



**NORTHWOOD HILLS**  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



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

## A G E N D A

**Northwood Hills Residents' Association, Committee Meeting to be held at Fairfield Church at 7:30pm on Wednesday 22 June 2022.**

Present

Andrew Riley, Bobbie Ward, Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Cllr Kishan Bhatt, John Choopani, Alan Shipman, Lynn Halse, ? Halsey, Joan Clayfield, Fiona Morgan, Shabbar Shachendina

### 1) **Apologies for Absence.**

Graham Mann, Jan Choopani, Teji Barnes, Tony Lane, Ed Thomas

### 2) **Welcome and Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed the new Committee and everyone else to the meeting.

Since the last meeting AR had attended a Ruslip Woods Management Advisory Group Meeting, numerous Jubilee in the Park planning meetings the NHRA AGM, and the Jubilee in the Park event. In addition he helped at The First Northwood Jumble Sale.

He thanked everyone who had supported the Jubilee in the Park Event in any capacity. It was a great success and bucket shake raised over £1,100. JC enquired how the money would be distributed. AR replied that it would be divided between various groups who had been involved in the organization of the event which included the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Scout Groups and the NATO base. A new gazebo would be purchased for the community and new chairs bought for 1<sup>st</sup> Eastcote Scout group.

AR welcomed the new Councillor Kishan Bhatt to the Meeting. KB responded that he was working his way into the new job.

AR stated that High road Eastcote had been closed for 5 days due to a water leak. Affinity Water was present at the scene repairing the damage. A water leak had also occurred in Joel Street.

### 3) **Approval of the Minutes dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

The minutes were approved

### 4) **Matters Arising**

No matters were arising

5) **Matters Outstanding –**

a) **Regeneration** - A traffic report for Joel Street and other issues was still awaited.

b) **Recycling Bins in the Recreation Ground** At previous meetings Jan C raised concerns re the excessive amounts of litter in the local park. She asked if recycling bins could be located next to waste bins and posters displayed to encourage better behaviour. AR has written to the Council to request additional bins and signage.  
**Has this been resolved? No**

c) **ANPRs.** In light of the number of catalytic converter thefts (now with menaces) in Highland Road, and its location with several escape routes, Jan C asked if an ANPR could be located in Highland Road and/or moved around?

**Police Solaki offered to meet residents of Highland Road** in connection with the above **Has this happened? No**

AR stated that there had been a poor response by the local police. However there had been an excellent response by the Police at the Jubilee Party

d) **Speed cameras and testing.** It was thought that it is no longer necessary for road checks to be done in another ward than our own. Police to advise if we could receive training and do our own area. **Has this happened? No**

e) **The format of presentation of shops on the website** – John Choopnai and Ben are working on a new format.

6) **Police**

The Chair reported that he had still not been able to meet with acting Sergeant Althea (Alfie) Thomas and PCSO Ricardo (Ricky) Soler De Los Rios was shortly to retire.

The following crimes were reported in May:

- Harassment 12
- Vandalism 8
- Violence 7

7) **Station Garden** – LH reported that the Station Gardens are looking very colourful and that an application form to enter the TFL Station Garden of the year completion had been submitted. New bins had been fitted. It was stated that the garden was looking extremely good.

The Chair advised that Susan Hall, a GLA member had asked if she could visit the Station gardens. Date to be agreed.

8) **Events.**

- a) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event** – The event was well attended and a lot of positive feedback has been received. Bar 5 Elastoplasts being given out on the day no injuries or accidents were reported.
- b) **Northwood Hills Clean Up Day** – Graham Mann has written to the Chair to advise that he is organising a Clean up day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10:00 and 11:30 am. People are requested to meet at the Namaste Lounge Car Park.
- c) **Christmas Lights** – LH advised that the grant application for the 2022 Christmas lights has been submitted. The Chair advised that St John's School have confirmed they will sponsor the 20ft Christmas tree. It was noted that building work had commenced at the side of the Namaste and a meeting was required to ascertain when the work was scheduled to be completed

**9) Health** – The Doctors have requested a meeting with the Chair, as they now appear to have some issues relating to the running costs of the new Health Centre. Dr Thahrar had stated that the rents were high and could not be afforded there was also an issue with space. JB stated that a Nurse practitioner Service was available at Mount Vernon. It was necessary to ring for an appointment but the response was excellent and appointments were on the following day.

## 10) Communications and Media

- a) **The Hills Echo** – Jan/John Choopani reminded everyone that the cut off date for articles for the next edition of The Hills Echo is 10<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst the date sounds a long way off people are reminded that with the summer holiday period fast approaching the sooner articles are submitted the easier the administration will be.
- b) **The Notice Board** – A number of people have been observed stopping to read the Notice Board. Photos of the jubilee event needed to be placed on the notice board. JB suggested that the contact details of the local Councillors should be placed on the notice board
- c) **The Web Site** – Photographs of the Jubilee event and the Friends of the Park Nature trail need to be posted. AS stated that a meeting with Ben was required for help with emails

## 11) Secretary's report

BW, as Meeting Secretary, had nothing to report

## 12) Finance Report

FM reported that there was £22,000 in the bank. Some of this money will be allocated to NHS health centre £1,500

New Scout Hut £1,000

FM stated that NHRA had received £3,200 in subs in the past financial year although there was some problem as to which financial year some of the money should be allocated.

BW suggested that it might be easier to have a financial year from January to December.

AR stated that this would have to be proposed at the AGM.

FM stated that an Auditor was needed for these accounts. Shabar offered to inspect the accounts, this was gratefully accepted.

### 13) Planning

- a) **Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital** – Work on the refurbishment of The Cottage Hospital Site has commenced.
- b) **Wynnstay, High Road Eastcote** – Approved, BW stated that the objections which had been raised had been accepted by the applicants and the plans changed accordingly.

### 14) Councilors Report

**Harlyn Drive Speed Restrictions** – At the NHRA AGM Cllr Bianco reported that the scheme had been approved but funding from TFL was required. If the funding comes through quickly it was hoped the work would take place during the School Holiday period

Northwood Hills Controlled Parking Zone Extension - Parking zone extension had been approved. Funding for the scheme was from the Mayor of London and TfL, who were in a poor financial position, so no money would be forthcoming in the near future. JB stated that the Council would not subsidise TfL. The Government and TfL needed to meet to resolve this matter before such money could then be released for the parking schemes.

The results of the survey of Joel Street Roundabout was raised but no information was available. Parking was another subject that was being studied. JB stated that the revenue from parking was low.

JB had met with Mr Wilson Jones, the Chairman of the Northwood recreation Park to discuss the flooding near the water pipe, It was stated that this was the responsibility of Affinity water.

The play ground at Wylchin Close had safety issues which needed to be addressed. Cllr KB agreed to raise this with the appropriate Council Officer.

JB was in contact with Jackie Richardson and her Anti sociable team concerning the issues with students from the UTC in Joel Street and the station.. JB will speak to Police School's sergeant to see if there were any issues.

### 15) Any Other Business

BW raised the issue of the poor pavement in High Road Eastcote between Larkwood Rise and Eastcote cricket ground. JB replied that if there was a safety issue this would be investigated. JB stated that roads and pavements should be inspected at least 1x/year.

JB also stated that Contractors who damage pavements during building developments should be fined and ordered to pay the costs of the repairs but this was reliant on residents producing and reporting incidents with photographic evidence.

The question of replacement trees was raised. A joint venture with the Council may be possible.

The Greater London Lieutenancy have nominated NHRA to receive one of the 350 Jubilee trees that were on show outside Buckingham Palace..

FM raised the issue of homeless people in Northwood Hills . Photographic evidence was needed for action to be taken.

AS stated that the lighting on the zebra crossing at Northwood Hills station needed attention. JB would look into the matter.

The pathway from Joel Street to York Road had been resurfaced had been patched repaired but had not been finished with the anti slip surface and looked untidy. JB reported that Northwood Hills Library was to be demolished, a new library is to erected as part of a complex with flats. JB stated that there would be 9 flats with limited parking spaces.

SS enquired as to the state of the toilets opposite Northwood Hills Station. JB stated that it was unlikely that any more money would be spent on repairing this facility as it was regularly vandalised after each renovation. It was stated that toilets were available at the library, pubs and various shops.

AR stated that PCSO Ricky (possibly the longest serving PCSO in London) was retiring. AS asked if money would be available to buy him a small present. This was agreed.

JC stated that there was excessive rubbish by the flats at NISA close to the roundabout at Joel Street. It was stated that the Council was aware of this problem. Cllr KB agreed to touch base with former Councillor John Morgan regarding previous actions.

## 16) Dates for Next Meeting

<b>Due to Covid Restrictions – Meetings may be held on-Line</b>
<b>2022</b>
<b>Wednesday - 7th September, Ward Panel and Committee Meeting.</b>
Saturday – 10 <sup>th</sup> September, Northwood Hills Clean Up Day
Wednesday - 26th October, Committee Meeting
Sunday - 13th November, Remembrance Sunday
Saturday - 19 November, Grand Switch-On of The Christmas Lights
<b>Wednesday - 23 November, Ward Panel and Committee Meeting.</b>
<b>2023 – Proposed</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February Committee Meeting
March – Thank you supper date to be determined by Uxbridge College.

TBA Echo Cut Off Date

TBA Spring Clean Up Day

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Apr Committee Meeting and Ward Panel**

Wed 17 May AGM (subject to Fairfield allowing use of hall/ May have to be the Tuesday).

Sun 4 June or Mon 5 Jun – Big Lunch - Not sure why the Big Lunch web site is showing as Mon 5<sup>th</sup> on the national site.

Wed 12 Jul Committee Meeting

**Wed 13 Sep Committee Meeting and Ward Panel**

TBA Echo Copy Date

TBA Autumn Clean Up Day

Wed 1 Nov Committee Meeting

Sat 18 Nov Christmas Lights

**Wed 13 Dec Committee Meeting and Ward Panel**