

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes for January Meeting held

Wednesday 31st January 2024, at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

Thomas More Hall 32, Field End Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QT.

Items marked * were circulated and approved prior to meeting.

Present: ERA committee members (11+1 co-opted), Road Steward (1). Councillor: Ian Edwards
Apologies: ERA committee members (3) Councillors: Nick Denys, Becky Haggar.

1.		Welcome (tea, coffee and biscuits provided) Co-opted a new committee member to administer Action Log – Agreed Committee discussed the need for more help. It was suggested that anybody coming forward should be given an outline of what was being asked of them and that nobody would be asked to do more. - Agreed
2.		*Notes for 29th November 2023 Meeting - Agreed.
3.	1.	Planning Report by Jackie Redrup will be circulated monthly independently of meeting dates. Meeting time will be used to discuss individual issues. - Agreed
	1.	Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk .
		1.Cricket Club Signage – The club will need to apply for advertising for the larger of the two signs they want to install.
		2. Telecoms mast High Road Eastcote near FER Roundabout to be appealed
	2.	Town Centre 1.*2023.11.3.1.2. Volunteer found to monitor bridge EASTCOTE sign
		2.The following that do not have any applications associated with them:- 1. 167 Field End Road – from Wimpey to the Sangreetha Restaurant with a large ventilation and extraction system newly installed to the rear. 2. 156 Field End Road – from the Great Indoors to the Smart Cutz Barbers – concerns about the signage and the large illuminated barbers pole in the window.
		3.Yellow lines in the service road behind running from North View through to the car parks have not been replaced along the area which has been resurfaced. This has led to cars and vans parking there in great numbers. Cllr Haggar is looking into getting the lines replaced.
	3.	Licensing
		1.The Geo Bar is now the Circus Bar – Licencing have been contacted and they say it remains under the same ownership so there is no need for a new licence thus licencing hours remain as before.
		2. No. 95 FER - There is a licencing application for take away alcohol.
	2.	Committee Reports - * items sent out in advance and no questions/additions were made – Agreed as read
	1.	Finance - Report will be circulated quarterly, independently of meeting dates - Agreed 1.2023.06.3.5. Litter picking - adding this activity to Public Liability will increase premium from £96 to £157. It will also need a risk assessment (guidance available form insurer) and safety equipment – not approved. Further discussion to take place after reviewing. 2.Public Liability Insurance to be renewed as is. 3. 2023.11.3.2.2. Deane Croft Planter contribution to Quercus palustris Green Pillar paid 08dec2023.
	2.	Conservation
		1.*Eastcote Conservation Panel - Following the death of the Chairman Lesley Crowcroft, please address any enquiries with the Deputy Chair. 1.Annual subscription to the London Green Belt Council has been paid by the ECP. 2.The backwaters on Long Meadow have been maintained by ECP members and other Council Contractors and volunteers during the year.
		2. *London Green Belt Council -The last scheduled meeting (16 November 2023) was cancelled at the last minute with no new date as yet. Forwarded message from Richard Knox-Johnson, Chair. The London Green Belt Council - has had another very busy year culminating in a comprehensive seminar on the long-awaited changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. The changes, although intending to strengthen the security of Green Belts are less than conclusive and only time will tell if Local Planning Authorities, Inspectors and the High Court will bring the protection that was envisaged. Added to this we have a General Election this year with Labour threatening to “stop the blockers” to development in Green Belts. As an organisation we will be keeping watch over the progress of the changes and other threats which may need opposition and we continue to need the support of our members in being able to carry out this important work. Treasurers note - £25 subscription has now been set up as an annual standing order.

		3.	Flooding
			<p>1.*Flood Strategy Consultation now online – closing date 03 March 2024 – Please feel free to discuss as far and wide as possible, and encourage everyone with issues to respond to the consultation. Link to consultation: https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/flood-strategy-consultation Please also encourage those with issues to join EFlag so that we can make sure they are addressed.</p>
			<p>2. *Metis have been in contact to see if Eastcote would like to be nominated for a funding opportunity from The London Community Flood Action Programme (CFAP) which was set up by the National Flood Forum (NFF) to support communities at high risk of surface water and/or sewer flooding to become more resilient to these growing risks. Hillingdon LLFA have the opportunity to nominate one community within the borough to join the programme. Deadline of 5pm on Friday 2nd February 2024. – Agreed to pursue this. In order to submit a nomination, the following information is required: A written statement from the community group illustrating that they are willing to participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that the community group is representative of the community it represents. • Evidence that the nominated community has experiences multiple surface water and/or flooding incidents. • The number of times the community has flooded and how many properties this has affected.
		4.	*HARA meeting 29 th January 2024 – awaiting minutes.
		5.	Health
			<p>1.*H4All announce newsletter has had a refresh sharing recent news and some funding opportunities. Inside this latest edition, you can find out about some exciting new opportunities to join the H4All Community Development Team in light of our new National Lottery Funding.</p>
			<p>2.*The latest H4All Hillingdon Community Voice e-newsletter has had a little revamp and is available to download on our homepage: www.h4all.org.uk When you reach our home page, either scroll down to find our newsletter section or hover over 'our news' on the menu to see the 'newsletter' subheading and then click. We hope you enjoy some of our new features and the information provided.</p>
			<p>3.*Please also find information about an upcoming event run by DASH. We at DASH are planning on trialling a Pop-up Charity Shop at our Hub in the Uxbridge Pavilions on Saturday, February 10th from 11am until 3pm. Please see the attached poster for more information. We would appreciate it if you could help us share details of our Pop-up Charity Shop.</p>
			<p>4.*ERA have been asked to circulate a link from the NHS asking for voluntary and community organisations to fill out a survey to gather the community's thoughts and feelings on healthcare in the borough to help inform their new charter. https://bit.ly/48UZx90 Link for residents and members of the public: Hillingdon Community Health Charter :: North West London ICS (nwlondonicb.nhs.uk). Will send some paper questionnaires, with pre-addressed free post return envelopes and posters?</p>
		6.	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>1.*Autumn ERA News printed and circulated to all households – it was well received. Some Typo's will be corrected before putting on website.</p> <p>2.*An electronic copy was supplied on request to a member with sight impairment for their use only.</p> <p>3. 2023.11.3.6.3. Meeting mid-February to discuss next issue, image quality & copyright issues.</p>
		7.	Parks
			<p>1. *Eastcote House Gardens - Following the death of the Chairman Lesley Crowcroft, Chris Groom has now taken on the role of Chairman.</p> <p>1. Last year's Summer Picnic and Heritage Day/Classic Car Show were well attended and judging by the feedback enjoyed by many. The weather was kind to us for both events which is always a bonus. Planning for the Summer Picnic to be held on Saturday 1st June 2024 is now underway. The other main event at the Gardens will be the Heritage Day/Classic Car Show in September</p> <p>2. A very successful Tree Dressing event attended by the Mayor and involving many local schools was held at the end of November.</p> <p>3. Plant, Book and Craft sales held throughout the year have been well attended and provided the main source of income to enable the Gardens to be maintained to the high standards.</p> <p>4. EHG received the highest awards in all the categories entered in the 2023 London in Bloom Awards</p>
			<p>2.*RWMAG – January 2024 – apologies to EFlag Representative as ERA forgot to notify them about this meeting.</p> <p>1. Brunel Student Volunteers continue to dig offline ponds as a means of holding flood waters back in the woods.</p> <p>2. Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) Forum held at Brunel in December included the following points of interest:</p> <p>1. The LBH proposed relocation of HOAC to Broadwater Lake SSSI of national importance to some bird species.</p> <p>2. CVRP intend to make further Heritage Lottery Fund application – call for project proposals.</p> <p>3. CVRP asked for an indicative vote as to expanding to include Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve.</p> <p>3. Boundary Issues remain unresolved.</p>

		8.	*Policing - The SNT Ward Panel met on Tuesday 23rd January. The crime figures are little changed from October but with a small, seasonal increase in burglaries. The SNT priorities for the next quarter will be violence, vehicle crime in the Field End Road area and anti-social behaviour on the Pembroke Park Estate. The Panel will be aiming to meet about every three months.
		9.	Road Stewarding/Membership – Many thanks to a resident in Farthings Close for coming forward to become Road Steward there.
		10.	Transport
			1.*Fomluc - Last meeting held on 2 November 2023 but have not yet had the minutes. There are no dates yet for 2024 meetings but there have been recent reports in the press concerning the installation of further sections of updated signalling equipment and the effect on services during that work. In the meantime, services on both the Metropolitan and Piccadilly lines continue reasonably smoothly for most of the time but with occasional major hiccups with disruptions to services mainly because failures in the existing signalling system.
			2.*HS2 - Communities meeting 1. Grand Union Canal, Denham Lock to Uxbridge, and London Loop will be closed, including the tow path, from February for 5-6 weeks to allow for the construction of the Viaduct. 2. First Aid Training is being offered to schools and community groups.
			3.*HS2/LBH Traffic Meeting - Once Harvil Road open there are not expected to be any more full road closures in the area, although Green Lane will be closed later in the year when the conveyor belt is decommissioned.
			4. *Northolt - Community Liaison Group – 20th February 2024 (1800 - 2000) location TBC. ERA needs a representative to attend these meetings as previous member is moving.
4.			Review Actions Log
			Action Log to be circulated post meeting to committee and councillors to be reviewed.
			2023.09.5.1.2 Request to remove fridge/freezer fly-tipped in The Sigers. – This has been cleared.
			2023.07.5.1.1.1 Request for safety measures in Service Road behind Devon Parade. Cllr IE: Council unable to enforce 20mph – would be open to one-way system. Cllr ND: looking into signage.
5.	1.		AOB
			Discussion about Uxbridge and Haste Hill golf courses being advertised for sale. Cllr IE clarified that the terms of the lease have yet to be negotiated. It is expected to be a long lease and clauses will be included that prevent the land being used for anything other than a golf course.
	2.		Councillors 'Council Update'
		1.	New Residents issues – notified ahead of meeting if possible
			1.The state of the pavements after a house has had renovation work. Is this charged to the householder by the council? The council should take photos before and after the work so they know what damage has been caused. I know in Boundary Road they have had the council round to look at this problem. Answer: Cllr IE - Can only enforce if have photo evidence so very difficult. Extract from Decision Notice approving an application, One of the Standard Informatives is: 12. The Council will recover from the applicant the cost of highway and footway repairs, including damage to grass verges. Care should be taken during the building works hereby approved to ensure no damage occurs to the verge or footpaths during construction. Vehicles delivering materials to this development shall not override or cause damage to the public footway. Any damage will require to be made good to the satisfaction of the Council and at the applicant's expense. For further information and advice contact - Highways Maintenance Operations, Central Depot - Block K, Harlington Road Depot, 128 Harlington Road, Hillingdon, Middlesex, UB3 3EU (Tel: 01895 277524). For Private Roads: Care should be taken during the building works hereby approved to ensure no damage occurs to the verge of footpaths on private roads during construction. Vehicles delivering materials to this development shall not override or cause damage to a private road and where possible alternative routes should be taken to avoid private roads. The applicant may be required to make good any damage caused.
			2. Householders are letting their hedges overgrow the pavements. This is a particular problem on North View where half the pavement is covered in several places and it would be difficult for wheelchair users to pass. Answer: Cllr IE - Report to the Council and they will review and enforce. Cllr IE will look at North View.
		3.	News from Councillors
			1.Council currently repainting yellow lines bus stops and parking permits. At the moment, we have asked for High Road Eastcote bus stops, permit parking repainting by Newnham School and a few other areas in the old Cavendish. Cllr BH.
6.			Next Meeting Dates:
			13 March 15 May - AGM - need a speaker 24 July (first day of holidays but 10th too early as not meeting until September) 25 September - Open Forum – Local MP should always be invited to this meeting. Agreed 27 November
			Dates to be confirmed with church and paid when due. Update 'Meeting Dates' poster. Print Posters and put on notice boards and on Website in Events diary Review Risk Assessments
			Meeting closed about 8.45 followed by social chat.