

Meeting of the 72nd Annual General Meeting of the Eastcote Park Estate Association. 17th May 2010

Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church.

A sell out event with 33 people in attendance.

Welcome and apologies for absence.

The meeting was chaired by Richard Maude in the absence of the Chairman.

Apologies from Gwen Weston, Mary Jungreuthmayer, Scott Seaman Digby.

Welcome to Rob Belson, Safer Neighbourhoods liaison officer. Councillor Bruce Baker, Chris Groom, Eastcote Residents Association

Presentation by Rob Belson

Small team of local police to deal with non-emergency community matters. Not a 24x7 team. But log non-urgent / non-999 calls with the team later so it gets recorded.

Q1. What is CSO role? CSO's role is lower levels of crime and disorder, also act as a deterrent. This is a Govt decision, rather than local. Should be out solo rather than two at a time unless moving to a call together.

Q2. What is Friday night cover – about 15 PCs in Hillingdon borough in 8 / 9 cars. Often committed on major issues.

See newsletter for contact details.

Minutes of the 71st AGM

Adopted. Proposed by Richard Maud, seconded by Martin Hand

Matters Arising

Need longer notice of events, especially the fish and chip supper etc..

Chairmans Report and Social Events

Thank all residents and committee members for their support and work during the last year.

Update on Eastcote House Gardens (Councillor Bruce Baker)

Gardens being formally opened 17th July. Picnic in the Park

Building is falling down. Snooker club have been there since 1938. Council are relying on Heritage Lottery Grant to renovate the Coach House, but needs to be self funding thereafter. Grant from council and English Heritage to put a management proposal together. Architects have then produced various plans. Snooker club would need to move out before building works started. Snooker lease expired 5 years ago, and have been rent

free since. Lottery fund won't allow them back as users. Needs to be a wider community use. Therefore need to have similar functional building to relocate them. Current thinking: There is a facility behind Eastcote cricket club for two snooker tables. But that would need relocating the Enterprise group who use it currently. Thus thinking of a new build – sewers, electric etc already exist. Annual rent would be £2,500 per year, but with sports discount = approx £500 per year, plus services, eg electricity. Snooker club pay for relocation of tables. All subject to further discussion.

Gardens looking at security - possibly even fencing the entire site down to the Pinn.

Access gate from St Lawrence:- 66% want a gate of some form. This will be implemented quite soon. It will be locked by rangers. This is in hands of residents committee. Question – could it be opened by residents' card? Richard Maude explained the background reason was to prevent vandalism.

Currently we don't have knowledge of proposals for usage.

Adoption of Accounts for the year

We should say Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson have again agreed to be honorary auditors. They have done this now for many years so thanks are again in order"

211 members = £633 subs, representing 83% of the estate. Collected highest amount ever for Grangewood School £541.

Public liability insurance is a must if we are to run any events.

Stewards evening is a thank you for all the unpaid work.

Easter egg hunt - £16.93 profit.

Autumn event was not successful, clashed with other local church events.

The accounts were proposed by Margaret, seconded by Richard Maude.

Neighbourhood Watch. Chris Head

Chris Head is your contact. Recent trend to crime on cars – this week a car was subject to 'smash and grab' after stuff left on display. Please let Chris have emails for speed of cascading any information. Chris keeps any specific address info confidential. Take care of keys in the hall.

Election of committee and Nominations

Existing committee will stand.

Greg Tanner voted onto the committee.

Richard Green has retired.

Need new committee members – meet roughly once every two months.

Election of Auditors

Agreed to keep Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson

Any other business

Many thanks to Baker Pearce for photocopying the newsletter, and their ongoing support.

Janet has led the charge for a crossing near St Lawrence Church. This will be finalised shortly.

The one way at Pamela Gardens is unclear. Needs no entry signs. Bruce to sort out.

Cheyney street – issue of speeding near the ‘lane section’. The council have set aside funds for traffic calming.

Poor quality of pavement repairs is being raised with the council.