

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on Meeting held

28th September 2022, at 7.30 p.m.

In-person at St Thomas More Hall, 32 Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT and by Zoom

		Present: ERA committee members (10), Residents (2). Eastcote Cllr Ian Edwards. Apologies: ERA committee members (2), Residents (1). Eastcote Cllr Nick Denys.
1.		Welcome
	1.	Residents' issues – none raised.
2.		Notes from July meeting held 3rd August 2022 by zoom - Approved Notes from AGM circulated to meeting attendees – one amendment notified (year missing from the date) - so propose to post to website as draft – Approved
3.		Matters Arising and councillors' business
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Trees in Lime Grove causing structural damage – Councillor Denys to report back.2. Council's draft strategy consultation ended – plan to be brought forward to next month's council meeting.3. Committee members still receiving comments about increased car parking fees for out of borough visitors. Cllr IE - Council decision based on putting Hillingdon Residents First.4. Police cars are not being routinely based at Tudor Lodge.
4.		Discussions – Committee only – flyer/membership
5.		Committee Reports
	1.	Chair
		1. Flooding - Enquiry about Joel Street screen confirms it is generally cleaned three times a week in the winter and twice a week in the summer; dependent on the weather. If it is not being cleared this should be reported to the Contact Centre.
		2. HARA <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meeting 25th July – 2 speakers. Leader of the Council - Cllr Ian Edwards followed by a presentation on plans for Hillingdon Hospital.2. Meeting 26th September – no speaker. Discussed Allotments, Hillingdon Hospital, Health Road Show (very good and well attended) and ULEZ expansion (as yet no announcement). The TfL-commissioned "London-wide ULEZ Integrated Impact Assessment (ULEZ Scheme IIA)", completed and published by Jacobs UK Limited. Report downloadable from https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/15619/widgets/44946/documents/27025
		3. HS2 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HS2 Chairs – next meeting 24th Oct.2. HS2 Traffic – next meeting 11th Oct. Work in West End Road successfully completed on time.
	2.	Environment
		1. Eastcote Conservation Panel – No report
		2. London Green Belt Council – There is no specific news from Green Belt this month although there have been reports in the press concerning the new government's proposals to further relax planning laws to allow for new housing development on certain currently protected areas of green spaces. The next meeting will be on 31 October.
	3.	Finance
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Community contribution for lights £200, same as last year – Approved Following the successful pilot in 2021, will be illuminated 24/7 throughout the festive period so that that residents can enjoy the lighting effects throughout the day (rather than just from late afternoon) as well as achieving cost and vehicle emission savings by eliminating the need for night-time scouting and timer repair costs. (22ft Christmas tree and lights, Street tree lights on Field End Road at the junctions of Meadow Way, Deane Croft Road and Southbourne Gardens, 26 column wraps and 26 3m column displays of 2 designs.2. NatWest account open for paying in. Still to close Savings account and switch HSBC.
	4.	Health
		1. H4All – meeting 27th September. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentations on Integrated Health Care and Healthwatch.

	<p>2. Update on Hillingdon Hospital. Planning application going to committee in Oct/Nov</p> <p>3. Vaccinations: Flu – as usual, covid – in groups as last year, and Polio – 9 year olds (1-4 via GP). HCV e-newsletter August 2022 This is a lot of information - should we disseminate and how?</p> <p>2.This is a bi-monthly 1 hour meeting and is very informative. It is attended by representatives from NHS, and those making presentations. The purpose is to improve access to healthcare. ERA really needs someone to attend these meetings, receive emails about health seminars taking place locally and disseminate this information by adding to events diary etc.</p>
5.	Newsletter – No-one has come forward to take on this role.
6.	Parks
	1. RWMAG – Environment Agency visit to Ruislip Woods on Friday.
7.	<p>1. Planning Report circulated prior to meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk.</p> <p>1.List of delayed decisions sent to Planning 29thh September ahead of residents planning forum.</p>
	<p>2. Town Centre</p> <p>1.Tree at the end of Deane Croft Road. Cllr ND - tree is still alive. Watering contractors are watering all the trees planted within the last two years (this includes the one in the planter on the corner of Deane Croft and Field End Road). It is currently taking them 10 days to complete each round. In periods of hot/dry weather young trees can lose their leaves as a coping mechanism to then re-flush at a later date, so hopefully all will be well again once we reach the Autumn.</p> <p>2.Rain Gardens. Cllr ND has spoken to the Grounds Maintenance Team about the hard soil. They will look to carry out work on this in the Autumn when the ground conditions are much more suited for this type of work. The rain gardens will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis, in line with the team's scheduled visits, so if any emergency issues get picked up they will deal with them. Cllr ND made the point that if heavy rain is forecasted then maybe this matter deserves some more urgent attention.</p>
8.	<p>Policing – Next meeting 14th Oct.</p> <p>Residents’ issue raised concerning rules around night-time use of sirens. To be raised at next SNT Meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Road Stewarding/Membership –</p> <p>1.Six responses from second Road Steward’s personal letter drop to encourage subs payment.</p> <p>2.Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by those that attended. It was a very successful event – a helpful conversation about flyers/contacting residents as well as time to socialise. Many thanks to those that organised the Refreshments, set up the hall and made attendees feel welcome. 14 Road Stewards attended.</p> <p>3.Now have 51 Direct Debit payments. (10 from road steward letter drop to 3 roads, 4 from flyer)</p>
10.	Transport
	1.FOMLUC - There was a meeting with MET Management on 21 September. This was also the AGM with a change of Chair and Officers duly elected.
11.	Web and Technology – waiting for costings on flyer production.
6.	AOB
	<p>1.When will the tree in the grass verge Burwood Avenue/Rodney Gardens be replaced – email Cllr ND.</p> <p>2.Large Branches in Warrendar Park need clearing - email Cllr ND.</p>
	<p>3.Statement of Gambling Policy 2022-2025 - consultation period on the draft proposed closes at midnight on Monday 24th October 2022. To read the draft Statement and to formally submit your comments, please find, below, the link to the relevant page of the Council’s website. https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/9862/Review-of-our-Statement-of-Gambling-Policy</p>
	4. Councillors ‘Council Update’– Cllr Edwards
	<p>1.reported on Council work to balance budget.</p> <p>2.David Simmonds MP has met the new Met Commissioner and has raised issues concerning outer London regions.</p> <p>3.The Council are changing their approach to ASB – there will be more effective and direct involvement with more resource.</p> <p>1. Some residents reported concern about recent bad behaviour in a road near to a local school. Cllr Edwards will investigate.</p> <p>2. Residents who feel concerned about street begging should raise it with Councillors.</p>
	Meeting closed – 20.36. Next meeting 26 th October at St Thomas More.