

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting 13 August 2024, 8pm in the Family Room,
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Tony Ellis, Sue Mansfield, Trevor Sherling, Miles Gillman, John King, Peter Lansdown, Hoda Lacey, Rajen Shah, Paul Barker, Vijay Kotecha, Neha Tanna

1 Apologies for Absence:, Brian Geminder, Jan Harding, Valerie Mellor, Andrew Egan, Ros Plume, Vikram Chudasama

2. Minutes of 9 July Meeting
were approved

3. Matters Arising:
TE took Philip Green out for a meal and Philip will come to our September meeting to say goodbye

4. Correspondence

From RP:

- Email from resident wanting to get involved with tending the station flower beds. Passed to Suzanne Gillman.
- Email from 14 year-old resident on the subject, "Community Centre for Northwood" and copied to MP, councillors, LBH and Angela Rayner. Her proposal was for a community centre in the former police station, lots of good ideas for what it might include and suggested Lottery funding to fund the project. Passed to TE and TS.

From TE:

- A reply from Cllr Jonathan Bianco re Road Survey was unsatisfactory
- The son of people living in Wilford Close reported a ULEZ sign being torn down. It is apparently the third time this sign has been removed.
- TE informed the Ashborne Square resident who queried new use of the land next to the Eastbury Road surgery that we are not taking this proposal any further. The resident was pleased.

5. TE Meeting with David Simmonds MP

Subjects covered included:

- Use in Northwood of council 'litter wardens' who walk the streets advising people who drop litter as in Uxbridge
- Parking for Three Rivers residents
- Right turns still being done at the Avenue
- Lack of police presence

6. Former Police Station

All to get signatures on the petition to oppose the latest Planning Application, see detailed letter from TS.

7 TfL Development

No further information

8. Pop-up events

From RP:

The Northwood Lions have accepted our invitation to join us on Saturday 19th October, 6th Northwood Scouts yet to decide.

MG to apply for licence.

19 December is confirmed for Carols at Costa

9. Proposal for 'Litter Legends' initiative

AE to report back at next meeting

ALL

MG

AE

10. Blood tests in Northwood

Four years ago the Clinical Commissioning Group decided that GP surgeries should perform blood tests not the facility at Mount Vernon. By now it is possible to make an appointment for Mount Vernon, or to walk in, but avoid 8 – 11am which is usually very busy. NH to confirm current arrangements for blood tests with the Mount Vernon facility. GP surgeries can take up to three weeks.

NH

11. Web Site Pages

From RP:

A simple request for each member to have a look at their sub-committee page and check that the static information held there is correct and up to date. It would also help if you looked at the Useful Contacts under the 'Contact Us' tab. I try to keep info concerning the Police, councillors and MP up to date, but I know that some links don't work.

Please send details of amendments required to me.

12. Subcommittee Reports

12a Woods and Open Spaces

MG to visit woods with Henry Higgins. NRA will only contribute a limited amount to new duckboards - possible a few hundred pounds

MG to inform David Simmonds MP of the three tents still in Mad Bess Wood, and lack of council action, as no Senior Ranger.

MG

MG

12b Traffic and Highways

No further comments

12c Communications.

From RP

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
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Newsletter.

VC and I had a debrief and handover meeting at which we agreed the way forward. We have set up a shared Google Drive folder into which I have uploaded various information, logos, guidelines and contacts.

Rajen has transferred ownership of the editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk mailbox to VC.

12d Police

No further comments

12e Business Membership

No further comments

12f Health

No further comments

12g Planning

No further comments.

12h Environment

No further comments

12i Finance

No further comments.

12j Chief Road Steward

Plenty of newsletters available for recruitment as requested last time.

12k Membership

No further comments.

13. AOB

- 1) MG requested a donation of £100 for flowers for the Green Lane car park site when the planned work on it is done. Agreed
- 2) VK to send a new link to PL and MG for access to mmjo member information
- 3) HL to enquire whether the Police will take any action on speeding and other traffic violations reported with photographic proof of number plate by residents

MG

VK

HL

The meeting ended at 9.08 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 September 2024

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Woods and Open Spaces

Rough Sleeping in the Woods

There have been two incidents of rough sleeping in the woods. One in Copse Wood was initially reported to me by Peter and then two further residents. I went and took a picture (see attached) and forwarded it to Sean the Ranger who has subsequently removed the tent without incident. The second, perhaps more serious, is in Mad Bess wood. Here there are two or three tents that have been there for some time (the beginning of a community?) that the council has not responded to. This highlights the problem of not replacing the senior ranger. The inhabitant of one of the tents has sent a long rambling email to the Woods Trust saying he is in his rights to live there as it is public land and he is a member of the public in need!

Financial Donation to the Woods

I have contacted Philip Calthorne, the Deputy Mayor, with our potential donation. He cannot see any problem but feels I should go through Henry Higgins first then he can add weight once the ball is rolling. I have contacted Henry and we are doing a site visit next Thursday. He is also happy for us to create a flower bed in front of Green Lane Car park with the three volunteers from the station beds who have been given the brush off from Tina. (However we need to be aware it may be the site for the new library in a couple of years)

Waitrose notice board

I have contacted Waitrose and await a response from the manager.

Committee woods walk

This is set for Sunday 18th at 10.3

0. Four so far, maybe six with other halves. Anyone else welcome. Don't worry, we won't go near the tents!!



Miles Gillman

b) Traffic and Highways

Low traffic activity in Northwood – nothing to report.

HS2 – Breakspear Road South is now open, after a two week shutdown.

Peter Lansdown

traffichighways@northwoodresidents.co.uk

c) Communications

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Website Activity - July 15 to August 11, 2024

1 Good amount of steady activity this past month

- 11,000 visits totally over the 30 days
- Daily activity steady
- Weekly activity steady

2 Business Members Page

There were 115 visitors on 31st July, most likely due to one of our emails going out.

3 Minutes of the Exec Meetings

About 10-15 visits per day

4 Number of views of each page – Top 6 pages are related to the NRA activities

Page title and screen class	+	↓ Views
		11,662 100% of total 1
1 Northwood Residents' Association – Supporting Local Residents and Businesses		3,320
2 Business Members – Northwood Residents' Association		396
3 Minutes of Exec. Meetings – Northwood Residents' Association		259
4 Galleries – Northwood Residents' Association		253
5 Useful contacts – Northwood Residents' Association		244
6 Planning – Northwood Residents' Association		241
7 Youth – Northwood Residents' Association		240
8 Culture – Northwood Residents' Association		239
9 Local Groups – Northwood Residents' Association		238
10 Neighbourhood – Northwood Residents' Association		237

Rajen

d) Police

SNT Update:

No change to officers.

Meeting with Sarah Fox 19 July

I met with Sarah Fox to discuss a number of outstanding matters. These included the quarterly survey, our SNT staffing, and a number of domestic issues we have been dealing with.

Business Watch:

From the BW WhatsApp group chat it seems things are relatively quiet on Green Lane.

e) Business Membership

I now only have 4 subscriptions outstanding from business members

As you may recall my last report outlined my proposal for a *Loyalty Card* exclusively for NRA members. This resulted in a lengthy discussion at our last Committee meeting when I was instructed to send Committee members a working paper, which I duly did

I want to thank you all for your comments, many of which were encouraging and others raising concerns

I spoke with our Chairman to discuss the comments received and it was decided that this project should be shelved in its present form

This has subsequently resulted in a meeting between Tony and myself where Tony suggested contact should be made with Business Members encouraging them to make specific "timed" offers (eg the month of August or next 30 days) which we would then announce to our members in the following ways:

An email to our NRA emailing list informing members that certain businesses were making offers for residents and referring them to our website via a link to the Business page where the offers would be highlighted

Our website's Home page would announce "*Special Offers for Residents*" (or similar) with a link to the Business page on which the specific offers would be listed

We would gauge the success of this initiative and decide subsequently whether or not to continue it in to the future

Hopefully this will illustrate to local businesses that the NRA are doing their bit to help Business members and give them some value for their £10 subscription

f) Health

Mount Vernon Hospital Services Review:

An update was published on 9th May and is now on the NRA website: [Link](#).

There is a plan to go ahead with a public consultation, this financial year, to review moving the cancer services to Watford General Hospital. The documents are still being prepared and further information will be made available here: <https://mvccreview.nhs.uk>

This is still ongoing with no new further updates as of yet.

Hillingdon Hospital Update:

A&E 4 hour waiting times:

Nearly three-quarters of people who arrived at accident and emergency last month at Hillingdon Hospitals Trust were seen within four hours.

The NHS standard is for 95% of patients to be seen within four hours. However, as part of a recovery plan, the health service has an objective for 78% of patients to be seen within this time frame by March 2025.

Recent NHS England figures show there were 12,878 visits to A&E at Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in July. Of them, 9,223 were seen within four hours – accounting for 72% of arrivals. Across England, the average is 75%.

The overall number of attendances to A&E at Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in July was a rise of 3% on the 12,525 visits recorded during June, and 11% more than the 11,636 patients seen in July 2023.

North West London Acute Provider Collaborative:

The North West London Acute Provider Collaborative includes:

1. Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
2. The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
3. Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
4. London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust.

Together, they manage 12 hospitals, employ 33,000 staff and serve a diverse population of 2.2 million people.

The four acute NHS trusts in north west London have set out a shared vision for collaboration and priorities for joint action:

By 2027, this will mean:

- Patients will access care sooner, care will be more personalised and person-centred, with improved and more equitable outcomes, regardless of which trust or hospital they attend.
- Health and care partners will be able to work in a more consistent way with our trusts, with common approaches to communications, engagement and improvement.
- Staff will be able to move across our trusts more easily, be encouraged and supported to compare data and feedback in order to drive improvement, and have stronger cross-organisational networks and ways of working.

The Acute Provider Collaborative's first three-year strategy is published at:

nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk

Most recent Board papers from 16th July can be found here: [Common Papers](#)

Opportunities to get involved will be published on their website soon.

Hubs mobility Service for patients:

There is a service which supports patients who might have mobility challenges - and it is now available at Hillingdon Trust.

Patients who might need to visit one of the hospitals regularly and could benefit from alternatives to driving or being driven - but who might need extra help using public transport - might find the Hubs Mobility Service helpful (one for the NRA website maybe).

See links below for leaflets of the new service partnered with the trust:

[Hubs Flyer HA](#)

[HA leaflet new](#)

West Herts launches five-year plan to transform services and facilities across the region:

This is a five-year plan which aims to transform services, facilities, and care across the region for more than 600,000 people. The Trust's ambitions include:

- Building a new state-of-art hospital at Watford General Hospital
- A new elective care hub at St Albans for planned operations
- Hemel Hempstead will become a focal point for chronic and complex care treatment.

Building work is expected to get underway in 2025 and the government confirmed last year the rebuilding would be fully funded. The strategy document can be found through this link [here](#)

Free Blood Pressure Checks:

People visiting hospitals managed by West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust will be able to get a free blood pressure check while they wait for their appointment.

Self-service blood pressure machines are available at the outpatients departments at Watford General, Hemel Hempstead, and St Albans City hospitals.

A&E waiting times (NHS England):

West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust was ranked as the 7th best performing in the entire country for Accident and Emergency waiting times – after rising almost 100 places in just two years.

The Trust, which covers a population of more than 600,000, broke into the Top 10 list of more than 122 NHS trusts, for the first time. It marks a remarkable improvement for West Herts, which was in 102nd place just two years ago.

The latest figures from NHS England revealed that 82.6% of the 17,148 patients arriving in A&E were seen within the four-hour target time, well above the national target of 78%. In June 2022, just 60.5% of patients were seen within the same time frame

Community Health Initiatives

- **Mountwood Surgery:** Mountwood Surgery is hosting a MyHealth Managing Menopause workshops on 14th Aug between 1 and 3pm. The workshop is delivered by a health professional who will answer any questions regarding Menopause. The session will cover symptoms, HRT and natural remedies. The session will last 2 hours and take place in a group setting. Please contact reception if you are interested in attending.
- You may also follow this link to the online workshop: [Online Workshop Click Here](#)
- **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>
 - Ageing Well Clubs: <https://www.northconnectpcn.nhs.uk/2024/04/04/ageing-well-clubs-in-hillingdon-for-65-years/>

- There is a drive to increase awareness of Measles, information can be found [here](#).

Public Engagement Opportunities

- NWL Acute Provider Collaborative: Future Board in Common Public Meetings, the next one is scheduled for 15th October 2024 13:00 -17:30, 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](#).
- NWL Integrated Care System: The next public meeting is on 11th September 2024 14:00. The link for this can be found [here](#).

Satisfaction with GP services is declining, there is an ongoing GP survey by Healthwatch Hillingdon where you can provide your feedback. This can be found [here](#).

End of report

g) Planning

NRA / LBH Northwood Ward Planning Report : August 2024 (24-08 Planning NRA) Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
26 th June 2024	18 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 5 (Landscaping) of planning permission ref. 2695/APP/2023/2847, dated 21-12-2023 (Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission ref. 2695/APP/2022/2612, dated 12-10-2022 (Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission ref. 2695/APP/2021/466 (Appeal reference - APP/R5510/W/21/3274769 dated 04-04-2022) (Erection of a detached 7 bed dwelling with basement and habitable roof space to include 4 rear dormers including demolition of existing dwelling, replacement new wrought iron gates and piers and removal of the front boundary brick walls.), to change front boundary treatment.) to make changes to basement layout, fenestration changes and alterations to rear elevation and garden.)	
4 th July 2024	13 KEWFERRY DRIVE NORTHWOOD	Demolition of the existing attached/detached garages and the rear conservatory. Erection of part single, part double-storey rear and side extensions, conversion of loft space to habitable use including 3 rear dormers and 3 front dormers amendments to fenestration and roof lights and 4 new parking spaces in the frontcourt	
28 th June 2024	19 MOOR PARK ROAD NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 28151/APP/2024/591, dated 18-06-2024 (Erection of a part double, part single storey side and rear extension, replacement of front porch with new front canopy, part conversion of garage to habitable space and amendments to fenestrations including new window, doors and brick finish. Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include 4 front roof lights, 5 side roof lights, 2 rear dormers, raising of the ridgeline and creation of a crown roof. Amendments to front boundary including new hardstanding to create an in out driveway and new vehicle crossover.) to add a first floor side extension over the existing garage	
2 nd July 2024	10 RICKMANSWORTH ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey extension to rear. Conversion of the single dwellinghouse to two flats. Amendments to fenestrations	
3 rd July 2024	24 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery to crown reduce up to 2m One Oak (T3 on map). To crown reduce by 1.5m Two Hornbeam (T5 & T6 on map) all within A1 in TPO 398	
12 th July 2024	NORTHWOOD LAWN TENNIS CLUB 20 PINES CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission ref.10380/APP/2016/1247 dated 02 06 2016 (installation of floodlighting to tennis courts) to replace the existing halide luminaires with LED luminaires. 10380/APP/2016/1247 Conditions(s) 2	
16 th July 2024	10 TANWORTH CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Erection of a carport	
16 th July 2024	35 GATEWAY CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Erection of single storey rear extension and part conversion of garage into habitable use	
23 rd July 2024	44 DUCKS HILL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a part single part two storey side and rear extension, including habitable roof space, following the demolition of existing garage.	
23 rd July 2024	1A BARKER CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Management Plan), 5 (Water Management), 6 (Landscape Scheme), 7 (Biodiversity), 8 (Charging Points), 11 (Waste Management), 12 (Air Quality), 15 (Step Free Access) of planning permission ref. 38181/APP/2023/2810, dated 30-01-2024 (Erection of a single storey detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity space.)	
24 th July 2024	Northwood Commercial Sales/Autocentre	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 6 (Landscape Scheme) of planning permission ref. 77460/APP/2023/2671, dated 09-01-24	

	Northwood Ltd PINNERS ROAD NORTHWOOD	(Replacement of vacant car sales centre with a 3-storey mixed use development comprising of 1 x 1-bed apartment, 7 x 2-bed apartments and 1 x 3-bed apartment, with associated ground floor undercroft car and cycle parking and ground floor commercial space (Use Class E).)	
31 st July 2024	5 ROGERS RUFF NORTHWOOD	To fell to ground level One Birch (T6 on application) within Area 1 on TPO 95	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
11 th June 2024	19 ELGOOD AVENUE NORTHWOOD	Erection of a part single, part two storey extension to the rear, following the erection of a two storey extension to the side, and the demolition of existing garage	The side extension adjacent to 17 Elgood Avenue is not set back from the front building line sufficiently in accordance with DMHD1 c) v). It should be set back at least 1m. Nor does it comply with the inset of 1.5m in DMHD1 c) iv) given it is in Gatehill Estate and the garage is built up to the boundary line with 17 Elgood Avenue. There is even a ground floor window proposed on that side so directly adjacent to the boundary and overlooking 17 Elgood Avenue and so impacting their privacy. There needs to be a condition regarding the wraparound extension that it is not to be used as a balcony but access can only be for repairs. All side windows should be conditioned to be obscured glazing unopenable below 1.8m. Given the side windows adjacent to 17 Elgood would be at the boundary, they need to be conditioned to be wholly unopenable, including the window on the ground floor. The application states there is no change in the car parking, yet the garage is to be converted and so those spaces will be lost. Their replacement has not been identified, so on that basis the statement in the application that no car spaces will be lost is incorrect.
7 th August 2024	24 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	To fell One Birch within Area 1 on TPO 396	Whilst there are some notes in the schedule of works attached to the application and photos attached, there is no detailed Arboricultural Report attached to the application justifying the proposed work nor confirmation of a replacement tree
6 th August 2024	NORTHWOOD POLICE STATION, 2 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Change of use from former Police Station (Sui Generis) to a Children's day nursery (Class E(f)). Erection of a single storey entrance pavilion on the side (south) elevation. Erection of an access lift on the rear elevation. Fenestration alterations and removal of plant room rear extension. Widening of the existing crossover and landscaping	See letter of objection attached
6 th August 2024	NORTHWOOD POLICE STATION, 2 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey entrance pavilion on the side (south) elevation. Erection of an access lift on the rear elevation. Conservation and restoration	See letter of objection attached

		of the existing building fabric. Internal layout changes, fenestration alterations, re-servicing and removal of plant room rear extension. Alterations to fencing and landscaping (Application for Listed Building Consent)	
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**Planning Appeals :
Planning Appeals : Decisions**

None

Planning Appeals : Submitted

27 EASTBURY ROAD, NORTHWOOD

3 separate appeals:

Appeal against an Enforcement Notice: Without planning permission, the erection of an outbuilding.

Appeal against an Enforcement Notice: Without planning permission, the erection of a replacement dwelling.

Appeal against refusal of planning permission: Proposed replacement dwelling and outbuilding at rear (Retrospective application).

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

52 GATEHILL ROAD NORTHWOOD

Erection of a two storey rear and side extension, conversion of roof space to habitable use including rear dormer, 5 no. rooflights, removal of 1 no. chimney stack, addition of 1 no. chimney stack.

Decision: Approved

Reasons: The first floor side windows to be obscured glazing and non-opening below 1.8m. The proposal demonstrates compliance with the 45 degree rule.

Enforcement Action By LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

None

h) Environment

The key environmental matter at present is the proliferation of rubbish dumping in a variety of somewhat regularly targeted places. At present we don't know who are the perpetrators, but in time that may well become clear as residents affected may choose to watch and photograph the litterbugs in action. In addition, the Council may find evidential material within the dumped litter.

It is likely that some of the material is from residents & businesses in Northwood and some of the material would be dumped from outside our area.

Awareness of the need for higher standards of behaviour is something that starts in early education, but in these recent cases that education would appear to be lacking in adults.

Dumped rubbish incidents are reported to the Council and swift action has been taken to clear the mess. Thank you Hillingdon Council and thanks also to our Councillor Henry Higgins.

Andrew Egan

i) Chief Road Steward

Vijay Kotecha (db manager) continues to work on a series of "scripts" to access the mmjo db centrally every Saturday evening which update the data routinely to a separate, holding master spreadsheet for every "patch".

RS patch reports in Excel (.xlsx) format from that are ok.

- testing of directly printable reports for contact and payment status per address in (.pdf) is not yet complete.

1,800 Summer Newsletters #187 were collected by ARSs starting 12th July for distribution by their RSs to eligible members (who had paid in '22, '23 or '24).

An extra 320 #187 were included in the order for promotional use: some have already been used but ARSs are to ask RSs to mount campaigns.

ARSs are also to be asked to follow-up on RSs who may have collected payments but not yet passed them on to MemSec or Treasurer for recording on mmjo (as it then showed 689 of Members eligible to receive Newsletters had no '24 payment yet recorded).

- 860 payments by BACS have now been recorded on mmjo for '24.
- i.e. approaching 48%.

"Data-cleaning" continues on mmjo.

- 1,117 addresses on mmjo have at least one email address presently listed.
 - o of these 91 do not receive NRA emails because:-
 - o some attempts had responses "does not exist" - *these em addresses will be archived then removed from mmjo.*
 - o The other 31 have been marked (by the recipients) as *unsubscribed*
 - o I will write separately to these to stress the benefits of receiving timely, possibly urgent, alerts from NRA if they instead stay subscribed to group emails.

Paul Barker
NRA CRS & DPO

j) Membership

There is very little to report as July has been quiet regarding memberships. What I do not understand is why residents apply for membership but do not make the requested subscription. Even after a further request, seldom does a payment appear. Whilst I have followed up the accepted application some weeks later, I get very little response.

Both Jan and I are reconciling the cash recorded in the Bank to the MMJO database and can confirm that we have agreed receipts to the end of July.

John King

END OF REPORTS