

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting 12 March 2024, 8pm in the Family Room,
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Tony Ellis, Miles Gillman, Valerie Mellor, Peter Lansdown, Vijay Kotecha, John King, Jan Harding, Trevor Sherling, Paul Barker, Hoda Lacey.

1 **Apologies for absence:** Ros Plume, Sue Mansfield, Neha Tanna, Brian Geminder, Andrew Egan

2 **Minutes 13 February meeting** were approved.

3 **Matters Arising:**

- a) Save Our Northwood is to be wound up.
- b) No news from Cllr. Higgins regarding litter-picking by Northwood College and St Helen's.
- c) NRA Road Stewards Social – plans are all in order.

4 **Correspondence:**

- a) AE reported a satisfactory conclusion to correspondence from Tony Lewis regarding blocked gullies in Rickmansworth Road.
- b) A request from a Business Member to use an NRA notice board for commercial advertising was refused.
- c) A request from a Road Steward for the NRA to be involved in a discussion between St Helen's School and pupils from Frithwood School was refused as it is a matter for the schools.

From RP:

Northwood Lions asking if we had planned our Spring Pop-Up. They will join us on 11th May.

5 **Former Police Station:**

No further information.

6 **TfL Development:**

No further information.

7 **Pop-up events:**

- a) Spring event on 11 May. MG confirmed that the licence had been received.
- b) Carols at Costa. MG confirmed nothing yet decided.

8 **Newsletter:**

RP's retirement and replacement as Editor were discussed.

From RP

- Sent to the printer on schedule, 5th March. Delivery promised for 13th March.
- The AGM notice and agenda are included. This lists those committee members standing for re-election and co-opted members for election. All current committee members have agreed to stand. Nomination slips will be available at the March and April meetings.
- This item appears on Page 3:

Could You Compile this Newsletter?

This is my 47th NRA Newsletter as editor and the time has come to hand over to someone with fresh ideas, a sharper brain and modern IT skills. Ideally, I would like to work on the Summer newsletter alongside a shadow editor with a view to handing over to them for the Autumn issue.

The skills required?

- Must be able to organise lots of information, articles, images, emails and contacts in a logical manner.
- Must have a good command of English language and grammar.
- Must have good word processing and image manipulation ability.
- Must be good at Tetris – fitting articles of differing length into a fixed space takes some juggling!
- Must have a lively interest in all that goes on in Northwood.

Interested? Please email me in the first instance and we can arrange to explore the possibilities

As NRA Editor, which is a voluntary role, you would be a full member of the executive committee which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm at Northwood Methodist Church.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

9 AGM 2024:

No further information.

10 Subcommittee Reports:

a) Woods & Open Spaces

Seeking a new ranger, otherwise nothing further to report.

b) Traffic & Highways

TE to send letter to be raised at a full Council meeting about parking on both sides of Rickmansworth Road, parking in Green Lane opposite the entrance to car park and motorists doing right turn when leaving The Avenue.

c) Finance

- i) No movement on the accounts this month.
- ii) TE requested month, year to date.

d) Communications

MG will produce a map of Road Stewards' vacancies for display at the AGM.

From RP:

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
 - Police engagements for March
 - Various community events
- Our website developer, Emma, has done a series of software updates and restored the site to a healthy state. Invoice to come.

Press.

- The March edition of the Northwood & Moor Park local Directory carries a small ad for NRA on the Community Board.
- I have submitted an item about the AGM to Northwood & Ruislip News for their March issue.

e) Police

- i) The sergeant didn't produce a report for the Newsletter.
- ii) Shoplifting – more patrols in Green Lane are needed.
- iii) Crime in Northwood has increased while in Northwood Hills it has decreased.
- iv) The Committee considered the quality of policing in Northwood to be unsatisfactory. TE wanted to know how long police spend policing Northwood and how they get to Northwood. He proposed that a formal complaint be made. TE to discuss with the two Councillors and the Inspector.
- v) HL to meet Jennifer (The Three Wishes) and John Usher.
- vi) Too many OWL messages are being received.

f) Health

No further comment on the report.

g) Planning

No further comment on the report.

h) Environment

No further comment on the report.

i) Chief Road Steward

No further comment on the report.

j) Membership

PB confirmed that NRA subscription envelopes will no longer be used and that members paying by cash or cheque will use their own envelopes.

k) Business Membership

- i) The NRA will not be introducing a Facebook page.
- ii) The cost of maintaining the defibrillator and of replacing parts need to be established before a decision can be made as to funding by the NRA.

11 AOB

The meeting ended at 9.15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 April 2024

APPENDIX: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Woods and Open Spaces

- Emails have been sent twice to both councillors Higgins and Lewis regarding the proposal on Eastbury Road and had no acknowledgement from either. I will try a third time.

- I have spoken to Ann Lynes' secretary about a Saturday carol event and asked her to call back but have not heard anything yet. She probably thinks there is still a long time to go. I will try again.

I have forwarded the Xmas lights quote to Savills and had a conversation. They are waiting to make a decision as they would rather sponsor a bench in the potential new Eastbury Road Park if it happens.

- Events licence for our Pop-Up event on May 11th has been applied for.

- Lots of activity on the Notice Boards this month.

- I take this opportunity to thank Ros for her long standing task of producing our amazing newsletter. I'm afraid I won't be volunteering to take over as I already produce and edit the Ruislip Woods Trust newsletter - one is enough to be doing.

b) Traffic and Highways

Northwood Traffic Survey

Tony and I have agreed an appropriate way to move forward. Any progress will be reported.

Peter Lansdown
traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk

d) Communications

No report regarding website traffic this month due to a change in Google analytics to a new version.

e) Police

Our SNT:

No change. New Inspector Sarah Fox has replaced Dan Lipinski.

I wrote to Sgt. Gareth Blackburn to express our disappointment that he did not accept our invitation to provide a column to our Newsletter representing the SNT's recent activities and achievements.

I also reminded him of the date of our AGM and that we would really appreciate some SNT attendance.

Ward Panel Report:

I attended the Safer Neighbourhood Board meeting in Uxbridge. In attendance were Superintendent Pete Thackray, Chief Inspector Ben Wright, Sarah Fox plus one other. The crime figures for Hillingdon were presented. I queried the discrepancy between Northwood and Northwood Hills but there was no explanation.

On the 13 March I will attend the Hillingdon Advisory Group meeting in Uxbridge. The same police team should be in attendance. I imagine the same stats will be distributed.

Ward Panel:

Next meeting on 20 March at St Helen's.

Two students from each of St Helen's and Northwood College will present a survey on attitudes towards crime and safety in Northwood from a student's perspective.

We will also have two Localities and ASB Case Officers from LBH attending: Chloe Dhami and Team Leader, Adam Stitson.

Our two councillors take it in turn to attend so it is Henry Higgins' turn.

Malcolm Lucas, who takes our minutes, and is also proficient with statistics, produced a more in-depth picture of crime here and in Northwood Hills. Our newest member, Jeremy Stern, is a Marketing Professional and he has transformed Malcom's stats into charts (attached).

My concern is that the current picture does not look good for Northwood. These are the figures presented by the Met at our last Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Last 12 months

Northwood 682. (Plus 91 or 15.4% increase)

Northwood Hills 620 (minus 94 or -13.2%)

Last three months

Northwood 177 (plus 34 or +23.8%)

Northwood Hills 137 (-43 or -23.9%)

We will discuss these at our next ward panel on 20 March.

Business Watch:

Jennifer continues to administer the WhatsApp Group. She has written a column for our Newsletter. We are currently revising the reporting procedure from our Businesses to Police.

The increase in retail theft is worrying. And I am told, there was also an incident last week where a young lad ran into Tesco for help as a man had chased him with a knife trying to steal his jacket.

It would benefit both NRA business members and Business Watch members if we could reconcile members and find communal benefits to increase both. I understand Jennifer and Brian Geminder are working together on this. At the moment, we don't have many BW members on the High Street.

I have heard through the grapevine that some other boroughs are interested in our Business Watch and may wish to set up their own. We are happy to help.

Hoda Lacey

f) Health

Update to Pharmacy First Services:

Pharmacy First will enable community pharmacists to supply prescription-only medicines, including antibiotics and antivirals where clinically appropriate, to treat seven common health conditions without the need to visit a GP. A link with further information can be found [here](#)

Private Primary Care Service:

The Doctor's Lounge: located within Sharman's pharmacy is expanding beyond Northwood. There are clinics in Chalfont, Beaconsfield and soon to be launched in Stanmore from 26th March 2024.

Hillingdon Hospital NHS trust:

Healthcare Personnel and Facility Updates

- **Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust:** Welcomes Philip Spivey as the new Chief People Officer, bringing over 25 years of NHS experience to the role. His most recent interview can be found [here](#).

Community Health Initiatives

- **Mountwood Surgery:** No smoking day is March 13th 2024, Mountwood have updated their website with [links](#), tips and resources to help patients stop smoking.
- **Eastbury Surgery and North Connect PCN:** The North Primary Care Network, inclusive of several local practices, has launched a new website to enhance patient access to health information and services, with a focus on collaborative care and community health initiatives:
 - **There are Hillingdon Health workshops on various conditions that patients can sign up to here (part of the North Primary Care network):** <https://www.myhealthhillingdon.co.uk/workshop-calendar>

This includes the following surgeries:

- Mountwood Surgery
- Acre Surgery
- Acrefield Surgery
- Harefield Practice
- Carepoint Practice
- Devonshire Lodge Practice

A primary care network is a group of practices who work together to focus on local patient care. They've been around since 2019 and 99 per cent of practices across England now work as part of one. North Connect PCN is one of 6 PCNs in The London Borough of Hillingdon.

Public Engagement Opportunities

- **NWL Acute Provider Collaborative:** Future Board in Common Public Meetings, the next one is scheduled for 16th April 2024 13:00 -17:00, this public meeting offers a platform for community members to engage directly with healthcare leaders and discuss future plans and initiatives. The link can be found [here](#).

End of report

g) Planning

Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
2 nd February 2024	11 KEWFERRY DRIVE NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 3 (External Materials) and 4 (Landscaping) of planning permission ref.11501/APP/2019/2662 (Two storey, 5-bed, detached dwelling house with habitable roof space, involving demolition of existing dwelling house). Allowed at Appeal ref. APP/R5510/W/20/3260912 dated 02-03-2021.	
7 th February 2024	11 KEWFERRY DRIVE NORTHWOOD	Certificate of Lawful Development for an Existing Development to show that the Planning Permission granted under Ref: 11501/APP/2019/2662 (Allowed at Appeal ref. APP/R5510/W/20/3260912) dated 02-03-2021 had commenced by 2nd March 2024	
5 th February 2024	28 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	Non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 63937/APP/2022/3692, dated 17/02/2023 (Replacement dwelling house with two storeys and new basement level) to [Amendments to side elevation fenestrations]	
5 th February 2024	2A EASTBURY AVENUE NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey rear extension	
13 th February 2024	12 HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Demolition of existing rear extension and chimney. Erection of a single storey rear extension and 1no. additional rear dormer. Alteration to side fenestrations.	
30 th January 2024	3 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of a two-storey extension to the side and rear of the dwelling, a single storey front extension including front porch. Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include raising of the ridgeline, two rear dormers and four rear facing roof lights. Erection of a single storey outbuilding following demolition of existing garage.	
10 th February 2024	10 TANWORTH CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 62067/APP/2023/622, dated 05-05-23 (Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable use with amendments to fenestration) one additional obscure glazed window at ground floor level and two obscured glazed windows at first floor level on the left flank wall	
21 st February 2024	9 WILLOW END NORTHWOOD	To fell One Ash at T4 within TPO 433A	
21 st February 2024	1A RAVENSWOOD PARK NORTHWOOD	Erection of 2x two storey side extensions, a two storey rear extension and conversion of roof space in habitable use to include 4x rear facing roof lights.	
29 th February 2024	25 DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 7 (Parking Allocation) of planning permission ref. 46479/APP/2021/2039, dated 18/11/2021 (Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 46479/APP/2020/3055 dated 28/01/2021 (and as amended under planning ref: 46479/APP/2021/1461) (Replacement of existing buildings with a 2.5 storey building comprising self-contained flats, parking, landscaping works and widening of vehicular crossover to front) (Revised description approved under non-material amendment application number 46479/APP/2021/1209 dated 12/04/21))	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
13 th February 2024	LAND AT TRINITY CLOSE NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery including a repollard to One Oak T2 and To crown reduce to previous points One Prunus T1 both on TPO 136	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
12 th February 2024	22 KEWFERRY ROAD NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery - to crown reduce up to 50% One Ash at T130 within TPO 90	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
12 th February 2024	4 ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD	Change of use from Class C3 (Dwellinghouse) to C4 (Small HMO) 6 bedroom up to 6 person	See Objection below.

4 ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD

We assume the proposed side extension is included in the application. We consider the same issues apply as the earlier application for the Sui Generis HMO in terms of a six bedroom house as there will be insufficient parking on site that will cause traffic/parking/congestion problems in the road adversely affecting the surrounding houses.

Potential for noise given so many separate occupiers squeezed into the building.

The proposal has too many rooms given the surrounding houses are normally occupied by single families

Given six bedrooms for up to six people there is concern that more than six people will regularly occupy the property with consequent increases in the problems.

**Planning Appeals :
Planning Appeals : Decisions**

None

Planning Appeals : Submitted

None

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

135 KNOLL CRESCENT NORTHWOOD

To carry out tree surgery - to crown lift to 5m from ground level One Large Cedar (T1 on map). To crown lift to 5m from ground level One Scots Pine (T2 on map) and to fell One Small Cedar (T3 on map). All within G9 in TPO 124

Decision: Refused

Reasons: The proposal to crown lift T1 and T2 to 5m is unacceptable and considered to be too severe. Raising the crown to this height will mean that primary branches would be removed, leading to large pruning wounds, which could in turn lead to infection and the long term decline of the tree. The proposal to fell T3 is unacceptable, as poor form and a lifting patio is not considered as a valid arboricultural reason to remove the tree.

50 GATEHILL ROAD NORTHWOOD

Installation of air conditioning units to side of the dwelling

Decision: Approved

Reasons: Based on the information provided it is unlikely that an adverse noise impact would be caused by the proposed development. However, if allegations are made of noise nuisance then the Council would be able to investigate and take enforcement action if necessary under EPA 1990.

Enforcement Action By LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

None

h) Environment

Nothing to report this month.

i) Chief Road Steward

Full analysis carried out from mmjo of required number of Spring #186 Newsletters to be printed – based on any residence recorded as having paid any sub in '22, '23' or (some already!) in '24.

- this was done for each of the 86 RS patches (including 5 vacancies), Police and Business Admin and reports sent to each.
- these were totalled as number by ARS (per each of 30 boxes) needed.
- despite including >100 spares the total ordered was 1,800.
- this was down from a former peak of 3,000, showing how many were previously being distributed by RSs to non-paying “members”!

This time a subs request letter has been designed to be included in each Newsletter delivered, replacing the previous subs envelope, and 3,000 ordered.

- this emphasises the request to pay by BACS.
- and complies with Data Protection guidelines.

Following a request sent to all members listed with an email address, I received 10 offers to become RSs. Five of these are presently on hold pending possible allocation to roads in the ward where we have no listed members, whilst:-

- * Razia HASAN takes over for Fringewood Close and part of Ducks Hill Rd.
- * Anil KOTECHA takes over for Oak Glade and part of Copse Wood Way.
- * Yogesh RAJANI takes over for Hurst Place and Manor House Drive.
- * Rebecca RAMTEJ takes over for Maycock Grove and most of Carew Rd.
- * Mark RILEY takes over for Farm & Hedgeside Rds, & Kewferry Drive

All have been sent “patch” reports, and an invitation to the 9th May RS Reception, along with an updated revision to RS Duties (which will also go to all RSs by email).

#186 Newsletters will be with me next week for collection by ARS planned for Wed 13th March and subsequent distribution via RSs.

Paul Barker
NRA CRS & DPO

j) Membership

No report this month

k) Business Membership

It has been a subdued month and my main focus has been getting in the last of the 2023 unpaid subscriptions and photographing the fronts of the restaurants and take-away business members for the current NewsLetter

My February report mentioned the possible insertion in news letters which would probably be circulated to congregants by places of worship for the imminent Easter and Passover festivals as a vehicle to recruit new members. I do not know whether this initiative was acted upon but I managed to get an insertion into my synagogues magazine highlighting the good work the NRA does and suggesting readers become members. So hopefully a flood of new subscriptions in the coming weeks!!!

With the hoped for change in the weather, in the coming weeks I intend trying to recruit new business members that I have identified and also engage with some of the local business such as the beauty salons and eateries to see if they would do some special promotions to put a spring into their spring business to be advertised exclusively to members under our **Northwood Savers Scheme** initiative

In my last report I highlighted the proposal of a business member to re-introduce a facebook page. As this was not discussed at the last meeting could I have your views at the upcoming meeting.

Finally when I met with Jennifer of the **Three Wishes** pub she mentioned the costs to her of maintaining the defibrillator, which she is no longer prepared to cover and wants us to take this on. May I please have the Committee's approval for this.