

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting 10 January 2023, 8pm in the Family Room,
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Tony Ellis, Sue Mansfield, Ros Plume, Hoda Lacey, Valerie Mellor, Trevor Sherling, Paul Barker, Pam King, Miles Gillman, Amir Lakha, Andrew Egan

1 Apologies: Philip Green, Rajen Shah, Peter Lansdown, Rashmi Chauhan

2. Minutes of 13 December Meeting
were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

TE has, as yet, had no reply from David Simmonds MP about green belt land now used for soil from the HS2 tunnels.

HL discussed the parking near The Grange in the Ward Panel meeting. She was asked to get a minuted response from the meeting about this. It was noted that only the Police can issue parking tickets, not PCSOs.

PK indicated that she would like to join the committee. She was co-opted unanimously by a show of hands of those present. RP to arrange for **membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk** to go to both PB and PK.

4. Correspondence

From RP:

- Request from promoter of Beatles Tribute show to advertise on our website. Responded saying we don't advertise commercial events such as this.
- Sunil Shah is closing his personal Microsoft account which is registered to *IT@northwood residents.co.uk*.

From TE:

- Has received questionable emails about the former Police Station from an indeterminate source.
- Vanessa Hare queried the future use of the Youth Centre in Hallowell Road. TE replied to say the council plan to sell it
- TE has received compliments on the Christmas tree and lights
- LBH are investigating the power supply to the ex-lamp post by the oak tree.

5. Former Police Station

The Planning Committee hearing may be in January.

The main objections are still about traffic stress. Further letters have been sent to LBH referring to comments made by the Planning Officer in two other applications. The Hayes application was recommended for refusal with a major point being that there was no tangible incentive for attendees to travel by public transport. In the recent application for the Science Block at Northwood College the Planning Officer's Report stated that applicants cannot assume the use of public car parks in perpetuity.

Richard Lewis has put a 'Members' Enquiry' to the council concerning the application.

TS is meeting with the Lead Petitioner to discuss the presentation to be made at Planning Committee.

MG will investigate use of a pollution meter.

HL

RP

TS

MG

6.	TfL Development No further information.	
7.	MVH Cancer Centre No further update on the Cancer Centre since the recently circulated report.	
8.	Pop-up event Christmas Carols at Costa <i>From RP</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carols at Costa, 15/12/22. A good turn-out especially considering the bitterly cold weather. The atmosphere would have been better had people been persuaded to gather in more closely to the gazebos, social distancing has become a way of life! I was expecting more of a Carol CONCERT and singalong rather than a Carol SERVICE. • Spring event. I propose we build on our successful pop-up event of last September and plan one for spring. I would like to invite two or three local organisations to have stalls at the event – Scouts, Neighbourhood Watch and Lions have their own gazebos and equipment. Who else? In order to facilitate our councillors' attendance, it makes sense to go for the fourth Saturday of the month when they hold their surgery in the library. So, Saturday 25th March Saturday 22nd April, or Saturday 27th May? <p>TE to discuss content of event informally with Ann Lynes. Spring Event to be on 15 April 11.00-13.00. RP to invite other organisations such as the Lions and Neighbourhood Watch to join in.</p>	TE RP
9.	AGM 2023 A request has been submitted for the Base Commanding Officer to attend and speak.	TE
10	Questions for Police Ward Panel <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Dangerous parking outside The Grange when events are on there 2.No feedback on burglaries solved 3.Can we publish crime figures on our web-site? <p>We should put factual information into the next Newsletter which will show that the Police are ineffective in our area. It should also point out that we are being targetted by criminals from outside the area.</p>	
11.	Subcommittee Reports	
11a	Membership RSs have been stopped from putting information onto our data base. In 2020-21 there were 1400 paying members and we gave out 2000 Newsletters. The next printing can be reduced to 1800 copies. Stripe could be used as an alternative to Paypal, much cheaper, though it would be slower for residents. There are 97RS and 14ARS. There will be a separate meeting to demonstrate the new system to TE, SM and RP in the latter part of February	PB PB, RS
11b	Finance The London Forum subscription should be renewed.	TE
11c	Traffic and Highways No further information	

11d	Health No further information	
11e	Business Membership No further information	
11f	Environment MG reported that the circular bench has some problems and LBH will be asked to assess it. They have the responsibility to maintain it, but at some stage we will have to supply a new one. The new reporting system is more difficult to use and takes longer. All to inform Cllr Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council, of this and any similar problems, as he said at our AGM that he wanted to hear our problems.	MG ALL
11g	Woods and Open Spaces The Tree Planting ceremony will be on January 17, Tuesday, at 10.15, see below. MG to give our assent, as requested, to the proposal to create a Unified Flood Reporting System. We should advertise Ruislip Lido Trains on our web-site	ALL MG RP
11h	Police The Police are again trying to set up a local Business Watch organisation.	HL
11i	Planning No further information	
11j	Communications. Website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1061 sessions made by 824 users during December. Most visits have been to Health pages. • At the request of LBH Democratic Services manager, an update to the contact details for local councillors. • Posted on website since last report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further submission re. Police Station site 12/12 ○ MVCC review update ○ Various notices from local groups advertising events. ○ Photo gallery for <i>Christmas 2022</i>. Thanks to MG and SM for their contributions. Jubilee Tree. Our Jubilee tree will be planted on Tuesday 17 th January at 10.15am. The Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon will do the honours and the Football Club will serve refreshments afterwards. You are all invited to attend.	
12	AOB Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service Appointments at the Mount Vernon Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service are 4 sessions per hour for 12 hours a day. It is usually fully booked	

The meeting ended at 21.40

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14 February, 2023

Appendix: REPORTS

CRS Report

2,400+ superbly prepared and high-gloss printed copies of NRA Newsletter (Autumn edition #182) were collected 27 Oct onwards by ARSs and distributed via our army of dedicated RSs, with a compressed .pdf version distributed to Carole Holton for onward electronic distribution to some further 180 NRA members in Dene Road RA who requested a digital version only.

Subs have continued to come (as evidenced in the Finance report) – via RS's cheques for subs they have collected, with an increasing number of members (and some RSs) paying on-line.

Whilst the growing popularity of on-line payments is to be welcomed, with inconsistent references these often take detective work to enable entry in the existing members db and add a lot of extra manual work – one of many reasons why that has become “unfit for purpose”.

Work over a year ago on a new custom db design had faltered, so I investigated whether a commercially available db would suit our needs. The most potentially suitable membermojo (mmjo) appeared to do most of what we need, and during the summer we embarked on a free 60-day evaluation, which was extended for two further 30-day trial periods.

As their response to technical support questions raised had been prompt and germane to our needs, the decision was taken at the end of November to purchase a one-year license, and to start sequentially larger trials before going live to fully replace our existing system.

This has, and will continue to, involve extensive “data-cleaning” in the transfer of info from the present db, which has become riddled with errors and incorrect entries.

We have had technical advice in this from members with suitable IT expertise, and I am glad to report that one in particular (Rajen Shah) has undertaken to continue with an overview of our use of mmjo – the first will be to use it to send “alerts” to members on items of urgent or local interest.

A demonstration of mmjo capabilities for our needs will be given in the New Year when we hope to start using it as one method of reminding for and collection of subs as we move further towards electronic payment.

Paul Barker

Traffic

Nothing significant to report on the roads this month.

HS2 – I have recently been advised that there will be a weekend closure of **Breakspear Road South** from 20th to 23rd January 2023. However this has already been changed to be from **27th (commencing at 10pm) to 30th (finishing at 6am) January 2023**.

Peter Lansdown
traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Health Report

Return to 'masks in all areas of Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust hospitals'

The NHS in North West London is under significant pressure at the current time with a high number of very sick patients and they are working at full capacity.

They are, therefore, once again asking patients, visitors and staff to wear masks in all areas of their hospitals, sanitising hands before putting on a mask, and disposing of masks in bins.

As always, the main focus is on keeping people safe and ensuring that everyone receives the care they need as soon as possible. There may be short-term changes to how they manage patient flow in their services, including infection prevention and control.

During this time, they are asking staff and patients to inform others if there has been any contact with someone who has flu or Covid-19. Patients may be moved during their stay to create beds for new admissions.

Everything is being done to ensure that people are not exposed to additional risk when in hospital.

In addition, they ask you to help them where possible by only visiting if you are well and symptom free, remembering to wash your hands regularly and minimising the number of people visiting at any time.

Business Report

We have a new barber in place of Space called Ghost. Young team who I understand used to be based in Northwood Hills.

Philip Green

Environment Report

Obtaining a Tree Preservation Order: Some residents have asked how a TPO request can be raised to protect trees and the answer is that residents can apply for particular trees to have a TPO put on them by contacting Hillingdon Borough Council. Just email trees@hillingdon.gov.uk with details of the tree(s) location, supporting pictures, and reasons for the request. Following receipt of the request a short investigation normally should follow before any advice or ruling is provided.

118 High Street Northwood: An issue raised by the landlord regarding bins storage outside his property was passed to the Council by email to review and copied to Cllr Henry Higgins. Regretfully the Hillingdon contact centre refused to work from an emailed advice and required their web based form to be completed (it took 15 minutes as it is complex to fill) and eventually that submission was accepted and a reference 1598 – 0206 – 6534 – 9959 issued.

47, 48, and 49 Northwood Way, HA6 1AU: A ditch and broken bollard matter has been raised by a resident – yet to be dealt with.

Old Police Station, Northwood: a detailed email was sent to Cllr Henry Higgins re the anticipated heightened traffic volumes and environmental issues as expressed by many residents that would be the likely outcome should planning permission be granted for the development here by Iron Age.

Andrew Egan
NRA Environment

Woods and Open Spaces Report

Christmas lights

The lights on the sponsored tree have been taken down which has allowed me to dismember it and take it for recycling. The remaining lights which have been turned off will be taken down in due course. I am chasing up further discussions with LBH as to the lack of electricity supply to the lights in the main oak tree.

Woods

Not much to report at the moment except the ongoing clearing of the invasive Himalayan Balsam with tools supplied by a grant from Affinity Water.

Police Report

Northwood SNT

We welcome our new sergeant, Gareth Blackburn, and our new PC Mike Fowler.

However, our Northwood sergeant is shared with Northwood Hills. Our new constable still has a learning curve. So, John is the only keeper of the recent history and knowledge in our ward. In short: we are understaffed.

Both Sir Mark Rowley and PM Rishi Sunak have promised 20,00 additional police officers across England and Wales. By spring. I doubt many of them will be assigned to Northwood or its immediate neighbours. If we wish to maintain Northwood as a relatively low-crime area, there is more for the ward panel to do.

NPWP

Next meeting Wednesday 11 January 23

New Panel Members

We welcome Dilsha and Nagad, our new Northwood College students. Katie Allchorne, deputy head, will also attend our first meeting of the year.

Welcome to Malcolm Lucas, who has kindly volunteered to take our minutes. Malcolm is also a member of the Hillingdon Independent Advisory Group and will give us a brief overview at our next meeting.

Welcome to Keith Weston, who has also kindly volunteered to become part of our panel. Keith is a retired police officer and detective; a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator and a road steward for the Northwood Residents' Association.

Police Priorities:

The 3 priorities are normally set by each ward panel. However, going forward the Borough Command Unit will set the first priorities with the ward panels setting the other two.

"Safer Neighbourhood Teams will work towards three new priorities. The first priority will be set by the BCU and will be violence related or a violence driver. Ward panels will set a minimum of two local ward priorities.

- ➤ *Priority 1 – This will be set by the Safer Neighbourhood Team to include Violence or drivers of Violence. This broad category can include all violence types and can include Gangs, Drugs, Domestic Assaults, Violence against women and vulnerable people, public space safety, alcohol fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour linked violence.*
- ➤ *Priority 2 – Local priority to be set by the ward panel – crime or ASB issue.*
- ➤ *Priority 3 – Local priority to be set by the ward panel – crime or ASB issue. "*

Neighbourhood Watch:

Dave Ludlow has been appointed Chair and Kevin Mephram Vice-chair of Neighbourhood Watch. We welcome Kevin to our January meeting to bring us up to date with their current situation.

Moor Park representation:

Lesley Williams continues to be an observer on our panel. Moor Park is part of Northwood but under the jurisdiction of Herts Police. It is unclear at the moment if they have a Police Ward Panel. An ideal outcome would be that all surrounding wards/boroughs have effective Police Ward Panels and we can share intel.

I have been in contact with Herts police and suggested a meeting.

Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board:

I attended a meeting at the Civic Centre on 29 November 22. Some of the same issues emerged. i.e. general dissatisfaction with some aspects of the police service provided. In particular, the lack of feedback when crimes were reported. This gives the impression to the residents that nothing has been followed up nor resolved.

Nextdoor.co.uk

I check this every morning. My concern is with crime in Northwood and adjacent wards. The incidents and police criticism abound. Without further analysis it is difficult to say if these are valid reports to police or just whinges on social media.

I follow up where I can.

Other:

I met with Gareth Blackburn, Max Christmas, John Usher, and Keith Weston personally.

I have communicated with Andrew Riley and Graham Mann of Northwood Hills Residents' Association. I requested to be allowed to attend their police ward panel and also if one of their panel could attend ours. Andrew replied that he would welcome me to their next WP but attendance on ours depended on their resources at the time.

I also had a video meeting with Malcolm Lucas.

Hoda Lacey

Jan 23

NRA / LBH Northwood Ward Planning Report: January 2023

Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
2 nd December 2022	4 THE COVERT NORTHWOOD	Erection of detached dwellinghouse (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for an Existing Development)	
17 th October 2022	23 FOXFIELD CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Part single storey, part first floor rear extension; part single storey, part first floor side extension; and porch connecting garage	
6 th December 2022	28 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	Replacement dwelling house with two storeys and new basement level	
14 th December 2022	69 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery including a crown reduction by a 1m eastern lateral reduction, a 2m southern and western lateral reduction and a crown lift to provide 6m clearance to One Oak (T1 on application), a 3m western lateral reduction and a crown lift to provide 6m clearance to One Oak (T7 on application), A 10m height reduction to One Group of Hornbeams (G10 on application) and to remove One Oak (T8 on application) all within Area 1 on TPO 398	An arboricultural Report is attached to the application
5 th December 2022	75 HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a rear dormer with 4 x front facing roof lights and the removal of chimney (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	
12 th December 2022	THE LONDON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY GREEN LANE NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery including a crown reduction by 4m in height and 2.5m in spread to One Ash T17 on TPO 481	An Arboricultural Report is attached to the application
15 th December 2022	20 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	Formation of a new secondary vehicular access drive, an increased driveway size, amendments to the existing brick wall along front boundary of the site and introduction of new gates and railings with associated landscaping.	
20 th December 2022	84 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of a two storey, five-bed dwelling with associated parking and landscaping, including the demolition of the existing dwelling	
19 th December 2022	10 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	1 st Appl: Erection of a single storey front extension, part single, part double storey rear extension and roof extension with roof lights and removal of chimney 2 nd Appl: Erection of a porch, two storey rear extension, conversion of roofspace to habitable use to include 6 no. rooflights	
19 th December 2022	Crantock RICKMANSWORTH RD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a two-storey side extension	
15 th November 2022	12-18 Whittles Yard Rear Of HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Prior approval for demolition of ancillary garages and erection of two storey building comprising of two self-contained flats and parking (Application for Prior Approval under Part 20 Class ZA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended))	
30 th November 2022	12-18 Whittles Yard Rear Of HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Prior approval for demolition of workshop and erection of three storey building comprising of four self-contained flats (Application for Prior Approval under Part 20 Class ZA of	Two applications with the same description

		the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended))	
15 th December 2022	12-18 Whittles Yard Rear Of HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Conversion of 2 detached workshops in to 4No. 2 bedroom houses (Application for Prior Approval under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)).	
19 th December 2022	10 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	Appl 1: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 48088/APP/2022/1524 , dated 12/05/2022 (Erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, conversion of loft space to habitable use including roof lights and the increase of first floor head height with internal alterations) to revise the design Appl 2: Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 2 (plans) of planning permission ref. 48088/APP/2022/1524, dated 10th August 2022 (Erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, conversion of loft space to habitable use including roof lights and the increase of first floor head height with internal alterations)	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
9 th December 2022	1 GLYNSWOOD PLACE NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery including To reduce and shape western side of crown (roadside) by 1m to One Strawberry Tree T6 and To reduce 1x Large limb on the western side of the crown (over parking bay) back by around 6m and Reduce remaining crown by 2m to One Eucalyptus T14 both on TPO 505	Whilst there are some notes in the application and photos attached, there is no detailed Arboricultural Report attached to the application justifying the proposed work
15 th December 2022	CETLAS FARM ROAD NORTHWOOD	Conversion of garage to habitable use. Erection of part single storey, part double storey rear side and front extensions. Alterations to the fenestration including replacement of front and rear windows, installation of first floor side windows, rear and side doors.	Comment: The new side windows should be conditioned to be obscured glazing and unopenable below 1.8m

Planning Appeals : Planning Appeals : Decisions

None

Planning Appeals : Submitted

None

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

27A FRITHWOOD AVENUE NORTHWOOD

Erection of a front porch, single storey side and first floor side extensions

Decision: Withdrawn

Enforcement Action By LBH None

ADDITIONAL NOTES: None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES: None

END OF REPORTS