

Hills Committee Meeting - 23 Sept 2019

Present: Toby, Brenda, Wendy, Stephen, Ian

Apologies: Peter

It was noted with great regret that Lisa had resigned from the committee after holding it together for many years as Hon Secretary. *(Note we did not discuss a gift of some kind to Lisa who has been our Hon. Sec for at least 20 years. Surely we should?)*

Speeding: Cllr Chris Pond had notified us that no action was planned by North East Essex partnership on the HAS Committee request for a 20mph speed limit in the Conservation Areas and adjoining roads. Apparently the results from the two trips in York Hill did not justify further action. In discussion it was agreed that the results did not bear out what is happen

The trips were put in the wrong positions. It was suggested that requests be made for trips outside no. 50 Queens Road; on York Hill either side of Steeds Way; and in Baldwin's Hill between Foresters and St Johns Road and Whittaker's Way to Goulding's Hill.

Lighting

The vexed question of street lighting in the three Hills Conservation Areas, highlighted at the Hills Amenity Society open meeting in May, was elevated to priority status at a meeting organised by Cllr. Chris Pond at Essex County Council yesterday. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Infrastructure Cllr Kevin Bentley, attended by four senior officials - and a Hills Committee representative was invited to attend. Attending to broken lamps, painting those in poor repair and, most importantly, installing new equipment to moderate brightness are, we were assured, all in hand for the next couple of months. A letter had been on behalf of HAS pointing out that the new light at the top of Queens Road had still not been completed after 12 months. It was agreed to raise this and the apparent inaction on all the promised issues with Chris Pond again.

Planning

It was noted that A planning application had been submitted for a 17 storey flat block on the Sainsbury and Station Car Parks. Grave concern was expressed.

17 Stony Path - edge of conservation area - taking it up to three storeys. The Committee felt this was top heavy development and recommended refusal.

50 York Hill - noted permission granted.

30 York Hill - facing school green two storey rear and side extension. LTC had objected but decision from EFDC was still awaited.

6 Ashley Grove - application had been rejected.

<p>32 Queens Road Loughton Essex IG10 1RS</p> <p>Application noted</p>	<p>Prior approval application for a 6 metre deep single storey rear extension, height to eaves 2.5 metres and maximum height of 4 metres</p>
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5&6 Ashley Grove --- ongoing

27 York Hill corner of QR planning permission would be coming up

Land in Potters Close which bordered York Hill: Application for cottage had been opposed by HAS Committee. LTC also opposed and application was rejected by EFDC.

School Geen parking

Vehicles were still parking on School Green: A complaint would be progressed with the Corporation of London following this being raised at the agm in May. ACTION monitoring would continue.

Crime report

Noted that year on year there had been a welcome drop in the number of crimes reported in the Conservation Areas eg 22 in July 2018 and just six in July 2019.

AOB: Newsletter printing: it was doubtful whether the current arrangement would continue for printing of the newsletter. A commercial supporter would be approached and as a last resort we would investigate the cost of a single A4 sheet in black and white summarising details of the newsletter and pointing residents to its availability through the website and HillsWatch Facebook page now followed by 57 residents.

Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on Thursday 7 November