



**NORTHWOOD HILLS**  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



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

**Minutes of the Northwood Hills Residents' Association, Committee Meeting held at Fairfield Church on Wednesday 7 September 2022.**

**Present: Andrew Riley, Sayed Hussein, Naghma Hussein, Teji Barnes, John Chopani, Keith Blunden, Lynne Halse, Rowena Peters, Tony Lane, Roberta Ward, Alan Shipman, Jane Clayfield, Stuart Adams**

- 1) **Apologies for Absence. (Sjur Berven; Police Sergeant Alfie Thomas; Alan Lester, Andrew Retter, Graham Mann; Fiona Morgan; Councillors Bianco and Bhatt)**
- 2) **Welcome and Chairman's Report**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Since the last meeting he attended PCSO Ricky Soler De Los Rios retirement function. He had met with Susan Hall and others at Northwood Hills Station Gardens, and attended a Ruislip Combined Charities Committee Meeting. He has also been invited to attend a meeting at Northwood Health Centre on 12 September.

He hoped everyone had been able to enjoy some of the summer weather and noted that the results of the TFL Station Gardens awards were due to be announced shortly. He wished the Stations Gardens team every success and apologized for not being able to help with some of the watering due to a shoulder injury.

- 3) **The minutes of the Minutes dated 22 June 2022 were approved. It was noted that there was a typographical error in that 1<sup>st</sup> Eastcote Scout Group should be replaced by 1st Northwood Scout Group**
- 4) **No Matters were arising**
- 5) **There was no Ward Panel discussion as no member of the Police was present.**
- 6) **Matters Outstanding –**
  - a) **Regeneration** – AS reported that he had requested a FR from the Council regarding a survey of the traffic in Joel Street. He had received a 2019 survey which gave a breakdown of cars approaching the roundabout in Joel Street, which had identified the type of vehicle, their speeds etc. However there was no indication of the length of queues. It stated that 35cars / minute were on the roundabout
  - b) **Recycling Bins in the Recreation Ground** – No update
  - c) **ANPRs** – No update

**d) Speed cameras and testing** – Awaiting information

**e) The format of presentation of shops on the website.** JC stated that this would not be appropriate use of website.

7) **Station Garden** – LH reported that the Station Gardens are looking very colourful and the judges appeared to be impressed with the gardens, the tubs (including the use of the litter bins). Some of the Gardening team will attend the TFL Awards Ceremony on 22<sup>nd</sup> September when prizes would be awarded. LC stated that she was hopeful that the Station Garden would receive a prize. LC stated that £250 would be forthcoming which would be used to buy plants. Damage to a trellis had occurred when some trees in an adjoining garden to the station had been felled. LC stated that she would be requesting money from the owners of the property to replace the trellis.

8) **Events.**

a) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event** – Part Redacted until 2 October

Another 2 trees would be provide by the two resident associations. The site for the planting of the trees would be discussed with the Council Tree Officers and would take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. A plastic plaque would be placed on the trees. AR also emphasized that this had not yet been announced officially such that this matter should not be discussed outside of the committee.

b) **Northwood Hills Clean Up Day** – Graham Mann confirmed that the Clean up day would be 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 with their own gloves. Other items would be provided. Subsequently following the death of Our Queen, Elizabeth II, the event was postponed.

c) **Christmas Lights** – LH had been advised that the building work at The Namaste Lounge will be completed before the Christmas Lights events. St John's School have already donated £500 towards the cost of the Christmas tree. AR would order the tree. The electricity supply to light the tree would be investigated prior to the event. Haley had stated that there was no need to rent chairs which were linked which would help to reduce the costings. LH thought that renting of chairs would now cost about £600 rather than £1000. The sound system had been booked. LH stated that the number of children from each school would be tightly monitored to ensure that there was a maximum of 40 children from each school. Since Leo was not involved in the organization, LH requested help for the fencing and stage construction. Banners would be needed to be prepared.

d) **Remembrance Sunday** – 13 November. The wreath order by AL has been received and is currently in the loft at ARs house.

e) **Trees for Streets** – NHRA is to hold a raffle with 10 prizes to encourage residents/groups of residents to buy a tree for their Street. NHRA would contribute 50% of the cost for 10 trees purchased in the Ward. The full cost of such trees is £280/tree or £320/tree if watering was provided by Council

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 and there was also an issue with space. Although it had been suggested that some of the excess space could be rented out to defray costs it was pointed out there was a covenant on the building restricting its use for health services only. It was suggested that it might be utilized by

a dental practice. A private Doctor appointment is now possible at Sharman's Pharmacy

## 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 It would be distributed by road stewards. LH hoped that there might be some photos of the Platinum Event held in conjunction with Northwood Resident Association. Councillor Bianco had requested a space for some input on Council affairs.
- b) **The Web Site** – Photographs of the Jubilee event and the Friends of the Park Nature trail had been posted. AS stated that a meeting with Ben was required for help with emails –
- c) **Notice Board** All was OK and up to date

**d) Speeding in Joel Street. Report . Sayed Azher Husein.** SAH expressed his major concern along with other residents in Joel Street of the excessive speeding occurring in Joel Street which had resulted in at least 4 parked stationary vehicles being 'written off'. Two of these vehicles were brand new. He asked the committee what could be done to reduce the speed of cars in the road. Although speed cameras and road bumps were a possible option it was stated that TfL were unlikely to take such action unless there was a serious incidence possibly with loss of life. AR suggested that Mr and Mrs Hussein should record events in a diary. BT suggested that a more positive approach would be to organize a petition so that representation could be made to a Council Meeting. She supplied SAH with information as to how this should be carried out. BT also suggested that speed wires might be an additional option to slow down the rivers. AR stated that hand-held speed cameras might be another deterrent if training could be achieved from the Police.

## 11) Secretary's report

Nothing to report

## 12) Finance Report

Nothing to report

**13) Transport.** The plans for electric charging points had been scrapped. Residents should now put in their own charging points. The road in Northwood Way was in need of attention as the road was showing subsidence. RW asked why the parking fees in Northwood Hills had been changed without consultation, it now being necessary to have a Hillingdon card to park for free for 30minutes. Otherwise a fee was needed. It was stated that in contrast Harrow now had 1hour free on its parking meters.

## 14) Planning

- a) **53 -55 The Broadway** – Application to convert Roof Space to Residential Accommodation – Objections Submitted.
- b) **53 – 55 The Broadway** – Application to convert the undercroft to disabled Residential Accommodation. Objections Submitted.
- c) **10 Oakwood Road** Application for Demolition of existing 2-bedroom detached bungalow and erection of a two storey purpose-built flat development to include 2 no. 1-Bed, 1 no. 2-Bed and 1 no. 3-Bed self-contained units with associated facilities

including parking, cycle storage, refuse storage and private amenity. Objections submitted.

- d) **169 Joel Street** Application for Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a part one, part two, and part three storey building comprising 8 flats (1 x studio, 5 x 1-bed, 1 x two-bed, 1 x three-bed) with 4 parking spaces. Objections Submitted. **The application was approved at the Borough Planning Committee on 7 September.**
- e) **Ryfield Close.** It was stated that the shops in Ryfield Close had been given notice. It was thought that there would be a change of use of these commercial properties to a residential state It was stated that planning permission would be needed.

#### **14) Councilors Report**

No Councillors were present due to prior commitments at the Council

**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. Update

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. - Update

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. -Update

UTC in Joel Street and the station.. JB will speak to Police School's sergeant to see if there were any issues. - Update

#### **15) Any Other Business**

Pavement requiring attention; from Larkwood Rise to Catlins Lane. RW would email Councillor Bhatt. –

Lighting on Zebra Crossing outside the station – No update

The pathway from Joel Street to York Road –No update

Northwood Hills Library – It was stated that this would be reconstructed since there were major flaws in the present building. TB encouraged everyone to use the library since it might be closed by the Council to save money in the future.

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. –No update

**The Meeting concluded 20.50.**

## 16) Dates for Next Meeting

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

### **2022**

Saturday – 10<sup>th</sup> September, Northwood Hills Clean Up Day. Postponed

Wednesday - 26<sup>th</sup> October, Committee Meeting

Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday

Saturday - 19 November, Grand Switch-On of The Christmas Lights

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

### **2023**

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**