

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION HELD 6TH MAY 2026

Draft following corrections agreed at 13/7 committee meeting, and a full list of new committee structure.

Location: St Lawrence Church Hall

Start: 19:45

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome and apologies for absence by Gerry Edwards	Apologies from Richard Maude, Margaret Ross, Peter Ryder, Ashe Dhir, Mark Lemon, Chris Head and Sheila Welch
2. Agree Minutes of the 85th AGM (7th May 2025)	Published on the website. Proposed by Gerry Edwards seconded by Phil Turnpenny. Unanimously agreed as a true record.
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes.	None
4. Chairman's report.	<i>Roads and pavements</i> Estate looking well. Planting of bulbs look great. More bulbs to be planted this, Autumn. General pavement still not done on Burwood Avenue due to council cutbacks. Councils cleared some roads to keep area clean. Some pavements have been marked for replacement; council have said due cost to be charged back to houses that caused it. Some trees have been planted throughout the year. Estate looking nice, complimented by visitors.
5. Social Events including 65+ Group	<i>Quiz – Gerry Edwards</i> Quiz went well in Autumn. Well attend enjoyed by most. Some newcomers attended. Quiz likely to be held at new venue for next year, St Thomas More Church Hall. <i>65+ group – Martin Hand.</i> Open to all EPEA members only who have passed 65 years of age. 8th Anniversary in October, monthly meetings. 12 meetings in 2025. Range of events including external speakers, talks on historical events and free tea & biscuits! Others encouraged to join if not already part of it. Q: How long do meetings last? A: 1hr 30mins Members informed in advance: Do not have to commit to attend all events. Invites sent via email and post. Can speak to Martin Hand, Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross if interested. Chairman thanked Martin Hand, Marg Bacon and Margaret Ross for all the good efforts in keeping this valuable group going strong.

6. Adoption of 2025 accounts and nominated charity for 2027	Martin Hand presented the 2025 accounts and highlighted the main points. - A new estate PA system and storage box were purchased at a total cost of £218.45. The possibility of selling the old system during 2026 was noted. - Public liability insurance remained a significant expense at £182.15, although this was approximately £100 lower than anticipated following work to secure a cheaper online renewal policy - thanks to efforts from Mark Lemon. - There were no website costs in 2025 following a multi-year hosting agreement paid in 2024. Future hosting costs are not expected until 2028/29. - The 65+ Group recorded a small deficit of £28.45 during the year. - Overall, the Association recorded a deficit of £70.91 for 2025, compared with a deficit of £82.00 in 2024. Closing funds stood at £2,927.99. - Welfare collections raised £760.65 during the year, all of which was donated to Acorn Youth Club to support activities including a Christmas party and pantomime visit. - Membership increased slightly to 210 homes, representing 83% of the estate. Subscription rates remained unchanged at £3.00 per household. - The Fish and Chip Quiz Night generated a small surplus of £11.82 and was attended by 44 residents. - Deposit held by Eastcote Church due to come back later in the year. - The Treasurer thanked Bhavini Matthews for auditing the accounts. - The meeting approved the adoption of the accounts. Welfare Charity for 2027 - It was proposed and agreed that welfare collections during 2026 would again be donated to Acorn Youth Club. Q: Where was the old PA used, A: Quiz nights in the past, previous AGMs. Thanks also go to Coopers Residential, for continuing to sponsor the newsletter which saves us a considerable amount of money on printing and enables circulation of colour newsletters.
7. Election of Auditor.	We would like to reappoint Bhavini Matthews. Unanimously agreed.
8. Neighbourhood Watch / Safer Neighbourhood Team	Mark Lemon represents the Eastcote Park Estate on the Eastcote Ward Panel. This panel acts as the liaison between local groups, councillors and the police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). It meets approximately quarterly. Priorities vary but has included focusing on violence against women and

	girls, drugs, anti-social behaviour, car crime, shoplifting and phone theft. The last two have been a particular concern recently. The offenders cycling and targeting phone users locally were apprehended, and shoplifting has eased, though is still an issue here, as it is across London. A new concern raised recently has been that of small scale fly-tipping, especially in alleys, parks, and roadsides. This is both unsightly and unhygienic. If you see anything dumped, please report it to the council who will do their best to pick it up ASAP. This also avoids others adding to the pile, and it then becoming a habitual dumping area. All are encouraged to pay attention to the various notices that come from the police via Neighbourhood Watch, as these explain the most effective way to report a specific type of incident.
9. Election of Committee	No new nominations to join the committee were received. The committee for 2026-27 will comprise: Chairman: Gerry Edwards Secretary: Mark Lemon Treasurer: Martin Hand to be treasurer for the current financial year ending Dec 31st 2026. Chris Head from Jan 1st 2027 onwards. Assistant Treasurer - Chris Head – for the current financial year ending Dec 31st 2026 Ordinary committee members: Marg Bacon Kishan Bhandari Ashe Dhir Richard Maude Margaret Ross Peter Ryder
10. Any Other Business	Gerry Edwards: Constitution change: - Specific approval to lay a wreath on behalf of EPEA. <i>To expand the current objects to include the addition of the sentence displayed in CAPITALS below.</i> 1. Objects: <i>The objects of the Association shall be:</i> <i>1a. To maintain, safeguard and improve the amenities of the residents of Eastcote Park Estate and surrounding areas and to protect and further in every legitimate manner their interests in all matters affecting them as a body.</i>

	<i>1b. TO PROMOTE AND BUILD THE ASSOCIATION'S GOOD NAME WITHIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE LAYING OF A WREATH AT THE EASTCOTE WAR MEMORIAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE.</i> <i>1c. The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.</i> Proposer Mark Lemon, approved by a show of hands. Format of AGM: Gerry Edwards Q: Should we move the AGM online?. Save on room costs. Concerns: If held fully remote, would exclude people without equipment to join online. If held fully in person (as currently), excludes people who cant be present due to other commitments. Proposed to attempt to hold next AGM as a hybrid meeting. Constitution was already amended during Covid to make it possible. Significant majority in favour to hold next AGM in hybrid format as a trial.. Future events: Gerry Edwards Celebration of 90th Anniversary of the estate to be held in summer in 2027. Estate Entrance Sign: Resident of Lawerence Drive Raised the question about when Eastcote Park Estate sign is due a refresh. Gerry Edwards: Plan to update and refresh soon. Status of Oak Tree outside Glen: Martin Hand: Gerry confirmed that it is still alive, just slow to leaf due to poor rainfall this year. Thanks was given to all attending.

AGM concluded at 20:31