summer and winter bedding plants have been planted. FEHG to maintain flower bed for residents.

#### **14.Planning Applications**

- The last meeting's applications are now history. LC to update everyone via e-mail regarding these applications.

Latest applications:-

- Telecom Mast at junction of Field End Road and High Road. ECP has objected to this application. The first set of drawings were the same as the refused application of a few months ago; a second set of drawings were issued . These again did not give the exact layout of the site and were very misleading. ECP objected again. LC will speak against this application at the North Planning Committee. Cllr Denys will also speak against **Post meeting note. This application was refused at the North Planning Committee 20.1.16.**
- 81 Field End Road - this site is at the corner of Field End Road with Deane Croft Road. Currently it is a small single storey building used as a Doctor's surgery. Opposite two Grade 2 listed buildings and adjacent to the War Memorial Garden. The application is to replace this small single storey building with a 3 storey block of flats with a roof garden which has the lift housing sitting on top making it 4 storeys. The idea is for a slightly bigger surgery. This will just give the receptionists a place to make a cup of tea; no improvements in space or extra services for patients. A large pharmacy which is unnecessary as Eastcote has 4 already. With 9 flats and an underground car park. There was no flood risk assessment with this application. ECP has asked for this to be considered as there are working wells in the area and the War Memorial Gardens was once a pond. The Ward Councillors have backed this request. LC has a petition. ERA have also raised a petition. Cllr. Denys will speak at the NPC also.
- Amended plans to renew the petrol station on the High Road have been approved. The Jet Car Wash has been removed from the plans as this could not go ahead because it would have caused the loss of several trees which carry a TPO. Improvements to the river bank have been approved by the Environment Agency
- Out of Area - Northwood does not have a Conservation Panel. LC has been advising the residents on the application by TFL to destroy the Northwood Conservation Area.

## 15.AOB

- KS raised the problem with the roof tiles at Tudor Lodge .CD said appeal on the roof tiles was due May/April.
- HC said that there would be a performance "In Voice and Verse" to celebrate the Bards 400th anniversary year with a special concert at EHG starting at 1.30pm. on 20th May. LC asked for volunteers to serve tea refreshments.
- During National Story Telling week there will be a free event starting at 2pm in the Stables on February 6th attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon.
- Flooding of the High Road outside the Black Horse Pub. LC is working with Cllr. Haggar.
- The Case is Altered has recently changed ownership. The new owners - City Pubs Ltd - have been contacted by LC to make sure that they are aware of the listed status of this building. The regulars have asked if the CP can help to have the Case registered as an Asset of Community Value
- Wisteria Accountants have moved from Edgeware into the Grange Barn on the High Road. They were welcomed to the area by the Conservation Panel again making sure they realize the building is Grade 2 listed. The Company are very excited to be working from such an historic building and have just been awarded the "Community Award" at the British Accountancy Awards 2015.
- The meeting closed at 11.30am