

MINUTES OF THE 80TH MEETING OF THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION 16TH MAY 2018

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies: Apologies: <u>29 Rodney Gardens</u>, Dorothy Reile, Sheila Welch</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the 79th Meeting</p> <p>Held on May 3rd 2017.</p> <p>Covered items such as relaying of the Rodney Gardens pavement, Christmas Lights Competition, the introduction of the LED lamp posts. Eastcote House Gardens was covered and the lack of staff on site. There were some interesting finds during the AOC dig. It was noted about the new zebra crossing. We suggested having an estate dinner which was a sell out success (Thanks to Marg and Mark). AOB raised the request for a new estate DVD</p> <p>The minutes were posted onto the website and no objections raised to these were received.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from the 79th AGM minutes</p> <p>Estate DVD. Ram Seth presented his thoughts about preparing an estate DVD. Whilst we thought about employing a company for this Ram is working to prepare this himself. He has procured the old estate DVD which is proving tricky to download. Ram also has the Jubilee DVD. Several questions were raised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Why do we want a DVD and what is its aims. Ram has prepared a brief script for approval as there are a lot of facts to check. Aims could include History of the EPE and EPEA, Past to Present, Eastcote Residents and wider issues, acknowledgements/adverts. 2) Do residents have any additional information eg pictures and video footage. 3) Do we archive on You Tube. 4) What structure do you want in chapters. 5) Should we widen the actual remit of the video to cover Metroland and Eastcote generally. 6) How will the community be affected by future technology 7) How long should the video be. 8) <p>The meeting agreed that the maximum length would be 2 hours and a maximum of approx 10% would be allocated to general Eastcote historical matters as these may impact the estate. The video will be in sections with narrators and hopefully some key content brought forward from the 1997 video.</p> <p>Gerry suggested an online notice board in which to collate ideas and possible photographs.</p>	RM

	RM to check what original versions he has of the DVD's and Martin will put the link in the newsletter to the online version.	
4	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The estate is currently well maintained as is the area as a whole including the park.</p> <p>The 65 plus group was reported on by Martin Hand our treasurer. £500 funding was obtained from Hillingdon to get the venture off the ground. The first meeting had 17 people and a varied programme for the year has been created. There are now 42 people interested in the group although average attendance is circa 20. Meetings are held at the Stables in the park. Martin, Margaret's Bacon and Ross facilitate the group. Funding went on hire of the Stables and paying for speakers. The stables are booked up by the group now for the next year.</p> <p>The meeting thanked Martin for his work on the group.</p> <p>Social Events: Easter Egg hunt run by Chris Head which was a success as usual.</p> <p>No proposals for a dinner this year but will have a Quiz on November 17th 2018.</p>	
5	<p>Finance and Adoption of Accounts</p> <p>Starting with welfare; £577.45 donations were collected. This is a little down on the last couple of years but is still at a high level historically. £582.45 was donated to the Acorn Youth club. The £5.00 difference is because £11.00 was brought forward from last year and £6.00 was received at the end 2017 after payment was made. The £5.00 will be added to the 2018 donation.</p> <p>It is worth noting that we voted at the 2016 and 2017 AGMs to donate all of our welfare collections to the Acorn Youth Club.</p> <p>Subscription remained at £3.00. They were raised from £2.50 in 2005. There is no proposal to increase further. Membership was 226 (a high 89% of the 254 homes on the estate). This was again due to hard work by our Road Stewards and residual collections by Chris Head in November/December. This gave an income of £678.00. Thanks to all our 16 Road Stewards and to Chris Head for collecting subscriptions and welfare donation. Two thirds of total subscriptions were from their collections.</p> <p>The major items of expenditure were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public liability insurance of £259.89. The committee could not arrange events without this insurance. -The road stewards supper of £167.53. It is worth noting again that the road steward's evening supper is a gathering of road stewards and committee members as thanks for the time and the effort they give during the year. We have 16 road stewards and 10 committee members and two auditors who are invited to the event. If anyone is interested in being a road 	

	<p>steward do let a Martin Hand know as we will have a vacancy arising this year due to a resignation.</p> <p>- Contribution to the 65+ group of £59.55. With the assistance of Nick Denys we obtained funding from Hilliingdon Council of £500.00 to help start up this group. We have spent this and £59.55 more on booking the stables building for monthly meetings through to October 2018 and on teas coffee etc.</p> <p>-Loss on events in relation to the 80th anniversary dinner of £269.30. Ticket prices for the dinner covered the cost of the meal. The Committee agreed the estate should pay for the cost of the band £150.00, the cost of table wine £198.00 and the cost of balloons of £22.00. The overall cost was reduced by a raffle profit of £100.70. The Easter Egg hunt took place and broke even but details of income and expenditure were not captured at the time.</p> <p>Despite these major items the deficit for 2017 was just £139.95. The last year we had a deficit was 2008. Given that we are a non-profit making association it is appropriate not to have continual surpluses. The closing fund was £3,501.59. This continues to provide us with a fund to be able to consider suggested projects for the benefit of the estate.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson who have audited the accounts again. Thanks were expressed to Bennett Holmes for sponsoring the newsletter which saves a considerable amount of money.</p> <p>It was agreed that the nominated charity for 2019 would be the Acorn Youth club</p> <p>Accounts proposed and agreed.</p>	
6	<p>Elections of Auditors</p> <p>Audrey and Arthur will continue as our Auditors with thanks</p>	
7	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Earlier in the year we had several break ins to cars. Police will generally not follow these up so do not leave anything on view and check the car doors last thing. Of late Vehicle crime has dropped slightly. Chris sends videos to the SNT from Dovecote but unlikely these are used.</p> <p>No significant break-ins. CH do not answer the door to the Nottingham Knockers as this is generally a complete scam by organised crime groups. OWL neighbourhood watch system is just being launched. CH will provide more details in due course.</p> <p>Please report crime directly with Police do NOT rely on Chris to report crimes as he cannot do this.</p>	

	<p>Mark Lemon: Raised issue as to if residents wanted an emergency number kept on the database for example if house caught fire when away. CH noted that the OWL system can also do this.</p>	
8	<p>Election of Committee</p> <p>No further names have been submitted. Everyone was happy was existing committee to remain.</p>	
9	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Car parking on the bend in St Lawrence is a problem at the main estate entrance. This has been raised before and the only solution is to install yellow lines which is likely to be the thin end of the wedge so people are generally against this. Council have already tried to put yellow lines up Pamela Gardens which was fought off.</p> <p>Tree lost opposite 16 St Lawrence Drive. Are there proposals to replace trees. Gerry noted the Council were being pushed to plant additional trees.</p> <p>There is a dead silver birch near the junction with St Lawrence Drive.</p> <p>Mark Lemon noted he was happy to tidy the lozenge island opposite him and replant some shrubs. CH had raised the issue of exceedingly large trees on one of the central islands in Dt Lawrence.</p> <p>CH noted there will be a new path in the park from the main path to the wooded learning area to connect the two areas.</p> <p>Mike noted that the Council leaving grass cuttings on the roundabouts tended to leave a mess.</p> <p>The meeting thought a further annual dinner in 2019 would be appropriate</p>	
	Meeting ended 20.20pm	