



NORTHWOOD HILLS
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**
The MBE for volunteer groups

Minutes of NHRA Committee Meeting 24th January 2024 at Fairfield Church

Present; Jane Clayfield (JC), Jonathan Bianco (JB), Alan Shipman(AS), Ben Rawson-Jones (BR-J), Paul Tanner (PT), Roxana Peters (RP), Maggie Lane (ML), Keith Sutch (KS), Fiona Morgan (FM), Andrew Riley(AR), Bobbie Ward (RW), Cathy Clarke (CC), John Choopani (John C), Jan Choopani (Jan C)

Apologies; Alan Lester, Michelle Forsse (Police), Ed Thevapreman (Police) Graham Mann (GM), Lynn Halse, Keith Blunden (KB), Chris Sennington

	Item	Action:
1	Minutes of the meeting held 1 November approved. No matters arising	
2	AR reported that he had attended the funeral of Lesley Crowcroft also a Meeting of Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Group. He reported that Paul Akers was very unwell and would no longer be able to continue as a Road Steward.	
3	Station Gardens. The artificial grass on the south bound platform bank needs attention AR urged the team to read the TFL 2024 judging criteria.	KB
4	Police – Report submitted in their absence. a) Closed 14a Ferndown under ASB (anti-social behaviour), the occupant has now been served eviction notice and will not reside there again. The property remains boarded up until mid-March when the closure order ends and the property will be returned to the landlord. Homeless couple have been housed by Harrow council and Street link through officers persistence. b) A frequent male shoplifter has been arrested and charged for over 30 offences and awaits court decision. c) Late night, plain clothes patrols conducted on Highland Road, Rochester Road and Cranbourne Road Area, no one was seen loitering in the area. d) Two males were detained by officers in Heatherfold Way and processed for drug offences. e) Other stop and searches were conducted with no further action. f) Stolen vehicle from Ruislip High Street was located on Joel Street and seized. g) Officers have spoken to a number of shops on Joel Street regarding shoplifting in recent weeks. Most shops including Tesco and Co-Op have seen a significant decline since these events have taken place. Wenzles and Northwood Local still refuse to report and engage with police.	AR
5	Parking: a) Removal of free shop and drop non-residents free parking Petition - Refused b) CPZ parking fees may go up in April. c) The Council has advised that, legally, photographs of parked cars on pavements cannot be used as evidence. AR has written to MP David Simmonds in this respect asking if he could raise with an appropriate Minister to see if a change of Law would be possible. d) Number of visits by Enforcement Officers (Parking Attendants) has increased to try and stop this. e) JanC had asked if signs or banners could be provided to raise awareness about not parking on pavements. JB said this would be too expensive. f) CllrJB advised that if money is available, consideration could be given to wooden bollards; not an ideal solution as motorbikes could still get between, they are expensive and would look messy. g) Vans delivering stock to shops have also been seen parked on pavements, (by NWH Supermarket and Zufa), even when shops have a service road at the rear which should be used for this. ET will see if the Police can assist by reminding those shop-keepers to use rear access. h) JB has inspected Friday parking outside the Mosque. No action required at present, but situation needs to be monitored.	All
6	Events: a) Spring Clean Up Saturday 27th April. 10-11.30am, meeting outside Namaste Lounge. b) A document is being prepared re options when Christmas event cancelled. c) AR to write to Mark Morgan Chair of Ruislip Woods Trust to speak at AGM. d) Post the meeting RW and RP have agreed to led on the Supper Party.	GM LH & AS AR RW RP
7	Finance & Membership Report: - a) Since the meeting the Christmas Lights grant been received. b) Accounts will need to be inspected ahead of AGM. c) Membership numbers have increased. Some people are paying £5 and even £10.	FM SS
8	Communications and media: a) The Hills Echo – AR urged the Committee members to write an article for the Echo. b) Road Stewards – JohnC reported that there are some gaps but was hopeful of filling them. c) Facebook – Applications being vetted by CS, KS and AR to ensure they are local. 4.4K+ members. d) Website – Post the meeting the web master has advised he is rebuilding the web site.	All
9	Planning:	

	<p>a) <u>Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital</u> – An amended planning application (for reduced staff parking) has been declined.</p> <p>b) <u>New Library</u> – Planning application for the demolition of the existing library and construction of a new library with nine residential dwellings have been presented., Work was currently on-going with respect to legal agreements.</p> <p>c) <u>10 Oakwood Road</u> – decision pending.</p> <p>d) <u>20ft Mast Daymer Gardens</u> – Application to erect a 20ft 5G mast has been rejected. The Chair is very pleased to receive a number of emails of thanks for NHRA support.</p> <p>e) <u>New Scout Hut</u> – 2nd Northwood <u>struggling</u> to progress their appeal for funds towards cost of build.</p> <p>f) <u>Farmlands/Joel Street</u> – The Council have applied for Planning permission to knock down garages and build 4 houses. NHRA has objected, this is an area prone to flooding and we believe this area has been classified by the Environment Agency as a river!</p> <p>g) <u>Stanley Road</u> – A <u>part-retrospective planning application</u> has been submitted to demolish and new-build. The bungalow has already been knocked down! Amended plans have recently been submitted.</p> <p>h) <u>Pinner Road</u> – An application to extend in front of the former Red Cross/Lions Saturday Market building submitted under “Permitted Development” rules. We have written to the council pointing out that in our opinion the classification of the site requires a full application.</p>	
10	<p>Health: JanC has joined Mountwood PPG and will feed back any relevant information gleaned. In addition to anything which Cathy Barnes-Hunt reports.</p>	JanC
11	<p>Councillors Report:</p> <p>a) JB reported that Hillingdon Council finances were sound. The two major expenses currently were homelessness and special education needs (SEN)</p> <p>b) JB believes Council tax will increase by approximately 4.99% plus the Mayor of London Precept.</p> <p>c) Work has commenced on the next version of the Hillingdon Local Plan. NHRA urged to comment on the status of Joel Street Farm Land</p> <p>d) JB Reported that yellow box junctions were now monitored by cameras.</p> <p>e) The damage to paving slabs by contractures was reported JB suggested a photo of the area be taken before and after completion of works to ascertain damage.</p>	
12	<p>AOB:</p> <p>a) RW reported that a Council Flood Risk policy had been released and an email was being sent to Resident Associations for comment.</p> <p>b) RW reported that the Council scheme for burglar alarms for the over 65s had stopped. The servicing of such alarms has been placed with another company who in her opinion were charging excessive amounts for call-out and repairs. JB did not feel that this charge was excessive. RW disagreed.</p> <p>c) JanC requested consideration be given to installing illuminated Belisha beacon poles on the zebra crossing by the Iron Bridge, Pinner Road.</p> <p>d) JB confirmed that emails sent to KB and him would be answered by one councillor also copying the other, so that none fell between the two (nor got answered by both councillors)</p> <p>e) BRJ reported there was a problem with overflowing litter in Joel Street. In addition bins at the entrance to in Northwood Recreation Ground were often full. Bins by Northwood Library, in Tolcarne Drive and Harlyn Drive were known to have recently been overflowing. JB suggested that this might be caused by people unaware of refuse collection day over Christmas. He also encouraged people who saw that bins were overflowing to contact Hillingdon Council via My Account. It was agreed that everyone should report overflowing bins. JB undertook to investigate the situation with respect to the provision of more bins and the frequency with which they are emptied. Reporting those frequently overflowing will prompt a review of emptying.</p> <p>f) JanC reported that the raised public flower bed on the corner between Northwood Way and Pinner Road, is overgrown and has not been planted this year. She wrote to the council and it has now been planted. No further action</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB & KB</p> <p>All</p> <p>JanC</p>
Meeting concluded at 9.30pm.		

Dates for Events and 2024 Meetings:

February	28 th Wednesday	Committee Meeting and Police Ward Panel
March	27 th Wednesday	Committee Meeting
TBA		Spring Clean Up Litter Day
April	17 th Wednesday	Thank You Supper
May	22 nd Wednesday	AGM,
June	26 th Wednesday	Committee Meeting
July		None
August		None
September	25 th Wednesday	Committee Meeting and Police Ward Panel
October	16 th Wednesday	TBC
November	10 th Sunday	Remembrance Day

November	16 th Saturday	Christmas Lights Switch-On
November	27 th Wednesday	Committee Meeting and Police Ward Panel
December		None