

# EASTCOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## Notes from Meeting held Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7.30pm In the Elsie Fischer Room - St Lawrence Church

1. Welcome and Residents' issues.
  - 1) Resident issue re traffic control in Eastcote and what is deemed to be a proper response from the council.
  - 2) Resident interest in council climate emergency statement – see below
2. Notes for previous meeting - **Approved**
3. Review Matters Arising Report – following issues were addressed:-
  1. Draft minutes to be circulated to committee, councillors and people attending the meeting for comment, then to Road stewards a week later. Once approved website version to be posted. – **Approved**
  2. ERA would still welcome further volunteers – in particular the post of secretary is vacant
  3. Interfaith trees to be planted by Newnham School - This event has led to a larger project, creating a wildlife area
  4. AGM – agreed date 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (post meeting postponed to Open Forum)
  5. Open Forum - date 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - **Agreed**
4. Discussions –
  1. LBH Climate Emergency Statement - statement by council is available on the LBH website. Resident gave information on Friends of the Earth meetings and hopes for future possibilities of working with LBH. Current LBH budget does not allocate money for this initiative – Councillor appointed will be assessing requirements as this year progresses.
5. Committee Reports
  1. Flooding - 2 more residents willing to meet and discuss how to move forward regarding surface water flooding. Hope to meet with a representative from council early March.
    2. HARA – Next Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March
    3. HS2 Community Engagement Meeting – although given go ahead still awaiting Notice to Proceed which has been moved back to end April!  
Stop HS2/Council now concentrating on getting longer tunnel under Colne Valley to do away with the Viaduct.
    4. HS2 Traffic - TBM route to start early March. UKPN will leaflet roads 2 weeks in advance!
  2. Environment
    1. Conservation – nothing to report
    2. Eastcote Conservation Panel – FG - Meetings Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 All starting at 7.30pm until 9.00pm Elsie Fischer Room, St. Lawrence Church.
    3. The London Green Belt Council (LGBC) AGM of held on 12 February
      1. The President, Gareth Thomas MP (Harrow West) and the Chair, Richard Knox Johnson were re-elected as were the other officers and executive committee members.
      2. The Annual Accounts were approved. Voluntary donations would be welcomed.
      3. The All Party Parliamentary Group for LBGC had met four times in 2019 but had ceased to exist on the dissolution of Parliament and awaits resurrection.
      4. The publication "A Positive Vision for London's Green Belt" came out in November 2019 and can be found on LGBC's website.
      5. Threats of development on GB land have been modified or defeated (e.g. London Markets, Kempton Park, L.B. Croydon and others)
      6. Many housing development targets imposed on London Boroughs are believed to be over estimated and there is evidence to support this belief.
      7. LBGC will be looking at the impact of HS2 on GB countryside and woodland as the worst effects need to be mitigated.
      8. There is a "GreenBeltTV" channel on You Tube.

4. Littering – A Resident has been reporting to Council/Grondon/Shops, the overflowing bins in service road behind shops (near tube station). Cllr IE to liaise with her about this, and, she is happy to speak to neighbours and arrange litter pick in this particular area if council can provide equipment and collection of litter. ECP are going to organise a litter pick in Eastcote town centre (since had to be cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions)

3. Finance - The following payments have been made during January & February: £500 Xmas lights, Public Liability Insurance £200 and PO Box £342, Monthly room hire £235, Hall Hire for AGM and Open Forum £96, Eastcote Conservation Panel – annual donation £125 plus room hire £17.63 and FOMLUC - £8.  
Payments for 2 domain names at £19.99 each per annum, and Website hosting - £90 per annum - **Approved**
  4. Health – update on the reopening of Michael Sobell Hospice – starting in a small way and building up – currently have 7 patients
  5. Newsletter- Deadline request has been sent out for contributions – 17<sup>th</sup> March  
(If possible, please email contributions to me in Word (docx, Times New Roman, 10 point) and any photos, separately, as pdf/jpeg files.).
  6. Parks
    1. Eastcote House Gardens – Nothing to report
    2. RWMAG – Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April
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    1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing [planning@eastcote.co.uk](mailto:planning@eastcote.co.uk).  
In relation to the London Plan, the London Mayor did accept the Inspector’s recommendation to reduce housing targets – LBH’s target is now 1,083 per annum for the next 10 years rather than the original 1,533. The Local Plan Part 2 was adopted in January – it contains Householder Development Policies that will now be used to assess householder applications for planning approval – they supersede all previous policies
    2. Town Centre – no further work planned.
    3. Shop fronts – this is an initiative being spearheaded by the ECP and is to look at all aspects of shopfronts and their aesthetics. The ECP has had a positive response from LBH Enforcement on signage issues relating to 3 units.
    4. Licensing - nothing to report
  8. Policing – The SNT Ward Panel has not met since our last committee meeting. Those of you who have signed up for OWL will have seen that 4 suspects were arrested in connection with the catalytic converter thefts on 13 February. There have been a couple of reports of doorstep scams, so be alert to any suspicious callers.
  9. Road Stewarding/Membership -Nothing to Report
  10. Transport
    1. FOMLUC - there is to be a meeting with Met. Line Management and the "new" signalling engineers at Baker Street on 24 March and our representative hopes to attend.
    2. Motorists Forum still chasing TfL about the excessive amount of time between stopping traffic and letting pedestrians cross at Elm Avenue Traffic Lights
  11. Website – there is a continuing requirement for contributions to widen the scope of the information provided on events etc
- 6 AOB –  
The rain gardens are badly trampled where people continue to walk across between the shrubs and the earth is being compacted, encouraging water to collect. There was a lot of litter there. Cllr responded that this is constantly addressed and it should be noted that overall these gardens have received by positive feedback
1. Councillors ‘Council Update’:-  
Cllr gave details of the council tax rates for ‘20/’21, highlighting no reduction in services.  
Meeting closed 9.15pm - Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Future Meetings – 29<sup>th</sup> April, AGM 19<sup>th</sup> May, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 30<sup>th</sup> September, Open Forum 10<sup>th</sup> November, 25<sup>th</sup> November, No December Meeting.