

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes In Lieu of cancelled meeting 26th October 2022

1.		Residents were notified of the change to the usual Open Forum format and asked to submit any questions in advance.
	1.	<p>1. What is the reason behind the removal of the half hour free parking to non-residents in council car parks. The main car park in Eastcote remains half empty during the day so clearly this is having an affect on shopping there. This has come at a time when Harrow Council has announced their plans to offer one-hour free parking to shoppers from January 2023</p> <p>Answer: Free 30-minute parking still exists, for those with a Hillingdon First Card. It used to be free parking for anyone, but this has been changed because it was felt that residents were subsidising the free parking of non-Hillingdon rate payer, and this was not fair.</p> <p>If there is a specific example of the 30-minute free parking being taken away, I can look into it to see what has happened. I am happy to discuss the matter in public or individually with the resident. Cllr Nick Denys by email.</p>
		2. Is there anything the council can do to remove the terrible stuff that's outside the barbers near the traffic lights. It's disgusting, frightening to children and absolutely against anything that should be allowed on the pavement. Email forwarded to Cllr ND.
2.		Notes for previous meeting held 28th September 2022 - Approved
3.		Matters Arising deferred to November meeting
4.		Discussions – no new items identified
5.		Committee Reports
	1.	Chair
		1. Flooding – After heavy rain overnight 23/24 th several 'large puddles' were reported as causing concern. Still waiting for a new flood officer to be appointed.
		2. HARA - Next meeting 28th November.
		3. HS2 Chairs – Site visits can be arranged for groups of 6-10 if committee members/road stewards would be interested. These tours (which would include viewing visitor centre and a minibus tour of the South Portal – tunnel mouth/factories, north embankment, launching girder/Colne Valley Viaduct build, drive across the jetties and visit to south embankment) would last around 1.5 hours and would be on a Friday, date to be agreed depending on response. They would take place at either 10am or 1pm and No PPE required.
	2.	Environment
		1. Eastcote Conservation Panel – No report
		2. London Green Belt Council – meeting is planned for 31 October at 6.00pm. There is no specific news 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.
	3.	Finance
		1. Open Spaces Society due for renewal - £45. Approved by email.
		2. Still to close Nationwide Savings account, transfer balance to and then switching HSBC account to NatWest.
	4.	Health
		Looking for someone to receive emails/Newsletters from H4All and precis any relevant information for ERA website. Request when relevant Posters for ERA noticeboards – a recent example being about Polio vaccinations.
	5.	Newsletter – No-one has come forward to take on this role.
	6.	Parks
		1. RWMAG – No report
		2. FEHG – No Report.
	7.	1. Planning Report circulated prior to meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk .
	8.	Policing – Ward panel met on Friday 14 October. Email sent asking about night-time use of sirens. Awaiting response and minutes of the meeting.
	9.	Road Stewarding/Membership –
		1. As a follow-on from the Road Stewards' gathering in September when the process of regenerating our membership was discussed, a communication suggesting various approaches will be sent shortly to all Road

		<p>Stewards seeking their assistance with this, in whatever way they feel comfortable. Some Stewards already have delivered flyers or personalised letters to roads.</p> <p>2. Now have 55 Direct Debit payments. (2 more from personalised road steward letter drops, 2 more from flyer) and a few members who have paid their annual subscription by cash to Stewards or by bank transfer. Clearly there is a long way to go in order to bring our membership back up to pre-pandemic levels of 1900+.</p> <p>3. Promoting payment of the subscription by direct debit or bank transfer is preferable as it reduces the need to handle cash, although will have to accept that some members prefer to pay that way and some cash will have to be accepted.</p> <p>4. Thank very much those who have paid and who therefore can be deemed as ERA members.</p>
	10.	Transport
		<p>1. FOMLUC – nothing to report.</p> <p>2. Parking in Pinner - the first free hour in public car parks is likely to commence in early 2023, probably February. The free hour will apply to all comers (non - Harrow residents) although number plate registrations will continue to be required but possibly by phone app, which has been objected to by The Pinner Association on the grounds of discrimination. Alternative registration methods for those who are unable to register in this way are to be considered.</p>
	11.	Web and Technology – no report.
	6.	AOB
		ERA needs to make sure that events advertised on the website clearly state the name(s) of the organising group and that the content should not give an ambiguous impression as to who is involved with the event.
		Next meeting 30 th November by zoom. Future Meetings – NO DECEMBER MEETING. 2023 meetings TBA