

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting June 9 2026,
8pm in the Family Room
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Sue Mansfield, Trevor Sherling, Tony Ellis, Hoda Lacey, John King, Ros Plume, Jan Harding, Andrew Egan, David Carson, Richard Shave

1. **Apologies for Absence** Rajen Shah, Chris Duffy, Miles Gillman
Not present Vik Chudasama

2. **Minutes of 12 May Meeting**
were approved

3. **Matters Arising:**
MG to progress bench round oak tree next to the War Memorial
The alcohol licence for the proposed retail business at the Old Forge in Rickmansworth Road, was, as expected, approved with the end time brought forward. AE to investigate a no smoking zone in the area.

MG

AE

4. **Correspondence**
From RP:

- Request from resident seeking sponsorship for a Ukrainian. Referred to CD and TE. TE referred her to Cllr Gohil. Same request appeared on social media.
- Email from resident of Rofant Road regarding fly-tipping, intended for her RS, so I forwarded to Russell Langrish and AE.
- Resident requesting help with countersigning a passport application. Not NRA member and we haven't known her for two years so declined. Same request appeared on social media.
- Various correspondence re. Shuttle Bus. TE will update us. Have removed references on website and notice boards temporarily.
- Message from NMC admin to inform us that the disabled toilet now works, **but please be gentle with the flush as the cistern lever mechanism is extremely fragile.**
- Email thank you from Paul Barker for his retirement gift.
- Handwritten thank you letter from Valerie Mellor which I will read out at the meeting.

From TE:

Valerie's letter went to Ros and she read it out. She appreciated the gift, the card and the friendship over the years.

Cllr Philip Corthorne thanked us for inviting him to speak at the AGM and the gift of £100 to one of his chosen charities, approved by the all members present.

5. **AGM Feedback**

The low turnout was possibly because the residents did not have concerns they wanted to raise. MetEngage and Neighbourhood Watch were appreciative of the opportunity for publicity and said they got good photos.

6. **Local History Boards**

MG now has a TfL contact.

7.	Health Matters	Dr Alan McGlennan, Managing Director and chief medical officer of the Hillingdon Hospital Trust met TE to discuss the shuttle bus service between Mount Vernon and Hillingdon. The Care Quality Commission have said that staff and patients cannot use the same transport – an incomprehensible decision, but Hillingdon Hospital has to obey it. Dr McGlennan agreed to pursue a direct bus route between Mont Vernon and Hillingdon Hospital with TfL. TE will also take up the subject with David Simmonds. Further complaints should be sent to Dr McGlennan via TE. TE noted that the MVCC survey showed elderly people do not want to go to Watford. Also that Hillingdon Hospital took out a 25 year lease on the land in 2011, to 2036, and cannot get out of it so the land cannot now be used for development.	TE ALL
8.	Former Police Station	No further information	
9.	TFL Development	No further information	
10.	POP-UP Events	<i>From RP:</i> The pop-up event on 11th July announced at the AGM is cancelled. A note about the Woods Festival and cancellation of 11th to be sent to members Miles is making progress with info boards and the new Welcome leaflet will be ready in time for the event.	MG RP
11.	Newsletter	<i>From RP:</i> VC has circulated the schedule: Fri 19th June – copy deadline Wed 8th July – to Kevin, the printer Fri 17th July – delivery to RShave If you cannot make the 19th June deadline or your article needs a last-minute detail, please let the editor know so that he can save space for you. Advertising Manager. Paul’s final email alert brought forth two responses. The first wanted to know if it was a paid position The second was much more promising – a student who has one more year at Merchant Taylors, so he may be with us for only a year. I know his family and have had a good chat with him. He and Claire are now working together as joint ads managers for the summer newsletter.	ALL
12.	Subcommittee Reports		
12a	Business Membership	The Farm are putting up their place as a going concern.	
12b	Chief Road Steward	If RShav needs advice on sequencing of multiple email requests, RP will give initial advice. Requests for email alerts to go through RP.	
12c	Communications	No further information	
12d	Environment	Cllr Ekta Gohil has encouraged urgent action on rubbish dumping. Cllr Henry Higgins will write an article on how to dispose of rubbish. BG and AE to visit the Tai Pan.	BG AE

12e	Finance No further information	
12f	Membership Two price quotes for the new Welcome leaflet have been obtained, and the committee recommended using Athena this time. RP to place the order for 1,000 bi-fold leaflets.	RP
12g	Planning TS has provided extra information on Local Listing of Green Lane premises, as requested, but has, so far, heard no result.	
12h	Police No further information.	
12i	Traffic and Highways No further information	
12j	Woods and Open Spaces No further information	MG
13.	AOB JH suggested a Repair Café monthly in Northwood similar to the one in Croxley Green. There is one in the Battle of Britain site. JH to discuss with Cllr Ekta Gohil.	JH

The meeting ended at 9.23 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14 July 2026, in the Family Room at Oaklands Gate.

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Business Membership

I have continued collecting cash subscription payments from business members who have still not paid. Yet again, I have also continued to send out email reminders to businesses where access is more difficult, such as walking into a dental practice asking for the person responsible so I can collect cash

The Farm restaurant has removed its outside menus and instead a notice stating “*Apologises, but we are currently closed*” has been inserted. I hope it will indeed be “Temporary” but fear the worst

I noticed on the railings outside Robsons a banner advertising a one-day Hillingdon Business Expo organised by their Chamber of Commerce, so I circulated this event to all our Business members

We also received an application to join the Business section from a new home care business, “*Radfield Home Care*” serving Northwood, Ruislip & Uxbridge.

Brian Geminder

b) Chief Road Steward

Handover from Paul Barker

Paul has transferred to me a total of 50 folders containing a combined total of 805 files dating only as far back as July 2023. The majority of files are mmjo data archives.

These are being stored not on my laptop but in MS OneDrive for security reasons.

They have also been backed up on an external hard drive.

RS Reception Review

Any suggestions how to encourage greater attendance for next year?

If not, could NRA funds be applied differently to boost the morale of Road Stewards?

Ideas would be welcome.

CRS Communications

With the help of Rajen, I confirm I can receive and send emails using chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk rather than personal gmail address.

ARS departure

Josefina Pacey notified at the AGM that she will be leaving Northwood by end of June, and this will mean losing not only a loyal RS of 52 addresses, but an ARS of 4 other RSs covering 52 more addresses.

Without a waiting list of RSs, I am obliged to take up the slack and deliver Josefina’s 52 addresses on top of my existing 74. This will necessarily further restrict my CRS activity.

Regular Alerts

This past week has seen the testing of the ability for the CRS to continue to send alerts, and I trust everyone received the alert regarding the Neighbourhood Watch for Hillingdon, a further success story for the area. In my view, I see it as more appropriate to be relieved of this responsibility by a more longstanding member of the community amongst the committee.

Summer Newsletter #193

The print run provides for a surplus of approximately 80 newsletters currently. I propose to keep this number in view of the forthcoming new trifold leaflet which can assist a recruitment drive.

Richard Shave, NRA CRS & DPO

c) Communications

From RP:

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
 - NRA AGM report
 - Shuttle bus update
 - Updates required following AGM, including changes in personnel and short biography for new CRS
 - Various What's On entries

Welcome to NRA Leaflet.

MG's draft was used as a template to produce a final version ready for printing. I shall be getting quotes for a print run of 1,000.

Website Activity

From Rshah:

Website is generally secure with the occasional attacks which are handled by the plugins.

Regular maintenance and security monitoring.

- 1.Website Actions
- 1.Updated plugins to new versions
- 2.Updated to new version of Wordpress
- 2.Email account actions
- 3.Switched chiefroadsteward@ account to Richard.

d) Environment

1 Dumped TV in Rofant Rd was removed quickly. Dumped chair by St Johns Court in Murray Road was also removed quickly.

2 Tai Pan continues to place bagged rubbish and yellow bins in the pavement outside their premises in Maxwell Road which then attracts residents to place their rubbish alongside the commercial stuff. This week the commercial waste was placed outside on Thursday evening. On past experience residents can wait up to a week for clearance, but this time Cllr Ekta Gohil is getting involved, so we may see changes in attitude and actions. (The litter was still there on Saturday evening).

There is rear access to this parade of shops and it is likely that rubbish could be collected via a wide service road next to the Waitrose delivery lorry entrance.

3 At my suggestion Cllr Henry Higgins is to organise to have an education article written for Hillingdon People magazine on what rubbish goes where and when to be placed outside. It is needed as a number of households appear to think it to be acceptable to place smelly bagged rubbish outside their homes/flats on any day of the week thus allowing birds and foxes free time to stew the contents across pavements and our roads.

Perhaps hygiene education by the Council may be required in addition!

Andrew Egan

e) Membership

I am looking forward to the new trifold leaflets as a means of distributing to residents who are not members and who may not have heard of the good things that we do for Northwood and its residents. I will be delivering to addresses on my patch that are not recorded as members. It will be interesting to see what my response is.

f) Planning

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NO OBJECTION / COMMENT

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
8 th May 2026	CHESTER COURT 8 CHESTER ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 191 T8 1x Ash to reduce by up to 3m all over.	
1 st May 2026	ST HELEN'S SCHOOL EASTBURY ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 627 T3 1x Oak to remove	
6 th May 2026	8 FALCON CLOSE NORTHWOOD	TPO 261 G3 1x Pine to crown reduce by approx 2m height and 1.5m spread.	
27 th February 2026	17 DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission reference 73243/APP/2025/1523, dated 18-11-2025 (Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission reference 73243/APP/2022/2535, dated 20-11-2024, for the 'Erection of 6 dwellings with new access to Foxdell and erection of 3 dwellings with new access to Dene Road with associated landscaping and parking'. Amendment seeks to vary the design of Plots 3-6, including repositioning of the building southwards, reduction in depth, increase in width, lowering the finished slab level by 700mm, addition of habitable attic accommodation with front-facing dormers and sky lights and increase in height, changes to fenestration and position of chimney stack and addition of solar panels to flat roof area.) to amend the design	

		and scale of Plots 7-9 to increase the number of bedrooms from 2-bedroom to 3-bedroom dwellings, including increases to the footprint and height of the dwellings, installation of photovoltaic (PV) panels and rooflights, and associated amendments to private / shared amenity space and parking layout.	
11 th May 2026	2 KEWFERRY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a Single storey side extension and amendments to fenestrations	
14 th May 2026	19 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	TPO 392 A1 1x Silver Birch to fell	
22 nd May 2026	1 MYRTLESIDE CLOSE NORTHWOOD	TPO 50A T68 1x Silver Birch to crown reduce by approximately 2m back to previous pruning points, carry out aerial inspection and crown lift to 3m . T62 1x Silver Birch crown reduce height of tree by 2-3m and crown lift to 3m.	
18 th May 2026	71 CHESTER ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a first floor rear extension to the rear	
21 st May 2026	5A LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of walls and railing to front, with sliding gates.	
28 th May 2026	18A HIGH STREET NORTHWOOD	Change of use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to Use Class C3 (Dwellinghouses)	
21 st May 2026	52 DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Non-material amendment to planning permission ref. 33808/APP/2025/2685, dated 15-12-2025 (Erection of 2no. single storey rear extensions, a first-floor side extension, and conversion of existing garages to habitable use including replacement of garage doors with windows.) to reposition side facing windows	
18 th May 2026	61 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 4 (Materials), 5 (Biodiversity Gain Plan), 6 (Landscaping), 8 (Construction Management Plan), 9 (Ecological Assessment), 11 (Step Free Access), and 13 (Sustainable Water Management) of planning permission ref. 8933/APP/2025/1414, dated 30-10-25 (Demolition of the existing detached two storey dwelling and replacement with 1no. detached two storey dwelling with use of roof space including dormers. Retention of the existing access points, landscaping including raised patio and pool and associated ancillary works.)	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS MADE

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20 th April 2026	1A LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	TPO 391 A1 14x Thuja to remove.	This applies if the trees are covered by a TPO - 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
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27 th April 2026	2 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	TPO 394 A1 4x Oak to reduce by 25% and to fell 2x Cypress	NOT SUBMITTED – only a plan on the portal not even the application – sent emails to Planning and Appl's
22 nd May 2026	103 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	TPO 396 A1 1x Oak to crown reduce up to 3m. Copsewood Estate, Northwood Conservation Area: 5x Leyland Cypress to section dismantle to near ground level.	Comment - 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 nor justifying why there are no replacement trees proposed.

PLANNING APPEALS :

PLANNING APPEALS : DECISIONS

None

PLANNING APPEALS : SUBMITTED

None

PLANNING DECISIONS WHERE OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS MADE:

35 BROOKDENE DRIVE, NORTHWOOD

Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 4 (materials), 6 (demolition and construction management plan), 13 (step free access) and 20 (Biodiversity Gain Plan and off-site tree purchase) of planning permission ref.

44049/APP/2025/799, dated 09-09-2025 (Demolition of existing two-storey dwelling and erection of a replacement two-storey dwelling with solar panels, associated bin storage, parking, electric vehicle charging and air source heat pump. Installation of vehicular crossover and alterations to landscaping including hardstanding for driveway, soft landscaping and new boundary treatment and siting.)

Decision: Insufficient information was submitted relating to the heat pump under Condition 19 and that part of the application has been withdrawn.

Reasons: A further submission will be required relating to Condition 19 which covers the heat pump.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

THE OLD FORGE RICKMANSWORTH ROAD – I attended the Licensing Committee relating to the application for and Alcohol Licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol, which was approved.

g) Police

Ward Panel:

As neither myself nor Max were able to secure a free venue large enough for us to consider holding a public AGM, we will hold our next quarterly meeting on 24 June at James Court, Hallowell Road, as usual. We did get two possible volunteers at our last AGM, after my impromptu address.

I had a chat with Philip Corthorne after the meeting. He is the Chair of the Ruislip Ward Panel. He understood exactly what I was hoping to put across at our AGM.

Ruislip Woods near Copsewood End

A complaint from a resident who has heard what sounded like noisy Quad Bikes in the woods, near at or near Copse End The resident says that she did not think the bikes were on the bridle path behind The Broadwalk but close to. I have referred this to Max Humphries and John Usher.

NRA AGM

The two tables occupied by Hillingdon NHW and MetEngage at our entrance attracted a good deal of interest. I took some photos which will be used by both HNHW and myself in the next Newsletter.

HL

h) Traffic and Highways

1. Monitoring implementation of **agreed traffic improvements**

UPDATE:

- Funding for the proposed pedestrian crossing at the Rickmansworth Road/Green Lane junction has been approved by TfL. It will be installed 2026/2027, possibly this Summer.
- The junction of Rickmansworth Road/Ducks Hill has been identified as a collision risk, with challenges to TfL on the signal timings in two respects:
 - o our perception that time on green for Rickmansworth Road traffic can be unduly short, which TfL have confirmed the dynamic signalling is working as expected, and
 - o concerns that all red timings are also too short, creating a collision risk. Near misses have been observed by multiple parties. TfL have confirmed that the timings are working as expected.

In both respects, direct observations by DC are ongoing.

2. Scrutinising **proposed traffic improvements**

UPDATE:

- Consultation closed on the proposed footway buildouts and continuous (raised) crossing points at the junctions of: Kewferry Road and Rickmansworth Road, Maxwell Road and Rickmansworth Road, Dene Road and Green Lane, and Oaklands Gate and Green Lane.
- We objected, and this will feature in the resultant report to the Cabinet Member, timing to be determined.
- We have also fed back concerns raised on the impact of the recently completed footway buildout at the junction of Murray and Rickmansworth Roads. The Council have carried out observations and do not believe that congestion at this junction is an issue. We will be keeping this issue under review: any observations of the effectiveness of this, and the impact of identical works at the junctions of Thirlmere Gardens and Rickmansworth Road, and Myrtleside Road and Rickmansworth Road, welcomed.

3. “Engaging with relevant stakeholders about **speeding**, including the observed lack of adherence to the (two) existing 20mph zones and whether the extension of a 20mph restriction to other areas should be considered”

UPDATE:

- Feedback received on speeding ‘hot spots’ in the area, noting that excessive speed can be an issue on other roads.
- Focus: ongoing review of appropriateness of existing limits, together with development of strategy to tackle speeding for Committee consideration. Noted that no consensus across the Committee for or against a policy for 20mph zones across Northwood.
- Timing equipment for speed/traffic volume measurements on Kewferry Road (> 20mph) and Dene Road (>30mph) were installed w/c 1/6. We have reported to the Council that we consider the Kewferry Road equipment has been installed in the wrong locations. We have requested that they be relocated.

4. “Engaging with relevant stakeholders about the (lack of) **enforcement** of existing traffic rules and requirements, notably parking and other violations.”

UPDATE:

- Awaiting meeting with Council (Jas Rattu, Parking Infrastructure Manager) to discuss.
5. “Greater oversight over **pothole** detection, reporting, and fixing, to include encouraging the Council to require utility companies to address defects with utility ironworks and covers”

UPDATE:

- The winter rash of potholes has largely been addressed, strategy is to continue to encourage prompt reporting (by members) of unaddressed potholes to DC, together with seeking MI from both Councils on # of reports lodged, potholes fixed, timelines to fix, complaints etc.
- DC waiting on response to request for clarity on Hillingdon’s approach to fixing, and recovery of costs, of defective utility ironworks.

David Carson

6/6/26

j) Woods and Open Spaces

-Denis Cave’s tree was watered but now it has rained it should fine for a while.

Miles Gillman

END OF REPORTS