



**NORTHWOOD HILLS**  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



**The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service**  
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### **Minutes of Northwood Hills Residents' Association, Committee Meeting held on-line on Wednesday 23 March 2022.**

**Present:** A Shipman, Linda Swan, Alan Lester, Andrew Retter, John & Jan Choopani, Sjur Berven, Jane Clayfield, Tony Lane, Ed Donald, Shabbar Shachendina, Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Cllr Duncan Flynn

#### **Apologies for Absence.**

Andrew Riley, Bobbie Ward, Roxana, Graham Mann, Leo Mandel

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

Alan Shipman (substituting for Andrew Riley) welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman's report had been submitted in advance as Andrew is attending a personal engagement

Since the last meeting AR has met with David Simmonds, attended the Northwood Hills Fun Day in Joel Street, held on-line meetings with Council Officers, attended two Jubilee planning meetings and attended a meeting at Northwood HQ. He also assisted with the distribution of The Hills Echo.

#### **Approval of the Minutes dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

These were approved

#### **Matters Arising**

AS reported that no traffic report had been received

#### **Matters Outstanding**

- a) **Regeneration** - A traffic report for Joel Street and other issues was awaited. A Retter asked how long we would have to wait. Parking was still occurring on the pavements and on the boulevard. Cllr J Bianco interrupted about the lack of report. He stated that there was increased patrolling of the area by Enforcement Officers, Alan S stated that fines in excess of £3000 had been issued. However the matter needed to be pursued with the new Council after the election

- 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. Biodiversity bins were discussed as a possible option for new bins, However Cllr J Bianco thought it was unlikely that new bins would be forthcoming unless existing bins were damaged.
- c) Trees for Streets;** AR reported the Council have planted a number of trees in various roads. For Example Lichfield Road
- d) 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? This was deemed unlikely. Since there was no police present at this Meeting it was thought that the Police should be contacted directly. Most thefts are taking place in streets where no cameras are found. John C thought that thieves leave the areas for a short time and then return later. Toyota and Honda cars seem to be most susceptible. A Shipman stated that recording cameras on front doors are helpful in providing evidence to the police. He also stated that there was advice in the ECHO on how to protect oneself from such thefts. John C stated that it was the physical violence which was most concerning. Cllr J Bianco stated that there was a phone number and email address for NH residents.

**Police Solaki had offered to meet residents of Highland Road** in connection with the above.

- e) Speed cameras and testing.** It was thought that it is no longer necessary for road checks to be done in wards other than our own. Police to advise if we could receive training and do our own area. S Berven complained that despite his efforts for some measures to be taken to prevent speeding in Cuckoo Hill nothing had been forthcoming. He wondered whether it was necessary for 3 people to be killed before action was taken. A Shipman reported that a new Police Sergeant was coming to NH. John C stated that it might be necessary to have an independent meeting with the police concerning this matter.

**f) Outcome of Highland Road Parking Petition – Still Outstanding**

The Chair reported that he had spoken with Cllr John Riley who had advised that he was happy to attend a NHRA Committee to discuss the lighting on the zebra crossing and other highway issues but was unable to attend the January meeting. With the local election due to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May while it is technically possible for Cllr Riley to attend the March meeting ahead of the *purdah* it was agreed that the invitation be reviewed once the outcome of the local elections are known.

**Police**

Althea (Alfie) Thomas has been appointed as the new Police Sergeant for the area. She will report to Inspector Daniel Lipinski. Police Constables Michelle Forse and Aaron McCaall have also joined the team alongside PCSO Ricardo (Ricky) Soler De Los Rios.

The following crimes were reported in February:

- Theft from a vehicle 10
- Harassment 10
- Assault without injury 6

Ricky is retiring in May and it was discussed whether the association should thank him in some way for his services to NH.

- 1) **Station Garden** Unfortunately, without any notice the TFL Station Asset owners have removed the outside tap on the Southbound platform which will make it impossible to water the flower beds on that platform. AR has written to Susan Hall GLA member to see if she can assist in getting the tap replaced. John C stated that this should be resolved after a Meeting with the CFL.

John C has a suggested new design for the notices in the platform gardens which are UV resistant. New signs were now evident.

## Events

- a) **Northwood Hills Fun Day** – AR has written to the Council Officers thanking them for organising the Northwood Hills Fun Day.
- b) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event** – LM reported

All is going to plan. A request for volunteers to help on the day was made. John C stated that a walk was being organized along the jubilee path. Cllr J Bianco confirmed that the Council had donated £10,000.

Celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
Thursday 2nd June, 2 to 6pm  
Northwood Recreation Ground, Chestnut Avenue, HA6 1HR

Once again, the NHRA and NRA are joining forces to bring you a community afternoon of entertainment - remember *Music & Picnic in the Park* in 2016?

This time we are planning a similar relaxed event with musical performances on two stages and a children's entertainer in a marquee in a separate area. We hope that you will come along for the afternoon, enjoy the music and offerings from the food stalls, either sitting on the grass or you are welcome to bring your own chairs. FREE admission. FREE off-road parking. Volunteers are needed to help control the parking

The musical programme will have something for everyone, including classic swing, retro vocal harmonies with the [Polka Dots](#) and well-known hits from [CJ Edwards Band](#).

Refreshments will be available from the food stalls: [Funky Elephant](#) for Caribbean street food, [B'elicious Amazing Crêpes](#), [Social Dough](#) pizzas, Joe's ice-cream, coffee & cakes, as well as burgers at Northwood Football Club clubhouse.

For up-to-date news keep checking this website and follow us on Face Book: [www.facebook.com/NorthwoodPlatinumJubileeEvent](http://www.facebook.com/NorthwoodPlatinumJubileeEvent)

We are now at the point where we need members of the NHRA Committee, family, friends etc, to volunteer to assist with the Stewarding, setting up/taking down on the day. The plan is to rotate the Stewards so that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the event.

John C asked for funding for the park, maybe from the chrysalis fund. J Bianco stated that all money for this year had been allocated. Cllr D Flynn suggested that an email be sent to state the purpose of the application; this should be sent to Councillors in both wards.

### **Action All – Volunteers Please**

- c) **Thank You Supper** – This event has now been postponed until later in the year as a number of the Committee are unable to help on the proposed date, mainly due to clashes with the Jubilee event. AR is liaising with Uxbridge College regarding a suitable date in the Autumn. The problem of new students from Uxbridge College cooking the meal was raised. Cllr D Flynn stated that Ted Adams had cooked the meal previously but was now unwell. J Chop stated that as the Sous Chef on the last occasion much food was donated but clearly the problem of allergies needed to be addressed
- 2) **Health** – Nothing reported albeit Joan Butfield has advised that there is still very little going on at the Northwood Health Centre due to the Doctors not wishing Covid to get hold inside the premises.

Work on the new Health Centre is expected to start in the next week. No new planning applications have been seen.

**NHRA Equipment** – AR apologized that he ran out of time to prepare an updated schedule as he lost 2 weeks due to picking up the Covid virus.

### **Communications and Media**

- a) **The Hills Echo** - AS Congratulated John and John Choopani for producing the 80 page Spring/Summer edition of The Hills Echo. He also thanked everyone involved in the distribution. Feedback has been positive and a number of membership subscriptions have been received. S Berven requested additional copies of the ECHO for the upper part of Cuckoo Hill.
- b) **The Notice Board** – AS thanked John Choopani for the new signage on the reverse of the Notice Board which has made a vast improvement and at the same time gives good prominence to NHRA on Joel Street.

- c) **Web Site** – John Choopani and Ben are looking at ways to redesign the Shops and Business pages on the web site into Business type (A bit like yellow pages). Jan C is also suggesting a page be included for businesses that are not currently on our web site to be added.

**Secretary's report** – Nothing to report.

**Finance Report** – As reported by LM above LBH have generously agreed a grant of £10k to support the N & NH Jubilee event. The payment is in course but there could be a point when NHRA and NRA have to temporarily make available additional monies to the Jubilee event organising Committee so that acts, porta loos etc., can be secured. Any such monies would be returned to NRA and NHRA upon receipt of the £10k grant.

The Committee agreed to the above.

Jan C inquired that with poorer residents facing short/medium term financial issues, is there a way that NHRA can help by perhaps a donation(s) to relevant charities or food banks.

This was discussed at length. With the current crises, particularly in Ukraine, times were certainly difficult for many people. S Berven stated that a donation of 750 million pounds for the appeal had been refused because the money was deemed to be from fossil fuels. Cllr J Bianco stated that Ukrainian refugees were likely to come to NH. It was necessary to check on accommodation being offered as well as schooling arrangements if necessary. He hoped that NHRA would help in some way and offer assistance if needed.

### **Planning**

**a) Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital**

As reported in January, plans for the new Health Centre were approved in January subject to various conditions that NHSPS need to enter into with LBH. Work is expected to commence in May. The existing Health Centre cannot be knocked down until the new Health Centre in the former Northwood & Pinner Cottage hospital is up and running. NHSPS have stated that it is their intention to sell off the existing Health Centre with planning permission to a private developer. This could/may mean a different planning application to develop the existing Health Centre site be submitted at a future date.

- b) **Wynnstay, High Road Eastcote** – Still undecided. However the owners had stated that they would not proceed with the pebble dashing to the house which was the objections raised by local resident and NHRA. In fact they would like to join NHRA
- c) **Dominoes Pizza** - An appeal to allow a development behind Dominoes Pizza has been refused.
- d) Cllr Flynn stated that an application in Hillside Rise which had been refused by delegate power had been appealed.

## Councilors Report

**Harlyn Drive Speed Restrictions** – The Chair of the group has contacted AR to advise that the Council have now made a proposal which the Committee believe is favourable/acceptable.

Cllr Bianco stated that the Council tax bills had been sent out. There would be some road repairs in the summer.

Cllr Duncan thanked everyone for their support during his time as a councillor for Northwood Hills.

## Any Other Business

- a) **Defibrillator** -RJW reported. She had emailed Cllr Morgan concerning this item. The email had not even been acknowledged. Hopefully with the influx of new councillors some response might be forthcoming.
- b) **AS** reminded everyone that the Local Election Purdah starts next Monday. Effectively, the Council Officers will be responsible for the day to day running of the Council until the election result is declared. He thanked the 3 Ward Councillors for the support given to resolving issues over the last 4 years.
- c) S Berven asked what was happening about the trees outside his property He had made a request in 2020 for them to be pruned as they were affecting the light in his front rooms.
- d) A Retter stated that 2<sup>nd</sup> Northwood scout group was holding a jumble sale next Saturday at St Edmunds Church.

## Dates for Next Meeting

### **Due to Covid Restrictions – Meetings may be held on-Line**

#### **2022**

Wednesday - 18th May, Annual General Meeting (Key Note Speaker, Richard Kornicki CBE DL)

Thursday - 2 June, (Bank Holiday) Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event.

**Wednesday - 22nd June, Ward Panel and Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday - 7th September, Ward Panel and Committee Meeting.**

Saturday - TBA, 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

**Wednesday - 23 November, Ward Panel and Committee Meeting.**

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