

EASTCOTE VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY PANEL

MINUTES OF THE AGM and the QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE STABLES, EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2017.

The meeting commenced at 9.35am.

The Chairman expressed her disappointment at the poor attendance

1. Apologies: - Susan Toms, RN&ELHS Philip Toms. Trevor Dixon , Gerry Edwards, Anne Payne, Rob Cousins, Dennis Cave, Jon Marx
2. Present:- Lesley Crowcroft (Chairman) Keith Barnard (Treasurer) Joan Butfield, Ian Murray (Green Belt) David Payne, Chris Groom President ERA, Andy Weller, Liz Gambier, Tony Bucksey, Rosemary Bucksey
Heather Chamberlain, Cllr. Catherine Dann, Karen Spink, Martin Cartwright, (FOPM) Alison Holtrop (ERA)
3. Election of Officers : Lesley Crowcroft Chairman, Chris Groom, Deputy Chairman Built Environment, Rob Cousins Deputy Chairman Green Spaces, Keith Barnard, Treasurer, Joan Butfield, Minute Secretary. Agreed by DP. Seconded by IM
4. Treasurer's report - Keith Barnard

The balance of the account at the year end was £115.04. Activity during the year was £20. paid out for the Remembrance Day Wreath and £25. paid to the London Green Belt Council.

Eastcote Residents' Association then reimbursed the Conservation Panel £25 for the Green Belt subscription.

CONSERVATION PANEL QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January 2017 approved.
2. Matters arising not on the Agenda

As GE was unavailable there was no information on the progress of the Case is Altered becoming an Asset of Community Value.

LBH Enforcement Officers and Conservation Officers had visited several times during the alterations having been alerted by the Conservation Panel, due to constructions works not being carried out according to the approved drawings. The Chairman has been told the works had been sympathetically carried out. This is due to Sarah Harper LBH Conservation Officer who had overseen the works.

Flooding - the two rivers on flood alert during the recent heavy rains were the Rivers Pinn and Yeading Brook

3. Friends Groups MC - Pinn Meadows

5 River Close - The residents of 5 River Close given into pressure against taking possession of the Pinn Meadows land at rear of their property 180mm fence erected on statutory property line. Green Spaces plan to take back about 2 meters of open field space in this area later in the year.

Green Chain - Documents regarding the Hillingdon Local Plan Part 2 are due to be sent to Secretary of State during this summer. As part of consultations which took place during autumn 2015 FoPM submitted that double designation - making an area Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) while retaining it within the Council's Green Chain - would enhance protection against inappropriate development. This was contrary to the views of Council Officers and remains one of the issues to be resolved by the Dept. for Communities & Local Government.

Activities - earlier this year FoPM were successful in an application for a Ward Budget grant of £773. to buy waders, drainage rods, bird boxes , bat boxes and wildlife recording equipment

30 residents attended bat walk on 5th May.

New pond dipping equipment enabled sessions to be run on 20th May and 24th June

Himalayan Balsam has been aggressively growing along River Pinn and action taken at working party on 24th June. More work needed. Giant Hogweed which is poisonous, is not dealt with by FoPM and needs to be sprayed by LBH trained staff.

Festival - 4th Annual scythe festival and picnic will be held on Saturday 15th July taking place in the same area as last year adjacent to new pond.

Working party will commence at 9am to erect marquee (Council provided) . Scything will start at 9.30am and the Mayor will arrive at 10am.

Activities are from 12 noon until 3pm . Members, supporters, families and friends welcome.

All details on web site fopm.org.uk

4. Warrender - deleted off agenda until a new group is formed.
5. Treasurer's report - as above
6. Green Belt - IM

Next meeting scheduled for 12th July. As IM cannot attend, he would welcome a volunteer.

7. Colne Valley CIC - DP

H.L.F. stage 1 agreed and passed; now applying for stage 2 .

Looking at changing to charity status.

Still petitioning against HS2 and expansion of Heathrow. Petitioning on environmental grounds. Asking for full financial recompense if the projects go ahead.

8. Hinman Shield
Awarded to 4th Eastcote Scout Group by Deputy Mayor Cllr. John Morgan on Friday 26th May. Afterwards scouts carried out litter pick in Long Meadow.
9. London Green Spaces Friends Network - MC says no enthusiasm for setting up a Hillingdon Group

10. War Memorial & Missouri Court

No report on MC.

War Memorial tidied up with British Legion.

LC thanked Foresters for watering hedging at War Memorial.

11. Planning

The Hillingdon Plan Part 2 - it has been said by LBH the HP2 will be heard by the Planning Inspectorate in Spring 2017. Details will be given to Cabinet in March 2017.

RC FoPM and LC intend to challenge some of the LBH changes when heard.

197 Field End Road - although not in conservation area Chairman has made several complaints regarding orange shutters, awnings, extension and advertising boards. The LPA will be seeking permission from the North Planning Committee in July for an enforcement notice. Long discussion re parking in access road on double yellow lines and congestion on pavement.

81 Field End Road - another application submitted. Many objections plus 2 petitions sent to LBH. This was refused by the NPC but granted at appeal.

Malt House Field End Road - the planning application was submitted, refused and has now gone to appeal.

The same developers have a current application to build 6 houses in the very small car park behind San Remo's on Woodlands Avenue. Both the CP and ERA have objected -refused.

186 Field End Road - permission sought to demolish the 2 storey building and replace with 4 storey containing ground floor retail and 3 x 2 bedroom flats. Submitted Feb.2016. LC asked why there is no determination twice but no reply.

Eastcote Motor Services - application to increase height of canopy - ECP objected. Local residents submitted petition. Approved. Application for illuminated advertising signs - split decision. Chairman asked for the many flags and boards to be removed as these are not appropriate for a Conservation Area.

52 Field End Road - erecting a house in the rear garden and dividing the current dwelling into 2 houses. Residents have a petition and it will be a NPC decision. No determination yet. Hopefully on the NPC July agenda.

124 Field End Road, the former Post Office, application to change to a day nursery. Still awaiting decision.

12. A.O.B.

Telephone Box - Black Horse. Grade II listed so can't be removed and should be renovated. Not functional and in poor condition. Designed by Gilbert Scott. Charmain Baker is in contact with BT for works to make it a redecorated fully functioning phone box.

DP asked about closure of toilets in Devonshire Lodge. CD said been closed because of drugs possible sexual activity. CD will pursue. LC asked if they could only be closed at night instead of always open. DP understood there was a problem with cleaners due to drug users' debris.

The meeting closed at 10.40am