



Minutes of the Northwood Hills Residents' Association Committee Meeting, and Ward Panel Meeting, which for Covid reasons was held on ZOOM, on Wednesday 19 January

Present; Alan Shipman, Graham Mann, Jay Ravel, Terry Clayfield, Jane Clayfield, Leo Mindel, Sjur Berven, Kevin, Anthony Lane, Lynne Halse, Keith Blunden, Fiona Morgan, Alan Lester, Roberta Ward, John Choopani, Jan Choopani, Andrew Retter, Andrew Riley (latterly), Solanki (police)

1) Apologies for Absence

Roxanna Peters, Ed Donald, Joan Butfield, Christine Sennington, Trevor Dixon, Shabbar Sachedina, Linda Swan, Councillors Bianco, Flynn and Morgan

2) Welcome and the 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 was attending a Major Planning Committee Meeting in Uxbridge.

AR welcomed everyone and wished them a belated Happy New Year. He did not attend any meetings in December but had visited Joan Butfield to see how she was and at the same time deliver a Christmas cactus on behalf of the Committee.

Unfortunately, due to the type and long-term nature of her injury Joan has had to step down as a Road Steward Coordinator. The chair thanked Joan her for her valued contribution and wished her a speedy and successful recovery.

This month the Chair has attended a Ruislip Woods Management Advisory Committee Meeting.

3) Approval of the Minutes dated 24th November 2022.

As previously reported, a donation of £200 was made to The Mayor of Hillingdon's Charity after the Christmas Lights event.

4) Matters Arising

Jan Choopani requested that the following items be inserted in the current Minutes as they had been omitted from the Minutes of September:

Regeneration Issues: A traffic report for Joel Street and other issues is awaited.

Recycling Bins in the Recreation Ground / Park: At the previous meeting Jan C raised concerns re the excessive amounts of litter in the local park and recreation ground. She had 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 posters and extra bins. TBA

Trees for Streets: AR has suggested that NHRA funds, as well as Council funds could also be used to support the Jubilee initiative to plant a million new trees. In addition, Hillingdon Council are introducing a "sponsor a tree" initiative for private individuals/groups, which is being considered https://sponsor.treesforstreets.org/provider/hillingdon-borough?fbclid=IwAR2i4_vSwNUbBX5EA_8lav72rj5hJDviyw-YvoZiDHE9Tn0EvZIX_19NiDs

In addition, from the last Minutes, Police section.

- a. **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
- b. **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.

Prior to the meeting Lynne Halse advised that it had not been possible to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the station garden.

The Notice Board is a separate agenda item

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 5th 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.

The format of presentation of shops on the website – carried forward to March.

5) Police Ward Panel

A power point presentation was made.

The priorities for the police were discussed, they are currently drug use, ASB and motor vehicle theft.

By comparison to the similar previous 3 months of 2020, it was reported that there had been decreases in burglaries, robberies, theft and violence, whilst drug offences had increased. There had been an increase in drug detection during this period.

A graph was presented to highlight the changes in these offences during the period of October to December in 2021 and 2020.

Theft	23	decrease	18
Public order	15	increase	5
Vehicle offences	50	increase	6
Criminal damage	15	increase	3
Weapon procession	1	decrease	1
TNO	196	decrease	13
Sexual Offences	9	increase	5

Ward panel survey results were;

1. Continue to focus on burglaries, anti-social behaviour and speeding
2. Assess the impact of weapon sweeps
3. Drug dealing at KFC, Joel Street and Tam Chicken
4. Focus on community engagement
5. Focus on tackling the problem of the theft of catalytic convertors
6. Reducing speeding at 'hot spots'.

AR commented on the number of cars that were parked on the pavement in Joel Street as well as between the trees in the centre aisle of the road. In addition, there was parking on double yellow lines which was not being addressed.

The pavement was cracking due to such parking and it was thought that the Council should be informed by letter of this problem.

It was not known whether CCTV was yet operational in Joel Street.

SB reiterated his concern about the speeding in Cuckoo Hill and High Road Eastcote. He undertook to investigate the current position.

SNT report identified community engagement, road watch scheme and weapon sweeps. Detection of drug activity had increased. This was attributed to high visible patrols to target hot spots. It was reported that drug dealing was occurring at lunch time in the car park of Argyll House as well as in Harlyn Drive. Kevin also reported that Chamberlain Way might also be a possible site for drug dealing.

He hoped that the theft of catalytic convertors would decrease. LH asked whether the police had visited the Highland Road area. Police reported that Ricky had visited the area last Saturday.

It was asked whether there was any information concerning the petition on Highland Road parking. It was hoped that DF could feed back some information.

The lighting on the zebra crossing at Northwood Hills station was still in abeyance JR thought this needed to be completed as soon as possible.

6) Station garden

LH stated that she was devolving responsibility

John Robertson had offered his services and had been very proactive planting bulbs etc. Discussion continued regarding the 4 new planters and the need for drainage holes to be made as well as compost to fill them. It had been suggested that the soil be put on train at Moor Park and then delivered to Northwood Hills station! The phone number of John Robertson should be given to Jane Clayfield. It was stated that bulbs had already been planted in the beds at Northwood Hills station. The signs which stated that the garden at the station was maintained by NHRA were in need of renovation as they had faded. KB undertook to sort this matter.

7) Events

Queens Platinum Jubilee Event

LM reported that there had been a meeting today with the council and they were endeavouring to sign off the budget. Sums of £13000-£15000 were possible but this did not include the time and efforts of volunteers. Neither Northwood or NHRA would be asked for more money. Possible acts had been approached but had not yet been confirmed.

Spring Clean Up Day

There was no intention to restart this initiative due to Covid.

Thank You Supper

A change of date due to the Easter school holiday period is required. While Uxbridge College still appear to be happy to help with the catering and Fairfield are happy for the event to go ahead, subject to NHRA doing their own risk assessment. AR and AS have concerns that for Covid reasons it may not be practical to go ahead with this event. However, AS and GM were prepared to do a risk assessment for the event. Although AS has suggested that perhaps a BBQ in the summer on the Hogs Back may be a better alternative it was concluded that this was very weather dependent. Numbers should be reduced to previous times, as only road stewards should be invited +1. Uxbridge College would do the main course and NHRA would produce starters and desserts. NHRA would pay for the food. AR would talk to the College. A raffle could be organized. It was suggested that people could be asked to bring their own drinks – this was thought not to be a good idea.

8) Health

Joan Butfield stated that the report had not been confirmed by the Doctors. The developments at Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital had created much work. The 3rd booster vaccinations were now underway.

9) NHRA Equipment

A number of items have now been moved to the loft at the 1st Northwood Scout Hut. The Chair thanked the Scouts for allowing us to store equipment at the Scout hut.

Action: A full list of Assets and locations to be presented at the March Meeting.

10) Communications and Media

The Hills Echo

John and Jan Choopani have started work on the Spring Summer edition of the Hills Echo. The Cut Off date for copy is 10th February 2022. All was going well. More articles with local interest were needed. A Retter suggested that there could be an article about his son who had just completed a course at Dartford Collage. This was eagerly accepted. Due to the local election purdah the Ward Councillors have been requested not to submit any copy for this edition. Cllr Morgan, who will be standing down has advised that FM and he would be happy to write an article at about his time as Mayor.

The Notice Board

It was reported that this was looking very scruffy and a discussion ensued as to how this could be improved. More photos of events in NHRA were needed with impact. It was thought that topics such as gardening at the Station, recreation Groups and Jubilee Celebrations should be appropriate. LS would be approached.

Post the meeting, Alan S had a discussion and thought that the best way forward is for the organiser(s) running an event or looking to promote a piece of work be responsible for promotion of such on the Notice board. That way nobody would have sole responsibility of keeping the Notice Board up to date. In the case of an event this would include the initial promotion through to photographs etc., taken during the event. It was again suggested that a mural should be put on one side of the notice board.

Action: GM would remove out of date material.

11) Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

12) Finance Report

FM stated that there was approximately £17,000 at the bank. £1,500 and £1,000 had been committed for the Health Centre and Scout Centre respectively.

There had been a surplus of money as a result of the subscriptions and advertising in the Echo.

It was asked how much money was remaining from the gift from Robert – it was confirmed that the final balance had previously been donated to the Mayor as one of her charities were aligned to Robert's interests.

13) Planning Report

Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital

The Chair reported the application for the Northwood & Pinner Cottage Hospital and Health Centre site, had this evening been discussed. Planning permission had been granted. AR thought there would now be another planning application for the development of flats by the developers.

32 Norwich Road (Junction with Cranbourne Road)

This application was refused.

169 Joel Street

The second application to build flats was refused. The outcome to the appeal against the refusal of the first application is still awaited.

Wynstay, High Road Eastcote

A new application has been submitted to extend Wynstay. The application is for an overall smaller extension but the proposed building materials are out of character with the street scene. As such NHRA and also local residents have submitted an objection.

14) Councillors Report

As no Councillors were present, due to their presence at the Major Planning Meeting, there was nothing to report.

Soft Plastics (Please see attachment)

Jan C asked that, as many supermarkets are now recycling soft plastics, does Hillingdon Council have any plans to incorporate this into recycling schemes? It was stated that Tesco had a facility to accept soft plastics.

It was noted that the collection of textiles in mauve bags had ceased and the new plan where an appointment had to be made for their collection was unsatisfactory. A Retter reported that any item with a triangle on it could be put in the recycling bags as all items are sorted into soft and hard items at the processing plants.

Defibrillator

RJW reported that she was disappointed that she had not received a response from Cllr Morgan. She also asked whether Cllr Flynn had completed his inquiries as to whether funding may be available from LBH. A Retter stated that RJW should approach Community Heart Beat Trust for possible funding.

Path High Road Eastcote

RJW asked for an update on any developments about the path along High Road Eastcote. Nothing was forthcoming

15) Any Other Business

John Choopani reported that the youth football club were unable to use the pitch at Northwood Recreation, due to the nature of the ground (often too wet). Since the ground had been awarded a green flag this implied there was no necessity to improve pitch.

On the 1st February Hillingdon Council was organizing a day for older people at Uxbridge Town Centre.

The Meeting closed at 21.20.

16) Dates for Future Meetings

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

2022

Wednesday - 23rd March, Committee Meeting

Saturday - TBA, Northwood Hills Clean Up Day

Wednesday 27th April, Annual Supper Party. Change of Date Required.

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.

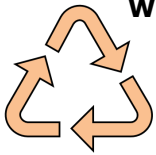
Saturday - TBA, Northwood Hills Clean Up Day

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.



We can now recycle Soft Plastics locally

Currently most soft plastic ends up in landfill. Luckily, several major supermarkets are now offering to recycle items which previously we've had to throw away.

What are soft plastics?

Soft plastics are lightweight plastics that often cannot be placed in recycling bins at home. Think plastic film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals, as well as plastic crisp packets, pasta bags and chocolate or biscuit wrappers.

A simple test is to scrunch it up and if it pings back, it's a useful indicator that it is soft plastic.

Tesco says: "Where plastic serves an important purpose such as reducing food waste (eg meat packaging), these new recycling points will make sure that every piece can be easily recycled." The recycled material will be used to package food, household and beauty products. The supermarket said it prioritises reducing the plastic packaging it used, but that the new service would also have "a real impact".

Co-Op says: "Great news! You can now recycle soft plastics like crisp packets, clingfilm and bread bags at a Co-op near you. **It doesn't matter where you bought them.** Just pop your soft plastics into our recycling units and we'll do the rest. It means we can all do our bit for the environment."

Morrison's will become the first supermarket to own its own recycling operations through the acquisition of a significant stake in a new recycling site in Fife. The plant will turn hard-to-recycle flexible food packaging into plastic flakes, pellets and boards.

Our local recycling facilities:

Co-Op Joel St and Tesco Pinner Green will take:

- Baby, pet food, detergent and cleaning pouches
- Biscuits and chocolate wrapping
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap and cling film
- Cereal liners
- Cheese, fish and meat wrapping
- Crisp and sweet bags
- Delivery bags
- Frozen food bags
- Multi-pack wrapping
- Plastic carrier bags
- Plastic film lids
- Salad, pasta, and rice bags
- Toilet roll wrapping

Clean it. Scrunch it. Recycle it.

Soft plastics recycling is easy. Just follow these three

- **Clean it** – First, rinse your packaging out.
- **Scrunch it** – Now, scrunch it up tight - if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic.
- **Recycle it** - Pop it into the soft plastics recycling unit at the Co-Op in Joel Street, or Tesco Pinner Green foyer.



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Get your community involved.

Start telling family, friends and [neighbours](#) about recycling their soft plastics at a supermarket near them.

Not all the supermarkets are this far ahead.

Waitrose says: Our pledge that all own-brand packaging will be reusable or made from widely recyclable or home-compostable material, has been brought forward by two years to 2023. So far, 86% of our own-brand packaging meets that goal.