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Minutes of Public Meeting Wednesday 20th October, 2021 @ 7.00pm

New Boarding House on Eton Wick Road

Guest Speaker, Mr Ian Mellor of Eton College explained details of the proposed new Boarding House on Eton Wick Road. Including the progress of pre-application discussions, planned schedule for submitting the application to RBWM and how he would prefer responses to the plan submitted via the designated email address and in the form of statements about what it hoped the development includes rather than a list of questions. briary@etoncollege.org.uk

“Eton College last built a Boarding House, Villiers House, in 1962. However, I wanted to let the community know of our plans to build a new Boarding House at the Briary. The location was chosen as by far the best option following a review of possible sites within the centre of Eton (boys need to be within reasonable walking distance of all facilities that they will need to use during their day). We want the building to be of a very high quality and, following an architectural competition, appointed Hopkins architects in early 2020 to design the development for us. The scale of the building will be as our other Houses, accommodating 55 boys, each with their own study bedroom, as well as the four senior staff who will be responsible for the boys’ welfare during their time at Eton. It will in addition incorporate the latest best practices in building design including those of sustainability e.g. it will be entirely heated by a ground source heat pump. The attached image provides a representation of what the building will look like when viewed from the Eton Wick Road.

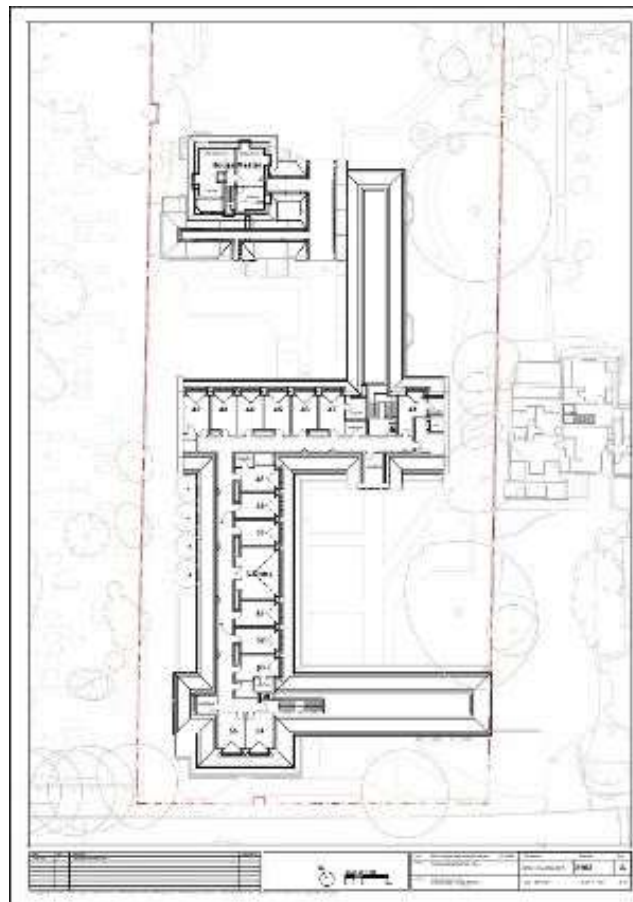
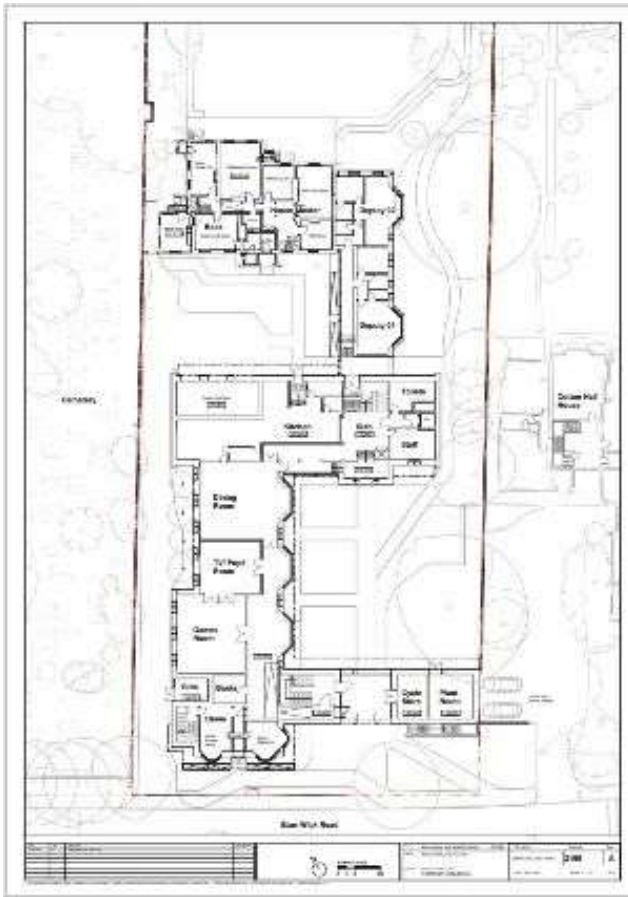
We have already had several discussions with the planning department of the RBWM in which we believe we have successfully addressed each of the relevant planning policies and therefore now intend to submit a formal planning application before the end of this year (although construction isn’t intended to start before summer 2024). If Covid19 restrictions allow, we would intend to make further details available to the community but, in the interim, it would be useful if you could please send any initial comments that you may have to briary@etoncollege.org.uk”

Mr Mellor also answered questions from the floor.

HB-D asked about parking within the footprint of the house. Mr Mellor confirmed there will be minimum parking within the footprint and parents of the boys using the house will be asked to use the overflow parking as other parents are when collecting them. Mr Mellor acknowledged that there is a parking issue when the boys are being dropped off at the start of halves but this is being managed as well as possible.

Also discussed was the traffic flow during construction, Mr Mellor confirmed that various options are being considered and proposals have to be submitted with the application. Current proposals include traffic light management and mandating no deliveries during rush hour time periods.



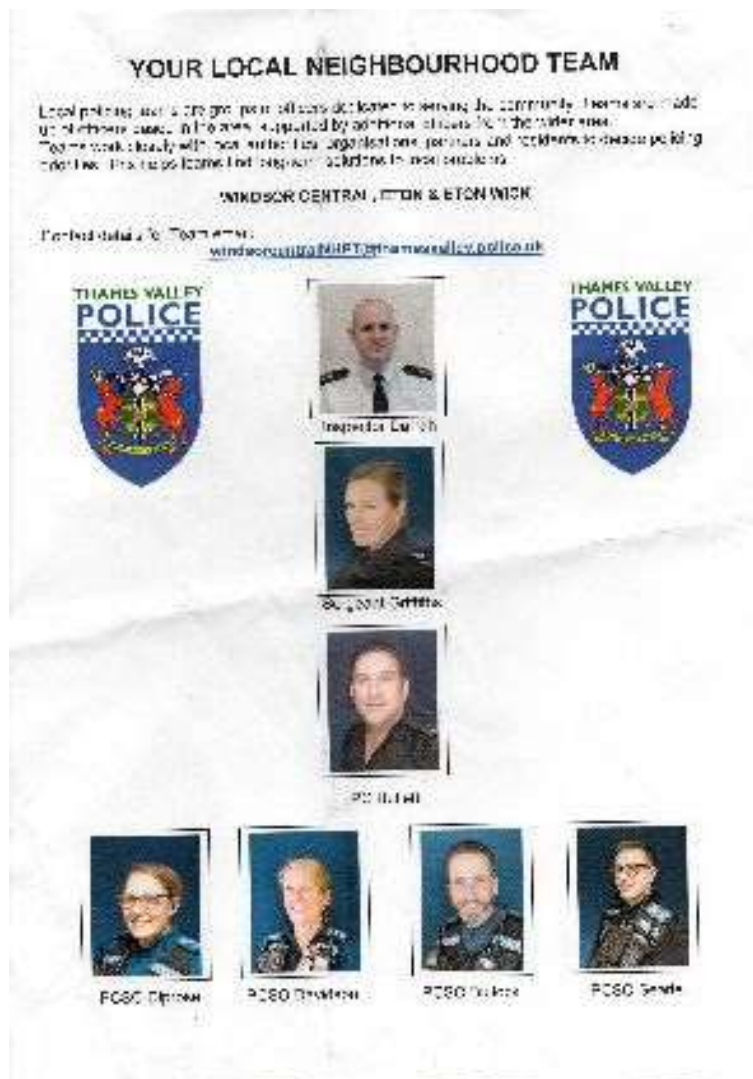


Thames Valley Police & Neighbourhood Security update

Guest Speaker, Mr Jeff Pick - Thames Valley Police & Neighbourhood Security was joined by PCSO Diprose and colleague from RBWM Community Wardens. The briefing also included a presentation from a victim of courier scam crime who recounted her harrowing ordeal, proving the stress and urgency created by the situation can trip anyone up into becoming a victim. The Director of Windsor & Ascot Neighbourhood Watch also displayed alarms, door security and cameras available through the NHW programme. Details of these have been left with the library team.

PCSO Diprose reported on the crime figures for the village, saying that burglary has been quite whilst we've all been working from home, but is now expected to rise as we return to office working coinciding with the darker nights. Also noted was that not all crime that she is aware of is being officially reported. We are all encouraged to report crime, without the statistical evidence we are not recognised when it comes to allocating patrol budget. Even if it's reported via 101 as you do not wish to take further action, REPORT IT as they need to know.

Attachments include the current hierarchy within the TVP Windsor Central Team supporting Eton Wick.



Rev La Stacey – Update on Church Life from Rev La

Covering many updates from the graphics of the recently approved regeneration of the Church Room at St John's, to the news that the hedge along the south boundary of the St John's graveyard will be reduced in height and width this winter, to make ongoing maintenance more financially and physically viable.

Also sharing news of the new coffee morning initiative, held on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am – 12 midday. On the first Wednesday of the month the morning is attended by an expert in benefit advice, soup & a roll is available after coffee on the 4th Wednesday and there is hope to introduce wellness/ support sessions to another of the Wednesday's.

Support with ongoing financial costs of graveyard maintenance at St John's is being sort, suggestions for fund raising events are welcome as is support tending the graves on the West side of the church that are no longer supported by family members. AP-R volunteered his services for lawn maintenance if a petrol lawn mower was donated to the church, Rev La thanked him for work actioned during lockdown, using his battery powered equipment to tame the grass whilst The Church community were between professional gardeners.

A reminder that this year's Remembrance Service is Sunday 14th November. 2.30pm at the Village Memorial stone outside the Village Hall and then 3pm at St John the Baptist Church.



Join us for a Coffee Morning!

Every Wednesday 10.30am to Midday
in the Church Room
St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Everyone welcome!

We will also be offering:
Benefit advice every 1st Wednesday
Stay for soup & a roll after coffee every 4th Wednesday

Benefice of Eton with Eton Wick & Boveney & Dorney



**SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE
St John the Baptist
Eton Wick
November 14th at 3pm**

Update on the Library fundraising

CT reported that the 2020-21 Library fundraiser raised a total of £300 far below the £5,000 EWVA were asked for. We have therefore NOT signed the SLA with the Borough, which as led to confirmation in the reduction in hours of service per week to the 13 hours. We have agreed to sponsor Guest Author sessions for the library if they can be organised. The funds raised are ring fenced for this. We do hope that everyone who needs access to the library is able to get it, if not please do let us or Cllr Rayner know.

Update on the Flower Towers

CT reported that the fundraising for Flower Towers raised £500 below the late spring replant. The SLA with the Borough has been signed with Wild Eton Wick leading but Eton Wick Village Association also named on the document. Funds of £334 available for the winter replant and ongoing maintenance. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Highy and Mr & Mrs Ludovici for the watering and care of the towers at the Bus shelter and Princes Close corner respectively.

The Autumn planting planned for the end of the month will see the introduction of Cotoneasters in the base planter of each tower, and more perennial flowers throughout the rest of the tubs. Where possible we are transitioning to sustainable, carbon sequestration planting to benefit budgets and biodiversity alike. The Fuchsias in each of the higher towers will be relocated into the village sign plant boxes if they have survived the winter.

2022 we won't replant Cosmo, they rather got out of control this year. Busy Lizzy's and Pansies withstood the draught spells and strong winds. Thank you for the ongoing support of the Village Safari team. Valuable funds to keep this project going and we're trying to learn as quickly as possible how to get the right planting to meet everyone's requirements. If you a spare watering can of water, please feel free to help, likewise dead heading ... we really hope no one feels they need to remove plants again, as happened to the planter at The Walk, when several Cosmo were removed.

Cllr Linda Tarbox – Eton Wick Snagging List update

Not much to report due to Covid, however the bus shelter opposite Victoria Road is pending repair in January by MyHandyMan. Payment will be split between Eton Wick's CIL allocation and RBWM (owners of the shelter). Linda and new ETC Councillor for Eton Wick, Nik Howarth are working on possible projects for CIL funding, these include:

- Pending Christmas Light replacements
- Two benches along the river in Haywards Mead
- Notice Board
- A Clock (in the style of Bourne End)
- Hedge cutting along Eton Wick Road

The suggestion to fund additional verge cuts has been shelved as the maintenance issue is part of a Borough wide issue that Cllr feel will not be resolved with ETC stepping in.

EWVA Events

30th October from 2pm – Poppies on Lamp Posts

13th November, 12.45 – 2pm - Official opening of Rashid's Bridge

28th November from 10am – Memorial Tree Planting for the Queen's Green Canopy

4th December from 4.30pm - Christmas Light Switch On

2nd June 2022 – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Public Meetings in 2022,

all starting at 7.30pm and held at the Village Hall unless published otherwise.

19th January (+ Zoom Link)

20th April (+ Zoom Link)

20th July (Meeting only)

AGM SECTION

Held at the end of the public meeting due to guest speakers.

Ratification of new chair – Jake Hemmings

no objections from the floor

Question to the Floor – Should the EWVA continue, if so in what format?

LT – Yes, it's made great progress and contribution since it's formation.

JB – What happened to the emails? They were helpful.

CT responded that this was the first feedback EWVA had received since commencing the emailers and it was good to know they were appreciated by some They shall return!

Also discussed was poster advertising to garner a return of attendance to public meetings.

Depending on the above - Nominations for positions vacant including:

Secretary

Vice Chair

Christmas Fairy

Social Media

Newsletters & Emailers

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Not reported on during the meeting due to time:

2020 End of Year Statement of Accounts will be attached to these minutes.

2021 Finances:

So far this year we are surviving although funds are minimal due to lack of fundraising events. EWWG have received funding from Thames Water for their Hydromorphology Survey and equipment for ongoing works set out in the report.

We've received funds from Eton Town Council to pay for the maintenance and installation labour of the 2021 Christmas Lights, the tree is on order as is a generator to power lights, music and microphones for the groups performing at the event. Enchanted Dance will perform 3 routines with Sing4You and the choir from RCG Embassy bringing the carols.

2022 Finances:

Funds are in reserve for maintenance of memorials and some costs of the Queens Platinum Jubilee but other funding especially for Christmas 2022 is gravely required.

Jake Hemings
EWA Chair

Claire Taylor
EWA Treasurer

