

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on Meeting held

Tuesday 30th March 2021, at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom

		Present: ERA committee members (13), Residents (2). Cavendish Cllr Eddie Lavery. Eastcote & East Ruislip Cllrs Becky Haggar, Ian Edwards, Nick Denys.
1.		Welcome
	1.	Residents' issues 1. New and extension of existing Parking Schemes – residents attending the meeting put forward their views to the local councillors, who explained that the current consultations were a result of petitions from residents living in the roads concerned. Any decision will be based on the views expressed by the residents answering the consultation and encouraging others to respond was the way forward.
2.		Notes for February meeting, held by zoom on the 4th March 2021- Approved
3.		Matters Arising Petition regarding traffic on Eastcote Road to be heard on Wednesday 14 th April 2021
4.		Review of Actions Log January 2021 2021.1.3.2 Response from Cllr HM: The grass verges have been planted up as part of the wildflower meadow project. It is part of a trial to investigate which plants will regrow in following seasons in order to help make informed decisions about future planting schemes.
5.		Committee Reports
	1.	1. Flooding
		1. Joel Street Ditch Up-date by Council Officer - 9th March 2021. Environment Agency and London Underground representatives also present. This was mainly looking at the north end of the catchment. ERA would like to thank The Eastcote Lawn Tennis Club for their efforts monitoring the Joel Street Ditch screen.
		2. Eastcote Flood Action Group (EFlag) meeting 23rd March 2021 was very well attended – there were 14 people on the call. Council Officer gave a presentation up-dating progress on Joel Street Ditch Catchment. It was very informative - interesting to see the extent of the issue, possible solutions, examples of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS). Why has surface water flooding become an issue? Heavy rains or bad drainage? Ditches and ponds have been filled in so would be very interested in hearing about the existence of historic ditches and ponds. Please email details to ERA Chair.
		3. The EA has been working with the DfE to support schemes that reduce risk to school buildings and assets from flooding in order to reduce disruption to education. 4 local schools have been identified and funding secured.
		4. Committee member reported felled branch obstructing Joel Street Ditch
		2. HARA - Guest Speaker, The new Leader of the Council, Cllr Ian Edwards. It was mentioned that not everyone has received the latest copy of Hillingdon People. Cllr Edwards followed this up - any missed deliveries can be reported by using this online form: Report a missed delivery of Hillingdon People - Hillingdon Council . You can also view back copies here
		3. HS2 Traffic - 23rd March 2021 - UKPN are now completing their work and reinstating the road surface as they move along the route from East to West.
	2.	Environment
		1. London Green Belt Council – AGM meeting Tuesday 23rd March 2021 by Zoom. The officers and Chair re-elected. New President is Gareth Bacon MP for Orpington. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Admin officer who in practice does most of the administrative and secretarial work for LGBC has been furloughed until end April and is therefore unable to work until then.
	3.	Finance 1.Reimbursement of Website costs – 2 x Historic England Photo licences £12 plus £2 annual fee

		2. Tree Officer has written to thank ERA for the contribution towards the cost of the Elm Tree planted on Forge Green.
	4.	Parks
		1. Eastcote House Gardens - If Covid regulations allow 1. a Classic Car Show organised by The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens will be held at EHG on Sunday 19th September. It is also hoped that there will be a Book and Plant sale and other stalls in the Stables. 2. Open House is scheduled for the beginning of September.
		2. RWMAG – next meeting 13th April 2021.
	5.	1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk .
	6.	Policing – Please remember to report incidents – even if you feel it's not worth it, because the number of reports and the types of crime they refer to inform decisions regarding funding and policing priorities.
	7.	Road Stewarding/Membership – Membership spreadsheet being set up.
	8.	Website – 1. Has been proofread and amendments will be made in due course. 2. Agreed to convene a meeting to talk about website development.
6	1.	AOB 1. Congratulations from ERA to Mary Sewell, Eastcote Branch Vice Chairman & Poppy Appeal Organiser, for being awarded a National Centenary Certificate accompanied with a National Centenary Lapel Pin, for conspicuous and meritorious service in support of the aims and objectives of the Royal British Legion in the local community.
	2.	Councillors 'Council Update' 1. Virtual council meetings legislation ends on 6th May 2021 so Council meetings will have to be in person from 7 May 2021. The Council AGM will move 1 week to 20th May 2021. Cllr IE. 2. In a move to support local high streets the council will be taking a more relaxed view over the next 12 months where there is a demand for organising events and with the reopening of shops, the council has temporarily removed the requirement to pay a fee for pavement licence and chairs. Cllr IE/EL. 3. Ruislip Lido - Additional parking controls will be in place for the Easter Weekend and a one-way system has been introduced for walkers. Cllr EL. 4. From 12th April 2021 food waste will be collected by a separate truck. There is no change for residents – please continue to put out food waste as usual. Cllr EL. 5. Consultation on climate change has been on council website since 30th March 2021. Council will write to individuals and organisations canvassing their views. Cllr EL. 6. Carers Forum was well attended. Cllr BH thanked everyone who participated and for making it a success.
		Meeting closed 20.47 p.m. - Next meeting Thursday, 29th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m.