

# Ealing Fields Residents Association

## Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15pm at the Log Cabin Children's Centre, 259 Northfield Avenue

### 1 Welcome and apologies for absence

**Present:** Roger Jarman (RJ) (Chair), Carol Atkinson (CA), Cheryl Burke (CB), Wendy Hallam (WH), Clive Herring (CH), Diane Kerr (DK), Raj Kapoor (RK), Keith Marriage (KM), Holly Perry (HP) and Cllrs Kim Nagpal (KN) and Ian Kingston (IK) (except for items after item 8)

**Apologies:** David Ashforth (DA), Jane Cocking (JC), Cllr Paul Driscoll (PD), Andrew Dick (AD), Helen Johnson (HJ)

### 2 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March and matters arising

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** – It was noted that planning permission had been granted subject to a Section 106 agreement with the Council.

**(b) Proposed Northfield Conservation Area** – IK reported that there was no further news, and that other matters had taken priority for the Planning Department (such as preparation for the public enquiry on the Local Plan).

**(c) SuDS planning application (Lammas Park)** – The planning application was still pending. It was likely that another summer would pass without public access to much of the park. [Subsequently planning permission for the remedial works was granted and work in the park has re-commenced.] The works were likely to be discussed at the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**(d) East Lodge, Lammas Park planning application** – LBE had applied to Historic England for a Building Preservation Notice on the lodge. However there was no update on the application for listing.

**(e) Other planning issues** – **(i) Orion Park** – there was no further news on the development of the site; RJ would check on progress with his contacts. **(Action: RJ)** **(ii) Mobile antennae** – IK reported that the hotel opposite Northfields Station had applied for a new mast – EFRA would not be submitting a response.

### 4 Transport and parking

**(a) Review of road improvements at the Plough Junction** – It was noted that the report had still not been published.

**(b) Traffic measures west of Northfield Avenue** – There were no significant updates although monitoring of traffic movements in the area was ongoing.

**(c) School streets** – After LBE had written to local residents (those in the streets to be designated as 'school streets' and those in the immediate surrounding area), RK had prepared and submitted a response on behalf of EFRA by the deadline of the end of April. There was likely to be a tweak to the timings of the scheme – with restrictions from 8:15 – 9:00 shifted to 8:00 to 9:00 to avoid drivers attempting to 'beat the restrictions'. The afternoon slot was likely to be adjusted too. It was anticipated that the SS would be implemented in September.

**(d) Stop and Shop** – RK had prepared a draft response to the LBE consultation on changes to 'stop and shop' parking arrangements on Northfield Avenue (and throughout the Borough). Comments focused on the plans not being evidence-based; that many residents might not have access to smart phones to use the PayByPhone system; and that the consultation was

poorly publicised and lacked transparency. Further work would be undertaken and RJ and RK would jointly prepare the EFRA response ahead of the 14 May deadline. The submission would be circulated to the membership for information (and potential use as a basis for individual responses) in an E-newsletter that would also remind members of the date of the AGM. **(Action: RJ/RK re response; CH re newsletter distribution)**

## **5 Environment**

**(a) Floodlights at Northfields Depot** – the local MP had lobbied TfL on this issue, and they had committed to installing the bespoke hoods for the floodlights.

**(b) Flower beds at Plough Junction** – The area needed some further work, now that the plants were growing fast. WH would arrange another date for a ‘clear up’ **(Action: WH)**.

**(c) Alleyways in the vicinity of Chandos Avenue** – DK had witnessed drug dealing in recent weeks, which had been reported via a crime report application to the police. IK reported that LBE was looking into securing gates at each end of the alley.

**(d) Early morning noise from LEPS** - PD and RJ had met with the resident concerned about early morning noise from Little Ealing Primary School. There was activity from 7:30am with pre-school play. PD had advised the resident to check planning conditions from the 2010 development. Also she could ask for the Noise Abatement Team to measure noise volume from the site. Restrictions on the use of amplified music might be implemented.

## **6 ‘Your Voice, Your Town’ – Community Charter – LBE initiative**

There was no further news / update on this initiative.

## **7 Community safety – Ward Panel update**

RK reported back on the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April in Blondin Park Pavillion. The meeting had been helpful and interactive, with good questions from attendees. Car thefts, theft from local shops as well as anti-social behaviour were the key areas of concern. Drop-in sessions continued to be hosted by the Police in the library.

## **8 Heathrow – Runway 3**

There was no further update, following the Government’s decision to support the development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> runway. KM reported that there was a planning application in the system for changes to the Cranford Agreement, and an update would be provided in due course.

## **9 AOB**

There was no other business.

## **10 Feedback from Boston Manor Residents’ Association (BMRA) AGM**

CH had attended the AGM. There were around 25 residents in attendance, with all the LBE Councillors, Cllr Guy Lambert of LB Hounslow, as well as both Ruth Cadbury MP and Deirdre Costigan MP there. There were no minutes available, and no report or accounts presented (material appeared to be shared only with BMRA members, though it was confirmed that around £22k was held in the account). There were very few questions at the Q and A. The Chair stated at the end that she would be leaving the post and invited those interested in becoming Chair to come forward.

## **11 Update on the production of the annual newsletter and arrangements for the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> June**

The AGM would take place, as agreed, on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Deirdre Costigan MP had been invited, and the Chair would also invite the Chair and Vice Chair of BMRA, local London Assembly

member Bassam Mahfouz and Linda Massey. Representatives from Northfields Library and the Metropolitan Police would also be in attendance.

## **12 Date of next Committee meeting**

A date in July was proposed, after the AGM. Potential dates will be circulated to Committee after the AGM.

## **13 Treasurer's report**

HP reported that the current bank balance was £2,735.87 as a payment of £250 had been made to the Log Cabin. The Chair reported that there had been issues with billing from the Log Cabin [*post meeting note*: now resolved]. Contingency planning in relation to location of meetings was discussed. It was noted that another service charge had been applied to the bank account, meaning two charges had now been applied – for April and May [*post meeting note*: HP discussed the matter at length with Lloyds and charges would now apply to the account, with a standing charge each month, and charges on top of this for paying in cash and cheques. Lloyds agreed to repay the April charges as a gesture of goodwill].

CH noted that if members paid their subscriptions digitally then it was difficult to keep track of members' details. His preference was for subscriptions be paid by cash or cheques. [Subsequently because the bank charges for cheques are higher it was agreed that in the annual newsletter members should be encouraged to pay their subscriptions in cash]

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

**(a) Website development update** – It was agreed that CB would be proposed as a full member of the Committee at the AGM in June, and the RJ thanked CB for all her work on the website to date. More work would be undertaken on the site after the AGM.

**(b) Annual printed newsletter** – RJ reported that various articles were now in draft and were with the Editorial Group for review. The deadline for comments was 9<sup>th</sup> May, following which the text would be submitted to the printers who would turn around the newsletter within 5 days. The plan was for the newsletters to be distributed from around 20<sup>th</sup> May. JC had agreed to coordinate distribution once again this year. There was a shortage of street reps/distributors now that David Ashforth and Mike Eastgate had left EFRA, having left the area.

**(c) Membership matters** – there was no update in relation to membership matters, other than that for 2025, the charge for EFRA membership would be *£3 per household*.