

# Ealing Fields Residents Association

## **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7.15pm at the Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Avenue**

### **1 Welcome and apologies for absence**

**Present:** Roger Jarman (RJ) (Chair), Cheryl Burke (CB), Charlie Cooper (CC), Wendy Hallam (WH), Clive Herring (CH), Diane Kerr (DK), Raj Kapoor (RK), Keith Marriage (KM), Holly Perry (HP), Sally Malin (SM) and Cllr Ian Kingston (IK) (except for items after item 9)

**Observing:** Stella Chiu (SC) and Christine Dymond (Street Reps)

**Apologies:** Carol Atkinson (CA), Jane Cocking (JC), Andrew Dick (AD), Helen Johnson (HJ), John Russell (JR) and Cllrs Paul Driscoll (PD) and Kim Nagpal (KN),

### **2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and matters arising from previous meetings and the AGM**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted. All **Matters Arising** appeared on the main agenda.

### **3 Planning and licensing matters**

**(a) Proposals for development of land behind Overdale Road** – There was no further progress to report. A watching brief would be maintained - there was a previous action for PD to work with the street rep (SC) to re-establish contact with the developer to help get clarification on some points arising from the proposed alterations to the planning permission (**action: PD**).

**(b) Orion Park** – RJ had written to the chair of Sovereign Network Group (SNG) who had replied to say that the review process for the scheme would be completed in late October. RJ to follow up in November (**action: RJ**)

**(c) Proposed Northfield Conservation Area (CA)** – Papers were due to be assessed by the Council shortly, with 25 to 30 CAs to be reviewed in total. An outcome was expected in October/November. An Article 4 consultation would need to follow any decision about the Northfield CA (if approved at this stage). RJ reminded the Committee that EFRA had responded to the consultation raising concern about the consultation process itself, with out of area residents having the ability to comment on the proposal.

**(d) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park)** – The grass was growing well and further shrubs were to be planted in due course. It was hoped that the wooden fencing that had been put in place to protect the grass seedlings could be removed shortly.

**(e) East Lodge, Lammas Park planning application** – The developer had withdrawn the planning application for the Lodge. EFRA had supported the Walpole Residents Association in their request to extend the Ealing Green CA to include the site. This would make it much harder for any planning application along the lines of the previous one to be successful. It was clarified that any plan to demolish the building would need LBE approval. RJ had circulated an email on 14 August from Diedre Costigan MP following questions from Devonshire Road Street Rep Christine Dymond (CD). CD advised that there was a clause in the covenant that did not allow the site to cause 'nuisance' which might be helpful if a further planning application was submitted that represented inappropriate/excessive development.

**(f) Other planning issues** – There were no other planning issues to report.

## 4 Transport and parking

**(a) Review of road improvements at the Plough Junction** – At the last meeting, it had been noted that the report had still not been published. PD had agreed to follow up (**action: PD**).

**(b) School streets** – The School Street for Little Ealing Primary School (LEPS) had been implemented on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. In the days immediately afterwards, there had been issues with traffic grinding to a halt in the immediate area, but traffic was now dispersing. LBE would monitor the situation and it was clarified that the restrictions would only apply during term times. Fixed cameras were in place on Weymouth, Temple and Hereford roads to enforce the restrictions.

**(c) Stop and Shop proposals** – Owing to some operational difficulties, the proposals would not be implemented until November following the recent public consultation.

**(d) Shared parking scheme in Northfield Ward** – The recent consultation for this proposal was discussed, and it was agreed that it had been inadequate.

**(e) Use of pavement gulleys for EV charging** – Running covered cables from residents' homes to their EV was becoming popular; however such cabling was not legal and LBE would start to take action in due course. Two companies were trialling pavement gulleys in other parts of England. However LBE had turned down the opportunity to participate. These would come at a cost of £1,500, which would be collected from residents requesting such gulleys. It was unclear why LBE was not supporting the initiative while at the same time starting to issue penalties to residents for covered cabling running from properties across pavements. This would be raised with Councillors at our Committee meeting in November.

## 5 Environment

**(a) Floodlights at Northfields Depot** – At the last meeting it had been agreed that PD would follow up with the local MP who was pursuing this matter for a constituent (**action: PD**).

**(b) Flower beds at Plough Junction** – Another date for the working party would be fixed, following the successful day held on 6 August. It was unfortunate that the bed on the south side was next to a designated area for Lime Bike parking, as many of the bikes tipped over and damaged plants in the bed. These were also a tripping hazard (**action: WH**).

**(c) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue** – There had been incidents of fly tipping which had been reported to LBE. Other issues were being addressed by the Northfields Community Safety team (**action: DK**).

**(d) Early morning noise from LEPS** – The resident in Hereford Road affected by the noise nuisance had escalated concerns to EFRA and the Councillors. Although the contractors working on the building had been spoken to, issues persisted. RK had been in touch with the school about the noise from the pre-school club starting at 7:30am and was awaiting a response (**action: RK**).

**(e) New street lighting in EFRA area – various issues** – Following the bedding in period, residents seemed generally content about the level of lighting.

**(f) Removal of redundant steps from Bramley Road Gardens** – This remained an issue of concern to EFRA. However the options seemed limited. The costs were likely to be high, and the criteria for grants from the usual sources was not likely to be met. It was proposed that local colleges with building/construction courses could be approached to see if they wanted to use the removal project as an exercise. IK would work with CC look at how the project could be pursued through Council and other channels (**action: IK/CC**).

**(g) Preparing for leaf fall in the EFRA area** – As in previous years, residents would need to work together to clear the pathways in the autumn – IK would follow up with LBE staff and a message would be sent out with the link to ordering bags and brushes (**actioned**).

**(f) Saplings** – It was reported that there was a plan for planting new saplings across LBE. KM raised concern that the dead sapling outside 77 Chandos Avenue, reported 3 years ago, was still there and the issue would be formally raised with the Councillors (**actioned**).

**(g) Blonding Park works** – Concerns had been raised about the movement of earth from the side of the pavilion to make way for a new sports-related development. (*Post meeting note – RJ visited the site on 11 October and observed that the earth had been moved to two areas: in front of the fenced off area opposite Niagara and Blondin Avenues, and also behind the pavilion alongside the path between the gardens and Swyncombe Avenue*).

## **6 Community safety**

**(a) Ward Panel update** - RK reported that the next meeting would be on 13<sup>th</sup> November. The current focus was on measures to prevent car theft – including old-fashioned steering wheel locks, Faraday pouches and wheel locks. Everyone was reminded about the ‘Met Engaged’ initiative, which appeared to be working well.

**(b) ‘Crash for cash’ incidents** – There had been a number of incidents that appeared to target older female drivers. The police had been contacted and this would be added to the list for discussion at the next Ward Panel meeting.

**(c) Borough Wide Safety Zone** – It was noted that the Safety Zone had been renewed.

## **7 Heathrow – Runway 3**

There was no further update. KM continued to engage with ENAG and HACAN.

## **8 Your Voice Your Town / Connected Communities**

These would replace Ward Forums in due course. IK distributed a questionnaire for completion – and an electronic copy would also be circulated after the meeting (**actioned**).

## **9 AOB**

There was no other business.

## **10 Date of next Committee meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7:15pm.

## **11 Treasurer’s report**

HP reported that the current bank balance was currently a healthy £3,103.81.

## **12 Staffing the EFRA stall at Brentford Festival at Blondin Park**

This had been a successful event, and the Chair thanked those involved on the day.

## **13 Membership matters / newsletter / e-newsletter / website**

**(a) Membership matters** – There was nothing specific to report.

**(b) A WhatsApp Group for EFRA** – This would be for EFRA committee members specifically and RK would progress outside of the committee. RK was content to act as ‘admin’ for the WhatsApp group (**action: RK**).

**(c) Website development update** – A number of updates had been made following a meeting of RJ and CB. The link to bags for leave collection would be added (**actioned**).

**(d) E newsletter** – Suggestions for articles for future newsletters were welcomed.

**(e) Closure of Children Centres in Ealing** – It was expected that meetings would be able to continue to be held in the Log Cabin.