

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on Meeting held

Wednesday 9th March 2022, at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom

1.	<p>Present: ERA committee members (15), Residents (1). Cavendish Cllr Eddie Lavery, Eastcote & East Ruislip Cllrs Ian Edwards, Nick Denys. Apologies Cllr Becky Haggar</p> <p>Apologies: ERA committee members (2)</p>
2.	Notes for zoom meeting held 27 th January 2022 approved.
3.	Matters Arising – covered under Dates, Newsletter and Planning issues
4.	<p>Residents Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oak Grove residents are concerned about traffic on bridge, including lorries. Large vehicles present hazards both to on-coming vehicles and to pedestrians. Any damage to bridge could necessitate closure of Met Line while repairs done. Action: Cllr EL explained there is no weight limit but will take this away and check. 2. 59 Elm Ave adjoins the same bridge and there is a structural issue. The railway embankment is in the garden. This is not within the planning process and building control cannot be involved. However, a structural engineer is saying this is a serious concern. TfL needs to be involved.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Parking in Oak Grove. No residents parking or double yellow lines. Action: Cllr EL thinks most residents in favour of a parking scheme and will enquire on progress.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Residents are concerned about litter in the alley between the end of Columbia Ave and Field End Road. Council sends sweeper but too narrow for sweeping machine to get through. Build-up of waste in corner of Industrial Estate. The pitted surface of the path also makes it difficult for users with mobility difficulties. Answer: Cllr EL explained that ownership of land is unclear, (maybe Electric company?) so the council cannot do more on the litter, nor improve the pitted surface. The council is only responsible for footpaths on its own land.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Concern about land at the rear of 17 The Close, adjoining the service road behind the shops. 2 shipping containers parked there. If they are for temporary storage connected with building work under a current planning application this is reasonable, but some residents are concerned it may be for storage connected with commercial operations, which would not be valid land use. Action: Cllr EL will check if anything can be done but in the meantime advises residents to keep an eye out and log any concerns.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. A further concern was that a temporary breezeblock wall may be encroaching on the service road width as lamppost is now behind it. Action: Cllr EL also queried if lamppost was in correct position.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Residents' feedback from ERA stall at recent event. Complaints about rubbish in the service road near the back of Aldi, and anti-social behaviour. Similar problems affecting the private service roads behind the library and vets. Another resident had complained of the smashing of glass. Residents to report these types of issues to the contact centre every time, to establish if it is a pattern and accumulate statistics. Action: Cllr ND wants to be informed of any ASB and advises residents report it to police or councillors.
5.	Committee Reports
1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flooding. Chair attended Harrow and Hillingdon Geological Society presentation which gave useful insights into local geology.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. HARA – no meeting
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. HS2 Issues – nothing to report. Comment: HS2 disseminates a lot of notifications of a lot of different activities and road closures but not immediately clear which ones are the active ones at any specific time
2.	<p>Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. London Green Belt - nothing to report
3.	Parks

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eastcote House Gardens is temporarily closed. The council has arranged for a mobile coffee van to attend on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Otherwise, there are none of the facilities that visitors expect other than the garden itself. The toilets are not open and there are no seats near the café. 2. Jubilee event – plans are progressing. Some community groups have already made other arrangements as it is a popular date for events but hopefully it will be a good day. ERA needs volunteers in order to have a stall. 3. The new path is much appreciated but some further work is needed, even after contractors tamped it down. (Heavy rain didn't help). Cllr IE commented that the materials were poorly graded. Action: Cllr IE will pick this up and get the re-work done.
4.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk. Unable to attend the usual Resident's Planning Forum but the minutes provided will give an update.
	Highways Consultation about traffic calming in specific residential roads between Northwood Hills and Eastcote specifically Catlins Lane, Harlyn Road and Chamberlain Way. Residents have concerns about traffic around Harlyn School. Traffic appears to be using these roads to avoid Cuckoo Hill. The consultation proposes speed humps on Catlins Lane and Chamberlain Way, and making Harlyn Road 20mph. (Tolcarne is already 20mph). But the residents are asking for 20mph limit in all of the roads.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Town Centre <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The old Nationwide is to become another grocers. Cllr EL confirmed that no planning consent is now required for such change of use.
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Feedback on the Welcome Back – Eastcote Town Centre event Mixed feedback from retailers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A more dynamic feel to the street for the day. - lack of promotion of the event - No additional footfall up and down the road from the fixed location of the event - no poster or leaflet or information for the library to give out + Suggestion of a children's trail that would involve all participating shops and get people to go into them - the previous event was also rather small, though people appreciated it - One shop owner said the initiative was welcome but did not have the effect of increasing footfall – sales were down.
5.	<p>Policing</p> <p>February meeting of the SNT Ward Panel covering the Conservation area. Encouraging reduction in reported crimes, but figures to be confirmed. Burglaries are targeting empty homes and sheds – so message is to secure them.</p> <p>Focus remains on: drug-related crime, anti-social behaviour and motor vehicle crimes.</p> <p>The ward boundary changes will combine the old Eastcote and Cavendish into one panel.</p>
6.	<p>FoMLUC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harrow-on-the-Hill station lifts now in use between platforms and booking hall 2. Met Line is now up to three quarters of pre-pandemic ridership level
6.	Councillors 'Council Update'
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carer's Forum and Older People's Assembly leaflets will be sent to go on ERA website 2. Ward budgets funding grants £500 to £2000 for projects "for wider community" but last date to apply under current council term is 18th March. This particularly relevant to Cavendish as that will no longer be a separate ward. 3. Ward surgery 2.30pm to 3.30pm 1st Saturday every month at Eastcote Library 4. Parklets require signage to explain they are not just for the business they are outside. No parking problems reported. Review if antisocial behaviour becomes a problem in warmer weather. 5. Cllr IE spoke on the budget recently passed. 1% Social Care levy and .9 % other, compared to 5% inflation. No rebate for most houses in the borough 6. Help and support available for Jubilee street parties. 7. Councillors were thanked for their input over the last few years during their tenure as representatives of Eastcote and Cavendish.
7.	AOB - Pinner Fair is happening on 1 st June
	Meeting closed – [apology, time not noted by minute-taker] Next meeting Wednesday 30 th March at 7.30 p.m.
8.	Committee Meeting Dates 30 th March, 27 th April, AGM – 25 th May, all Wednesdays