

EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on April Meeting held Wednesday 26 April 2023, at 7.30 p.m.

St Thomas More Church Hall, Field End Road, Eastcote

		<p>Present: ERA committee members (11) Resident (1) Apologies: ERA committee members (3) Eastcote Councillors: Nick Denys, Ian Edwards, Becky Haggar</p>
1.		Welcome - Chair welcomed everyone.
	1.	No new Residents' issues.
2.		Notes meeting 29 March 2023 - final version is awaited (Post Meeting note: now received) although the draft notes of this meeting were approved.
3.		Matters Arising
		<p>1. Maintenance of Bowling Club Greens and Clubhouses: Committee Members have been copied into recent emails concerning L.B. Hillingdon's declared intention to cease the funding of Bowling Greens and associated premises owned by the borough with the responsibility for these essential maintenance activities being passed to the various club memberships and their management committees. Mainly because of the additional financial burden this imposes, Eastcote Bowls Club (EBC) and other clubs in Borough owned sites are raising objections to this policy which, if implemented could mean the cessation of their activities. This is currently an ongoing issue. EBC are planning a publicity campaign to recruit new members and are requesting space on ERA notice boards for the posting of A4 sized advertising flyers. This was agreed.</p>
		2. Accessibility Reports: Response still awaited from Cllr. Ian Edwards.
		3. 2023.3.4.2. Naming expense claimants: Not deemed necessary. No objections received.
		4. Library Strategy Consultation: Consultation closed on 16 April – results awaited via Cllr Nick Denys.
		5. RA Chairs meeting with MP David Simmonds - still waiting for a date.
4.		Committee Reports
	1.	HARA - Next meeting is scheduled for 22 May 2023.
	2.	<p>HS2 1.Site Visit 2 to Align South Portal and Colne Valley Viaduct trip planned for 21 April. 9.30AM was unfortunately cancelled. Other dates, 2nd June 9.30am and 26th May 1.30pm have been arranged if anyone would prefer to go in an afternoon. This also means there are a couple more spaces if anyone is interested. 2.HS2/LBH Traffic – Council Officer has advised that the TBM power supply route has been inspected as part of the general scheduled periodic inspections of roads in the Borough over the winter period, and no adverse results were noted from these inspections. These roads/routes will continue to be monitored and should the situation change with the road surface then this will be addressed at that time.</p>
	3.	<p>Flooding Nothing to report. Attention was drawn to a recent issue of The Uxbridge Gazette and a report that £500K had been granted by Central Government for flood alleviation in the Ruislip and Ruislip Gardens area.</p>
	4.	<p>Environment Conference held at Brunel University on 18 April entitled "Improving how the Green Belt functions on London's Fringe – policy and practise, using Colne Valley Regional Park as a case study". Committee member provided a summary of presentations and discussions to all ERA Committee Members present which will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.</p>
	5.	<p>Finance ERA's bankers had now been changed from HSBC to National Westminster at Eastcote. Details (account number etc.) would be provided to all committee members (Post Meeting note; actioned). Authority was requested to donate: £50.00 to The London Fire Brigade, who will be providing a guest speaker at the AGM on 24 May APPROVED £50.00 to Colne Valley Park (Many years ago ERA supported Colne Valley by giving a donation when they sent a speaker to our AGM. Would we like to support them via the Big Give which fund matches). APPROVED</p>
	6.	Health - It is unclear as to whether the regular meetings with community representatives continues or whether they have been replaced with a quarterly voluntary network forum - Health and Wellbeing Alliance
	7.	Newsletter – Still need some-one to come forward to take on this role.
	8.	Parks
		FEHG are holding various events throughout the summer the next one, on 10 June being a "Picnic in the Park" which raised the topic – should ERA support the event by having a stand which would need volunteers to run it throughout the day? The meeting agreed in principle to ERA having a presence at the Picnic but no other firm conclusions were reached. (Post meeting: Committee only Zoom meeting convened 26 th May2023.to discuss this.)

9.	Planning 1. Planning Report discussed at meeting. Help or further information on specific cases can be requested by emailing planning@eastcotera.co.uk .
10.	Policing – No Report.
11.	Road Stewarding/Membership - Report provided to committee
12.	Transport FoMLUC - This group has not been very active in recent times and no meetings have yet been held this year either within the committee itself or with TfL. A change of leadership last year may be a factor and ERA has had recent Email correspondence with the FoMLUC Secretary to try and establish the current circumstances.
13.	Web & Tech - The weekly electronic newsletter is going well.
5.	A.G.M. Planning: The 2023 ERA AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 23 May, 7.30pm in the Hall of St. Thomas More Church. Following the usual AGM Business, there will be a guest speaker from The London Fire Brigade. ERA committee members are asked to be at the Hall by 7.00pm to assist in setting up.
6.	AOB – none.
7.	Councillors' "Updates": In the absence of Councillors this item was not tabled.
8.	Committee Discussion: No further discussions.
	The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.45pm.
	Dates of Future Meetings: 24 May, AGM, 7.30pm, St. Thomas More; 28 June, Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, St. Thomas More 2 August, Committee Meeting via Zoom