

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on March Meeting held by Zoom

Wednesday 29th March 2023, at 7.30 p.m.

		<p>Present: ERA committee members (10). Apologies: ERA committee members (3)</p>
1.		Welcome - Chair welcomed everyone.
2.	1.	<p>Residents' Issues</p> <p>Bowls Club. The Council Budget for 2023-24 has been passed with no financial provision for continuing Bowling Green Maintenance of Hillingdon's 12 Bowls Clubs, so including Eastcote's Club at The Cavendish. This threatens their very existence. Bowls Clubs are crucial year-round community activity centres. Word received that Green Spaces are working on cost options but the Clubs need to know their proposal for the Council to at least partially fund the costly maintenance, which will have to be outsourced to an external professional contractor, is being considered. No response has been received so seeking this. This is concerning and needs to be further investigated. As no Councillor present AA to write to Cllr ND seeking response. Update will be sought at next meeting.</p>
3.		Notes from previous meeting 1st March 2023 Final amendments advised. Notes Approved
4.		Matters Arising
		1.Accessibility Reports – Still require Cllr IE to confirm a process will be established to ensure the requests/recommendations within them do not get overlooked at the appropriate time.
		2.It was agreed that for future reference, names of recipients receiving expenses will be minuted
		3.Cllr ND has sent through information about the library strategy consultation – open until 16th April. The committee can respond individually.
		4.With respect to the giveaway for the picnic and further events, balloons will be used up. A suitable follow-up 'give away' is still under consideration
5.		Committee Reports
	1.	<p>Flooding</p> <p>1.EFlag responded to the Tudor Lodge Planning Application because this area surprisingly is not shown as Critical Drainage. This needs to be corrected, looking to meet with council officer to discuss how this can be done. Hope to convene an Eflag meeting in the coming month to discuss how to move forward. 2.Rain Gardens to be renovated in near future – will be considered an engineering project rather than a gardening one. The position of plants, type and soil levels are all crucial to them working well. 3.Met with Council Officer and local Councillor to find out how to move forward without a Flood Officer. The outcome of these discussions will be reported to ERA after EFlag meeting.</p>
	2.	<p>HARA</p> <p>1.Guest speaker Dr Andrew Fox talked about what can be achieved when the University works in collaboration with local community groups. 2.Hillingdon Hospital Plans with the Mayor of London for approval. 3.Local Authority responsible for moving people on – police presence to ensure safety. 4.Reported issues around poor road markings have been resolved very quickly.</p>
	3.	<p>HS2</p> <p>1. Site Visit 2 to Align South Portal and Colne Valley Viaduct was very interesting as good views of the tunnel mouth and viaduct construction. Another trip is planned for 21 April. 9.30AM which is now full with a waiting list. Another date 26th May 1.30PM has been arranged if anyone would prefer to go in the afternoon. This also means there are a couple more spaces if anyone is interested. 2. HS2/LBH Traffic – combining the meetings seemed to work. Asked if Road surface along the TBM Power supply route had been surveyed to see if it had survived the extreme winter conditions experienced this year.</p>
	4.	Environment
		1. ECP – No report
		2. London Green Belt Council – Nothing to report. IM and JR were unable to attend the webinar on the 28 th March. IM to find out if a recording is available
	5.	<p>Finance – HSBC Balance finally transferred to NatWest. This is now ERA's only Bank Account.</p> <p>1. Afternoon Tea - Hall Hire £43 and refreshments £54.81 reimbursed. 2. Photocopying y/e2022 £45 paid 3. Please can anyone with outstanding expenses claim them asap to save me the extra work of accruing them. 4. Draft Accounts will be available at the next meeting.</p>
	6.	Health - Still need someone to come forward to take on this role

	7.	Newsletter – Still need some-one to come forward to take on this role
	8.	Parks
		1.RWMAG No report
		2. FEHG 1. 7 new trees have been planted in the area. MP will give some thought to writing an article on this.
	9.	Planning 1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcoteria.co.uk .
		2. Town Centre – Nothing on shop fronts. There were 2 recent refusals – unclear if these are being appealed. FG will investigate further.
	10.	Policing – Nothing to report. CH has been having an ongoing discussions with one resident about substance abuse in the area.
	11.	Road Stewarding/Membership – Number of stewards has dropped dramatically. Online payments better than knocking door-to-door and these are being encouraged.
	12.	Transport: Nothing from FOMLUC
	13.	Web & Tech: Nothing to report
6.		Councillors' "Council Update" No Councillor present to report.
7.		AOB
	1.	Discussion on AGM arrangements: 1. Still not heard back from potential speakers for the event as yet and will wait a few more days 2. MP has agreed to manage the set-up, DC the tea arrangements and JR will chair the session
	2.	A TFL press release (27 th March) states Hillingdon has been awarded £2.5 million as part of their work in making the capital's roads safer and more attractive for people using public transport, walking and cycling. https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2023/march/london-s-boroughs-awarded-more-than-63-million-in-funding-to-make-streets-healthier-and-safer-for-all Councillors to be asked to report what this money can be spent on in Eastcote.
	3.	There is currently an e-petition available for signing on traffic calming in Elm Avenue: speed limit, weight limit and pedestrian refuge island.
	4.	David Simmonds MP had asked to meet with local residents' associations, although this has now been postponed. Invitation accepted – proposing to raise the following points: A Unified Flood Reporting System, Greater planning control over building in Critical Drainage Areas - ensuring extra surface water held back from sewers, paving of rear gardens. Please email chair if there are other points in readiness for the meeting to be rescheduled.
	5.	Going forward, JL subject reporting to be included as Agenda item. Proposed subject header "Walking, Wheeling and Cycling" – with wheeling describing the movement of people in wheelchairs and using other personal wheeled mobility aids. The three modes have distinct but overlapping requirements in terms of safety and access.
		Meeting closed: 21.23
		Future Meetings – In person: April meeting 26th April (MP as meeting chair and IM as secretary), AGM 23rd May (JR as meeting chair), June meeting 28th June, Zoom if necessary - July meeting 2nd August, In person: September meeting 27th September, OF 25th October. Zoom 29th November