

# EASTCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notes on June Meeting held Wednesday 29 June 2023, at 7.30 p.m.

St Thomas More Church Hall, Field End Road, Eastcote

		<p><b>Present:</b> ERA committee members (6+1sub-committee) Resident (2)  <b>Apologies:</b> ERA committee members (6)            Eastcote Councillors: Nick Denys, Ian Edwards, Becky Haggar</p>
1.		<p>Welcome - Chair welcomed everyone.  <b>Purpose of the Meeting:</b> is to consider the future of ERA,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• its 'aims and objectives'</li> <li>• how it should be organised and administered</li> <li>• to move forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, <b>Vision, Mission, Operation</b></li> </ul>
2.		Notes meeting 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 - notes approved post this meeting.
3.		<b>General Discussion:</b>
	1.	The role of Chair explained as well as the origins of practises now in place such as methods of communications and rotational chair. <b>Action:</b> New competences need to be acquired and practised.
	2.	Where are we now? This needs to be reviewed. Links with local residents have been lost, principally consequent upon the effects of the pandemic, and means of restoring these needs to be explored. We also need to be more proactive than hitherto.
	3.	The ERA is important to local democracy with its relationship to The Council – can this be improved and/or changed and if so, how?
	4.	Can ERA have closer ties with adjoining RA's such as Pinner, could Town Twinning be resurrected, charitable causes be supported.
	5.	Greater visibility – litter picks – Treasurer explained that our current Public liability Insurance specifically excludes Litter picks.
	6.	<p>Publicity and Communications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.The weekly Electronic Newsletter has limited circulation but is nevertheless a useful tool and needs greater publicity.</li> <li>2.The printed newsletter needs to be re launched and published again               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• used to report on local issues</li> <li>• champion the work of ERA (“to shout about what we can shout about”)</li> <li>• advertise the issues that we are dealing with.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	7.	<p>Road Stewards: The role of Road stewards needs to be reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what they do</li> <li>• what is their role in the future?</li> <li>• could they be local communicators for local issues in their localities such as flooding.</li> </ul>
	8.	Road Stewards are essential to achieve vision and mission but not by collecting subscriptions! We will get to a point where the UK has a central bank Digital currency and it won't be possible to pay for anything in cash.
4.		<b>Vision, Mission, Operation</b>
	1.	<p><b>Possible vision:</b>            Ensure Eastcote remains a vibrant community and an attractive and healthy place to live.</p>
	2.	<p><b>Possible mission:</b>            Working together with residents to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• engage in local democratic processes, representing residents views to external organisations with local impact (eg Council, police, TfL, NHS etc),</li> <li>• supporting local charities</li> <li>• working in partnership with other local organisations to amplify our voice.</li> </ul>
	3.	<p><b>Operation:</b>            4-6 face-to-face meetings per year, paperwork 10 days in advance, short business meeting with Councillors and any verbal reports (eg planning); followed by about 1 hour for single issue discussion.            Good if preceded or followed by 30 minute networking with refreshments.</p>
5.		<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> As time was running out it was agreed that a further meeting to continue these discussions was required which. This would be “in person” and provisionally on 2 August at 7.30pm subject to the availability of the hall at St Thomas More Church. The format will be as follows:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening and Reports (written reports required/requested by 10 days prior to the meeting (except Planning, details for which will not be available until that week)</li> <li>• Councillors reports and issues (30 minutes),</li> <li>• Continuance of Vision, Mission, Operation Discussion (one hour or until 9.30pm close of meeting).</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Dates of Future Meetings:</b> 2 August 2023, <b>Open Forum:</b> The date of October's Open Forum meeting will now be subject to confirmation subject to the availability of the St. Thomas More hall and our constituency MP, David Simmons whom it is intended to invite.</p>
		<p>The Chair thanked all for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 9.40pm</p>