

EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 63rd Annual General Meeting

The 63rd AGM of the EPEA was held on Tuesday, 15th May 2001.

The meeting was chaired by Gill Hughes (Secretary).

1. Welcome

The Secretary welcomed everyone to the meeting. She introduced Mr Richard Evans, the local Crime Prevention Officer, who would speak later.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from The Chairman, Greg Tanner, Terase Casillas, Mary Jungreuthmayer, Arthur Wilson, Mr & Mrs Minchin, Mrs Riley, Mr & Mrs Kirke, Bill Gage.

3. Minutes of the 2000 AGM

The minutes were approved and adopted by the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Trees

It was noted that little progress had been made since the last AGM. The Committee agreed to renew efforts to get this project moving.

5. Chairman's report

Greg Tanner had been posted to Italy and the main points of his report are given below.

We entered the current year after the last AGM with an under-strength Committee, following the resignation of some long serving stalwarts of the team at that time. The Committee has remained under-strength although we were able to recruit one willing and enthusiastic member mid-way through the year. The Committee is still in need of new blood.

The Best Front Garden Competition was won by David & Linda McDougall of 20 St Lawrence Drive. Congratulations to everyone who won their road award and to everyone who made an effort to ensure that the presentation of the whole estate is enhanced Gerry and Chris Edwards by their own front garden. The Committee's thanks and appreciation going to for acting as very capable judges for this event.

The Picnic in the Park - cancelled due to the weather.

Carol Singing was a rather more successful event and Pat and Harry Slater once again played the heavenly hosts.

Children's Disco was held in March, which was again a success.

Great Egg Hunt excelled itself since 88 children arrived when usually there about 65 - almost an embarrassment but thankfully everyone who took part was able to 'win' an egg! Thank you to all who supported this event which has become a regular feature of Estate life at Easter.

Autumn Event took place somewhat belatedly in the spring and in the form of our very popular Quiz Evening and Fish 'n Chip supper. Our quiz masters John Rose (who came out of retirement) and Ron Cutts as usual tested the grey matter of the Estate with around 90 people taking part in the evening. Thanks go to everyone involved in this very successful evening.

Thank You Supper the last event in the calendar for our team of Road Stewards, Neighbourhood Watch team and Committee members held on Friday, 4th May.

Security in the Park The Committee continues to try to improve security and minimise vandalism.

Planning Permission. There have been the usual submissions for Planning Permission. Most have been of little concern to the environmental aspect of the Estate - I believe that the Guidelines that the Borough issued a couple of years ago must be helping bring some better order to these submissions.

Web site . Tony Moore is our 'Web Master' - and has already done an excellent job of improving the structure of the web site and its speed of loading and response.

If you have internet access and have any interesting pictures, articles, memories, please let Tony or any member of the committee know. www.eastcote-park.org.uk..

My sincere thanks go to the Committee for their work and support - and also to the great team of Road Stewards and Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. It is their work that links the 230 or more habitats of the Estate and transforms them into a caring Community.

6. Secretary's report

The Secretary gave her report the main points being as follows.

Some issues which have been undertaken this year (with varying levels of success).

Poor condition of the park

Dumped car

Wardens in park

Gate to park

St Lawrence Drive road markings at entrance

Poor condition of roads and pavements

Flooding at junction of Field End Road and Cheney Street

Traffic problems in Pamela Gardens.

Eastcote Residents' Association.

A discussion followed the Secretary's Report as to whether or not there should be closer ties with the Eastcote Residents' Association. It was decided that the committee should investigate this issue and report back to the members at the next AGM.

Passed as amended

That the Committee be empowered to explore the possibility of a closer working relationship with the ERA (eg a corporate membership at a fixed sum in exchange for which the EPEA would expect to have a formal delegate to the ERA and would receive the ERA newsletter) and should report back to the next

AGM with a proposal based on the findings.

7. Adoption of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2000

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by J Heritage and seconded by P Dymock. The meeting was unanimous in its agreement.

It was decided to leave the Committee to decide which charity should receive this year's welfare collection.

As a result of the generosity of the members last year £381.37 was collected for donation to a local charity. Shortly after last year's AGM and with a small donation by the EPEA on behalf of its members, a cheque for £384.00 was given to the Michael Sobell Hospice.

Thanks were given to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson the auditors who audited the accounts.

8. Conservation Panel Report

The Eastcote Village Conservation Advisory Panel. (EVCAAP) was established by the London Borough of Hillingdon under government direction to help conserve and enhance our part of the Borough with particular reference to the Eastcote Conservation Area and the Eastcote Park Estate Area of Special Character.

Reference was made to:

Tudor Lodge

The Retreat House

The Q8 Garage

The Coach House

The Eastcote Park Estate Area of Special Character.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

Mike Platts presented the report and introduced Richard Evans.

The Watch held its 5th meeting in February and reviewed the operation of the Cascade System for incident reporting. Improvements were identified and implemented which should mean that residents are notified of incidents within 48 hours of advice to the Watch.

The main areas of concern were the need to focus on:

Home Security Surveys

Property Marking.

In April PC Kevin Wood was appointed to be our Permanent Beat Officer.

He can be contacted via the Community Advice Line **0208 246 2501** between 10 am and 6pm (plus answer-phone).

11. Election of Auditors

Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson agreed to continue as auditors. The Secretary thanked them for their work in past years.

12. Election of the Committee

Greg Tanner had resigned as Chairman and as there were no nominations it was left to the existing Committee members to reshuffle.

Gill Hughes was proposed as Chairperson, Terasé Casillas as Secretary and Christine Collins as Treasurer. Pat Cutts was the proposer and all proposals were seconded by John Brown.

The remainder of the existing Committee all stood for re-election and were proposed en bloc by Pat Cutts. The meeting agreed unanimously.

There were no nominations or volunteers to fill the two vacancies on the Committee.

10. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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