

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes for Meeting held Wednesday 13 March 2024, at 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 (12), Residents (3) and Councillors: Becky Haggar & Nick Denys
Apologies: ERA committee members (2) Councillor: Ian Edwards

1. **The Chair welcomed all present**

2. ***Notes** for 31 January 2024 Meeting - **Agreed.**

Matters arising

2024.01.1 Updated suggested procedures sent to committee on 07 February 2024

3. Committee Reports

1. ***The monthly planning report** has been circulated and there were no additions.

Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk.

2. ***Finance** – Report will be circulated quarterly, independently of meeting dates
Three trees - *Betula utilis jacquemontii* 'Snow Queen' plus 1 stake purchased (committee member supplied other 2 stakes) and delivered to Newnham. These trees are in pots and the school will plant once the ground is less waterlogged.

3. ***Flooding**

Flood Strategy Consultation now online – closing date extended to 24 March 2024

Link to consultation: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/flood-strategy-consultation>

Please feel free to discuss far and wide and let EFlag know what the issues are so that it can make sure they are addressed. Please encourage everyone with issues to respond to the consultation.

4. ***HARA meeting 29 January 2024** – awaiting minutes. Next meeting 25th March 2024.

5. ***Health**

2024.01.3.2.5.4. 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> - posters not received.

6. ***Newsletter**

Editorial meeting held 21st February 2024 Copy deadline 22nd March 2024

7. **Parks** - nothing specific to report about the Parks themselves.

1. **Eastcote House Gardens**

1. News of the sad and recent passing of Lesley Crowcroft who was well known, as was the strong and effective influence Leslie had had in improving the management and appearance of open spaces in and adjacent to Eastcote and in particular Eastcote House Grounds and Walled Garden. There was a strong wish amongst the Friends and Volunteer Helpers of the Grounds that some recognition be given to Lesley for all the time and effort she had donated.

2. The Summer Fete is planned for Saturday 1 June in Eastcote House Grounds.
The ERA would like to have a stall.

2. ***RWMAG** – Next meeting April 2024

8. ***Policing** – Nothing to report

9. **Transport**

1. ***FOMLUC** - meeting to be held on 26th March 2024. IM unable to attend, but will circulate notes.

2. ***HS2** - Communities meeting

Pediatric First Aid Training is still being offered to schools and community groups. Please ask around if any groups interested.

3. ***HS2** - Traffic meeting

New Years Green Lane will be closed end of May whilst decommissioning conveyor – this will happen in school holidays. No more planned full road closures expected until August

***Northolt** - Community Liaison Group – 20th February 2024 (1800 - 2000) location TBC. ERA was unable to attend. ERA needs a representative to attend these meetings as previous member is moving.

4. Review Actions Log

Job description for the role of ERA Secretary is required and this is in progress.

Actions completed and in progress will be noted in a revised and updated Action Log.

5. New Residents' Issues

1. Local residents in the vicinity of the junction of Elm Avenue, Oak Grove and Lime Grove are calling for traffic lights or a well marked traffic stop. This is a particularly busy intersection especially during peak traffic periods

		and causes considerable difficulty for pedestrians as well as for traffic seeking to cross or join Elm Avenue from the side roads.
	2.	Walkway from Field End Road to Columbia Avenue; this is considered a potentially dangerous area for lone walkers and particularly children especially after dark and where anti – social behaviour is known to occur. The area needs to be better lit and CCTV cameras installed. There is also an accumulation of litter and other rubbish which needs to be removed.
	3.	An Emergency telephone number (not 999) for emergency contact with Hillingdon Council is requested (e.g. for reporting “of the moment” excessive noise situations etc),
	4.	Bicycle Path: As Eastcote appears to be a highly car oriented locality, a clearly marked and safe bike path throughout Eastcote is requested
	5.	Bessingby Park Playing Fields: There are a number of issues relating to this locality mainly concerning litter and household rubbish where park litter bins are being misused by the disposal of household domestic waste.
6.		News from The Councillors:
	1.	Knife Bins have been temporarily removed from Car Parks. Existing ones have been deemed “not fit for purpose”, will be redesigned and new ones installed
7.		AOB
	1.	ERA AGM on 15 May 2024. A Speaker needs to be found. Suggestions for a speaker and associated topic please.
	2.	Potholes: there are several potholes considered to be potentially dangerous in the Eastcote area; and in particular one in Eastcote High Road adjacent to the Black Horse which need urgent attention.
	3.	Community Notice Boards: A survey of Council Community Notice Boards is to be made with a view to usage, location and visibility. A number have become “fogged” and need repair or replacement and others are significantly underused. It was suggested that ERA might consider taking over some of the Boards so identified within the ERA catchment area
		Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday 15 May 2024, ERA AGM, and Wednesday 24 July 2024, ERA Committee Meeting, both 7.00 for 7.30pm, in the Hall at St.Thomas More Church Hall.
		The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.