

**MEETING OF THE 76TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION. 13TH MAY 2014**

Apologies Gwen Western, Audrey and Fred Harrington, David Minchin, Arthur Wilson, Sheila Griffiths.

Minutes of previous; Read by RM (Richard Maude) and Agreed.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT**

**EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS**

Trees now removed and bid well progressed. There is an open day in July Sat 19th July 11-1pm in the stables to show what is happening. Works should start beginning of August.

Steering group has GE (Gerry Edwards) as a representative.

**PAVEMENTS AND PARKING:**

Main damage caused around the Estate by Contractors and Church goers parking on the pavement. Council are now charging residents if Contractors damage pavements. We do not want yellow lines on the roads. Church visitors block up Pamela Gardens. CH (Chris Head) has asked the Council about signage to the effect of no parking on pavement.

CH to circulate Parking enforcement telephone number to all residents. Member suggested we drop off letter about not parking on pavement to new residents.

**STREET CLEANING.**

We now have a regular street cleaner.

Resident noted Council are putting refuge at the end of peoples driveways blocking in cars. Could they be contacted?

**TREES:**

We would like to pay for a few more trees on the estate. Chris has reported the Island needs the grass cutting.

GE noted that residents are responsible for trees on their own premises but be aware most works need planning permission especially to fell trees with a trunk where the diameter is 3 inches or over.

The committee suggested £500 as a contribution to the Council for trees on the estate. Aim is Council suggest where tree could go and then advise us. It was agreed by all present we could spend to that limited.

Estate Sign. Resides in Mark Lemon's Garage. We need framework painted.

**SOCIAL EVENT:**

2014 Easter Egg hunt was again a success with 50 children plus parents in the park.

**QUIZ:** There will be one in November this year again.

**STREET PARTY 21 June.**

Phil has a couple of fridges we can use. Seemed reasonable interest amongst those present.

**ACCOUNTS.**

Reported on by Martin Hand.

2013 was another good year in financial terms with a surplus for the year of £126.35 and a closing fund of £3,106.14.

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

Membership was up on 2012 at 230 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 £690.00 with 91% of the estate being members.

£631.85 donations were also collected and paid to Grangewood School.

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 £165.30.

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 spend during the year. Two thirds of subscriptions were collected by road stewards in 2013. The association depends largely on the work of the road stewards and therefore the evening is an appropriate thank you for their efforts. We are still looking for new road Stewards to reduce some of the round sizes.

Events showed a profit of £28.36 with the biggest contributor being the raffle profit of £88.81 at the quiz night.

Thanks to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson who have audited the accounts again.

Thanks also go to Bennett Holmes for sponsoring the newsletter which saves a considerable amount of money.

GE offered thanks to Martin Hand for accounts and newsletter.

### **CHARITY GIVING.**

Recommended and approved to split giving between Grangewood and Acorn for 2015.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. (Chris Head)**

Few burglaries on the estate. There seems to be someone on the estate who checks cars and removes anything left in them.

CH relies on residents feedback. Res to contact Police then Chris so he can cascade warning down by e-mail.

CH joining ward panel in July for Neighbourhood Watch.

CH reminded residents that if they have e-mail ensure CH has this, Residents not on e-mail please liaise with neighbours if possible who are.

The Police put workforce where there are crimes so get a crime reference number as goes into local statistics.

Chris has reported what appears to be a dumped car at the junction with Bridle Road.

### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.**

No more volunteers for the committee. Existing committee were voted to remain.

### **ELECTION OF AUDITORS.**

The auditors have agreed to stand again.

### **AOB.**

Money refunded to us for the tree lights on the estate. We propose to pay the money again to relight the tree.

We will do the Christmas Decoration competition again.

It was noted that the recycling centre in south Ruislip is due to shut on 31st May.

Fred suggested in news letter we put something in about overhanging trees and bushes.

Meeting finished at 8.45