

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on Meeting held

Thursday 29th April 2021, at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom

		<p>Present: ERA committee members (12), Residents (1). Cavendish Cllrs Eddie Lavery (apologies), Heena Makwana Eastcote & East Ruislip Cllrs Becky Hagggar, Ian Edwards, Nick Denys (apologies).</p>
1.		Welcome
	1.	Residents' issues – none.
2.		Notes for zoom meeting held 30th March 2021 - Approved
3.		<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Residents felt their petition about heavy traffic on Eastcote Road/High Road Eastcote was positively received and thanked Cllrs ND and BH for their support at the hearing. Post meeting – the council are currently monitoring the traffic.</p>
		<p>Review Actions Log</p> <p>January 2021 2021.1.5.6.1.4 Letter to NatWest – Approved</p> <p>October 2020 2020.10.1.2 during the petition hearing 14 April 2021 it was confirmed by the Council's Head of Highway Services that highway resurfacing has been provisionally programmed for the relevant parts of Eastcote Road.</p>
4.		Discussions – AGM and future meetings – move to end of meeting
5.		Committee Reports
	1.	1. Flooding - Eflag - 20 th April meeting was well attended. Council wants to add historic water courses/ponds to its modern maps and is also interested in anecdotal evidence relating to historic flooding as a means of understanding current surface water flows. Photos welcome.
		2. HARA next meeting end of May.
		3. HS2
		<p>1. Community Engagement Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Visitor Centre is planned to be open at the West Ruislip Portal when covid restrictions allow. • Details about changes to footpaths can be found on Commonplace • Using Facebook to communicate with local residents showing animation of diversions in place. • There is an interactive map showing current works in progress – click on the icon (a hard hat!) and details come up in the side bar. https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/map/
		<p>2. LBH Traffic Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKPN works should now be complete and road surface restored to the satisfaction of the council
	2.	<p>Environment – LBH Climate Consultation On 7 April, the Council launched a consultation on its Strategic Action Plan in response to the Climate Emergency – closing date 20 June 2021. The consultation can be found using this link: https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/climate-consultation.</p> <p>The council is disseminating information about this consultation through residents associations and local charities Residents unable to complete the consultation can send letters in.</p> <p>The Council is considering digital inclusion issues and has to rise to the challenge of making sure that residents can access Council and Government services as these are now moving almost exclusively online. Cllr IE.</p> <p>On-line access is available in libraries and quite a few charities have access to laptops and computers, so people can get assistance from them as well. Cllr BH.</p>
	3.	Parks
		<p>1. Eastcote House Gardens received a visit from Mayor on 22 April who met with the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens volunteers and thanked them for keeping the gardens looking nice during the pandemic. ERA added their thanks.</p> <p>2. ERA also thanked the council for the flower troughs in Black Horse Parade.</p>

	<p>3. RWMAG – Two Guest speakers</p> <p>Cllr Lavery discussed the need to control visitor numbers at the Lido over the May Bank Holidays using marshals to better control and enforce parking. Also, the introduction of a one-way system for pedestrians round the Lido itself (which was deemed successful and will now operate throughout summer. Cllr IE) and an increase in parking charges for non-residents.</p> <p>Mark Morgan, Ruislip Woods Trust – gave the history of the 30 acres of woodland, situated to the north of Copse Wood on the east side of Ducks Hill Road, which was recently purchased by LBH. Only 1 path through this part of the woods R63 which is being cleared of invasive species for better access. Woods have not been worked for 100 years. It is still hoped that they will be incorporated into the NNR in time for its 25th anniversary.</p>
4.	1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcotera.co.uk .
5.	<p>Policing – issue of Catalytic Converter Thefts raised, and concerns expressed about lack of consistency in MET statistics regarding crime numbers. To be raised at the SNT Ward Panel.</p> <p>Council aware of issues and trying to make sure this part of the borough, which is seen as having low crime rates is not penalised by the recent restructuring of policing. Cllr IE.</p>
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	<p>Discussion</p> <p>1. Future meetings</p> <p>1. AGM – suggested this be held by Zoom as last year, inviting road stewards, at May meeting 1st June 2021 - Agreed</p> <p>2. Monthly Committee meetings - to continue using zoom until 21st June when new rules announced.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 20.45</p> <p>Next meeting AGM Tuesday 1st June 2021 (May meeting) at 7.30 p.m.</p>
	<p>Future Meetings –Thursday 1st July (June meeting), Tuesday 3rd August (July meeting), NO AUGUST MEETING, Thursday 30th September OPEN FORUM, Tuesday 2nd November (October meeting), Thursday 2nd December (November Meeting), NO DECEMBER MEETING.</p>