

Meeting of the 75th Annual General Meeting of the Eastcote Park Estate Association. 10th May 2013

St. Thomas More Church main hall

Welcome and apologies for absence.

Apologies: Sheila Welch
Sheila Rawles - 37 Rodney Gardens
Gill Hughes - 51 St Lawrence
Jo and Dave Copley - 35 Burwood Avenue
Celia and Gary Reece

Deaths: Sad passing of John Brown, moved to the Estate 1948

The meeting was chaired by Gerald Edwards the chairman

MINUTES OF 74TH AGM

Minutes proposed by Gerry as a true record of the meeting. Seconded

EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

Jubilee gates have now been erected. Still a slight problem with the path around.

Lottery bid. Stage 2 has been submitted. Details are on the Council web site. Will be a while before a result is heard.

GE commented that some vandalism had occurred with stolen plants. Mark lemon felt that it was probably wild animals as opposed to human damage.

CHAIRMANS REPORT AND SOCIAL EVENT

Social event in 2012 went well but made a small loss.

Easter Egg hunt well attended and a profit made. This was organised by Willow Head. 38 Paying visitors made a small profit.

Jubilee event was well attended and there may be some future events arranged such as a picnic in the park.

Richard will do another quiz this year in November in St Lawrence. Last year very popular but a slight loss due to high cost of hall hire.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

2012 was another good year in financial terms with a surplus for the year of £370.96 and a closing fund of £2,979.69.

Subscription remained at £3.00. They were raised from £2.50 in 2005. There is no proposal to increase further.

Membership was up on 2011 at 227 being the second highest year going back to year 2000. This was again due to hard work by our Road Stewards and residual collections by Chris Head in December. This gave an income of £681.00 with 89% of the estate as members.

We have had between 78% and 93% membership every year since 2000.

£603.54 donations were also collected and paid to Grangewood School. Again a record as far back as current records go. In addition a further £63.00 was raised for Grangewood from the Indian Barbeque at the jubilee event

The major items of expenditure were:

- public liability insurance of £227.15 (without which the committee could not arrange events) ,

-The road stewards evening supper of £149.23.

It is worth noting again that the road stewards evening supper is a gathering of road stewards and committee members as thanks for the time and the effort they spend during the year. Given that the associations income depends largely on the work of the road stewards the evening is an appropriate, but modest thanks for their efforts. We are still looking for new road Stewards to cover vacancies and to reduce some of the round sizes. The largest element of administration in 2012 and 2011 was web hosting(2012 £24.00). Rob Pyburn does all the work but we do need to pay the ISP for hosting.

Events showed a profit of £155.72 mainly due to the hard work of the jubilee sub-committee. The jubilee surplus includes a collection of £189.32. As well as organising a thoroughly good event they thought to go round with a collection blanket which made a significant contribution.

The Easter Egg hunt made a profit of £35.00

Despite being another good night we were just slightly down on numbers for the quiz night and therefore made a loss. We usually rely on the raffle to make a profit on the event but with a few regulars not making it the raffle profit could not prevent a £10.37 loss. We always need people to turn up to events in good numbers to get to break even. Thanks to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson who have audited the accounts again. Thanks also go to Bennett Holmes who (based on normal black and white photocopying charges in the high street) have saved us over £600 per year in photocopying. Bennett Holmes have been sponsoring us since 2008 and we appreciate their contribution in doing and paying for the photocopying.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. CHRIS HEAD

Chris noted all residents to be vigilant. Youths smashed 2 windows on the estate several months ago. Police did not turn up quickly due to 101 being dialled as opposed to 999.

Builders van stolen off drive recently. Suspected keys left in.

DO NOT leave keys downstairs near letterbox as thieves hook out with magnets. Close front windows if you are in the garden due to opportunist crimes.

Chris needs remaining e-mails as they are an excellent way of distributing information. Residents without e-mail could be texted on SMS

Gerry highlighted that residents must report incidents and get a crime number or this does not go on Police records so they will not patrol the estate.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS

Existing committee will stand. All agreed as a block vote.

Ash Dhir proposed to join the committee voted and seconded.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS

Agreed to keep Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson. All agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Rodney Gardens has now been resurfaced and is in good repair. Margaret Ross noted some of the pavements need attention. Chris Head commented that most damage is caused by people parking on the pavements. Enid M noted that pavement repaired immediately after Bob Reile reported damage caused by a delivery van. Although repaired the Council do not think they can prosecute.

The no entry signs have been installed at the top of St Lawrence drive on the main entrance.

The Committee needs to pursue the entrance to Pamela to obtain no entry signs.

Chris Head is still on the Councils case to sort out both the curbs and the pavements. He will take charge of chasing Hillingdon about the no entry signs noted above.

Gerry thanked Margaret for all her hard work and was presented with a bunch of flowers as a small token of thanks.

Charity nomination. 2014 Charity nominated as Grangewood School again. David Minchen also noted the Acorn club, Columbia Pavillion. Richard Maude to look into. Support 2 charities per year. Acorn and Grangewood voted on and agreed. Action. E mail to go out about charities ie Acorn, Grangewood or foodbank

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

A resident raised problems with Flood Risk insurance. Gerry noted this was due to Environment Agency raising flood plane level by 150mm. There are also problems with subsidence insurance. Fred Greenstreet noted "Insure for retirement" gave him a good quote.

Additional sign to Estate: Reported on by Mark Lemon. Current sign refurbished 4 years ago and needs some attention so if anyone has a tower let the Committee know.

Pamela Gardens site: Problems with trees, main sewer and services. Other alternative to site at Bridle Entrance on the green but rather a long way onto the Estate. Planning Permission would be required.

Alternative considered was a low level sign which would be much cheaper

Straw poll taken and voted. Q. 4M high Sign..Feeling was no

2 Smaller signs at 2 entrances....feeling was no don't bother. 1 person for.

Possibly personalised street signs raised by a resident.

General consensus was for the committee to pursue this question with the council.