

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes for September Meeting held

Wednesday 27th September 2023, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

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

Items marked * were circulated and approved prior to meeting.

	Present: ERA committee members (11), Residents (5). Eastcote Cllrs Nick Denys (apologies), Ian Edwards (apologies), Becky Haggar.
1.	Welcome
2.	*Notes for July Meeting - Agreed by email prior to meeting
3.	Committee Reports - * items sent out in advance and no questions/additions were made – Agreed as read
1.	Planning
	1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteracouncil.co.uk . Many thanks to Cllr IE who has confirmed that the planning agent was advised about the land ownership and new plans for Tudor Hotel have now been submitted with its exclusion. Also, a request to have this land designated for flood mitigation has been passed to Planning for inclusion in their present review on sites and uses.
	2. *Town Centre – nothing to report
	3.*Rain Gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unable to attend Meeting with MP David Simmonds.• Meeting with Cllr BH – walk about rain gardens, Bridle Road roundabout, Joel Street Ditch
	4. *Walking, Wheeling and Cycling – no report
2.	Environment
	1.*Eastcote Conservation Panel – No Report
	2. *London Green Belt Council – Nothing to report
	3. *Flooding – see above report on rain gardens
3.	Finance Possible Events: 1.Childrens Hunt – Met with ECC Sponsorship & Marketing Manager for coffee. If the Cricket Club can provide volunteers, it may still be possible to run a children’s event either for Halloween (if we don’t mind not making a profit) or Christmas. 2.Faiths Forum Trees – Newnham keen to have trees replanted and an event including Mayor etc. ERA will need to buy the trees – Expect the school will provide tea and biscuits as they offered to last time. Sapling about £20 slightly older £50 so £100 should do both plus something for the daffodil bulbs. - Agreed 3.Deane Croft Planter: Oaks have a higher water demand compared to Hornbeams, as a result they are more likely to struggle to establish in this area. Cost of a replacement tree following the failure to establish of the original is normally covered by the council, but even though we agreed to, ERA never paid for the first tree so will pay now. Agreed. Treasurers Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RBL Wreath – £30 as usual - agreed by email prior to the meeting.• Lights - From the Council Officer: <i>“In past years the Eastcote Residents Association have generously made a contribution towards the cost of the Christmas Lights which is always very much appreciated. We wanted to contact you to see if this is something that the Residents Association would like to continue this year. Going forward we have been looking at ways to make the Christmas Lights programme more financially sustainable which will include offering significantly more corporate sponsorship opportunities. This approach to income generation is being carefully planned now ready to fully implement in 2024/25. We are collaborating with colleagues within our Communications Team to come up with a 'menu' of sponsorship opportunities, which we very much hope will be of interest to the Residents Association. For this year, we can confirm that the 'ERA' Christmas banner can be displayed subject to your confirmation.”</i> £200 - agreed by email prior to the meeting.
4.	*HARA - Hara Meeting 25 September- Sad news that Joan Davies died - she was much respected and residents benefitted hugely - she worked tirelessly attending numerous health related committees and producing Community Voice.
5.	*Health – Should we allow the PCN to use the ERA digital eweekly publication to help increase awareness of important health matters in our locality, such as vaccination campaigns and PCN Workshops – to be discussed by email.
6.	Newsletter – updates provided by email The committee expressed their thanks for the excellent work that had done to produce the newsletter. The committee approved the expenditure of £4000 to distribute the newsletter to all Eastcote residents.

7.	Parks
	1.*RWMAG – No report
	2. *FEHG – No report
8.	*Policing – Next meeting of the SNT Ward Panel will be on 11 October.
9.	*Road Stewarding/Membership – No report
10.	Transport
	1. *FOMLUC – Meeting on 20 September was cancelled and will be rescheduled during October.
	2. *HS2 Minutes from 04September2023 received. ERA connected the HS2 design team with a member of the Ramblers Group to discuss changes to the route of The Celandine Way which has been disrupted around West Ruislip/Ickenham
	1.Community Engagement – nothing to report
	2. HS2/LBH Traffic - all the soil going to the North Sustainable Placement has been transferred although it still needs some landscaping. At some point Green Lane will be closed for the conveyor belt to be dismantled.
	3. *Northolt – No Report
11.	*Web &Tech – No Report
4.	Review Actions Log
5.	AOB
	The committee noted with sadness the death of Eileen Boulton, an influential local historian.
1.	Councillors 'Council Update'
	1. New Residents issues – notified to councillors ahead of meeting
	1.Weeds on the pavements. Attached photo Collins Drive Eastcote 22/09/2023. Question: Have the council stopped weed spraying? Response: Cllr BH writes: Due to the extreme weather the weeds have grown faster than expected. A comprehensive program has urgently been placed. The council website enables residents : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check date when works will start and when they are completed • To report weeds • To email local Councillors.
	2.There was a report of fly tipping of a fridge freezer in The Sigers. It has been reported to the landlord but no action has been taken. Cllr BH will follow-up.
2.	Next meeting Open Forum on 25 October – David Simmonds has accepted ERA's invitation to attend. Chair: Jackie Redrup. We need one or two volunteers to provide catering services at the Open Forum.
	Meeting closed 08.00p.m. Followed by Quiz Night. Future Meetings – Open Forum on 25 th October, 29 th November (Zoom),