

**MINUTES OF THE 81st AGM MEETING OF THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b>            Apologies:            Audrey Harrington            Dorothy Reilly            Mark Lemon            Margaret Bacon</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM Meeting</b>            The minutes were posted on the website and no objections have been received. They were reviewed during the meeting by Gerry Edwards and were approved by the meeting.</p>	
3	<p><b>Matters arising from the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM minutes</b></p> <p>The new path to the bridge as previously mentioned has now been installed.</p> <p>Ram is attending the public meeting to discuss the increasing burglaries so was not available to report on progress on the video. However, he has taken a lot of local footage but is open to receive any footage or stories of interest about the estate. The theme is "Community Matters". A draft version is hoped for by the end of this year with it being completed by this time next year.</p> <p>There is consideration about setting up a private "YouTube" channel on which to host the final video.</p>	
4	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b>            The estate is looking very good at the moment. Trees that the Association were instrumental in having planted are now looking good.</p> <p>Thank you to the Glen for their work in maintaining the roundabout at the bottom of this road.</p> <p>Remain vigilant and keep reporting dangerous curbs, slabs and sections of the road to the Council.</p> <p><u>Pavement Petition</u>            Prepared and submitted 7<sup>th</sup> May. Marg Bacon, lead petitioner, has received an acknowledgement. We collected 187 signatures representing 137 homes on the estate and now wait to see what the Council will do.</p> <p>Options: Council will hear the petition and Marg Bacon can speak at this. They may then programme to do the works or defer to an unspecified future date. The petition has to be "considered" though.</p> <p>A resident raised the issue of the gas main as to whether this would be done before or after the possible relaying of the pavement. The Committee were not aware of what the plan was for the gas main but will consider this if it becomes an issue.</p>	

5	<p><b>Social Events including 65+ Group</b></p> <p><u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> Good turnout on the day run by Chris's daughter.</p> <p><u>Autumn event</u> 9<sup>th</sup> November is the Autumn event more details of which will be published in due course.</p> <p><u>65+ Group</u> This is a group for EPEA members of 65 years or more, not generally open to the public. Last year was the first full year of operation. The target average attendance is 22-24. Currently 45 members in total so no new members are being accepted at the moment. The current plan includes four guest speakers a year, quizzes and other events. Martin would like to build up a waiting list so anyone interested please contact him. "Thanks were again expressed to Nick Denys for obtaining £500.00 funding from the London Borough of Hillingdon in 2017 to get our 65+ group started" Gerry thanked Martin Hand, Margaret Ross and Marg Bacon for their efforts in running the group.</p>	
6	<p><b>Adoption of Accounts and nominated charity for 2020</b></p> <p>Starting with welfare; £620.45 donations were collected. This is close to our record in 2013 and 2016 of £631.85. £626.45 was donated to the Acorn Youth club. The £6.00 difference is because £6.00 was collected after the 2017 payment was made.</p> <p>Subscription remained at £3.00. They were raised from £2.50 in 2005. There is no proposal to increase further. Membership was 233 (a high 92% 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 £699.00.</p> <p>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 again. 13 people paid by bank transfer.</p> <p>The major items of expenditure were: - Public liability insurance of £142.51. (2017: £259.89). The committee could not arrange events without this insurance. The significant reduction is due to re-organisation in Zurich insurance enabling them to offer policies more tailored to each policy holder.</p> <p>-The road steward's supper of £181.41. 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 steward do let a Martin Hand know. The costs of this supper are minimised as Marg Bacon has, for many</p>	

	<p><b>Adoption of Accounts and nominated charity for 2020 (cont.)</b></p> <p>years, sorted all the food out for us on the evening. So thanks to Marg for that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution to the 65+ group of £94.57. We continued a subsidy to the group in its first full year.</li> <li>- £37.87 loss on events in relation to the fish and chip quiz night.</li> </ul> <p>The Easter Egg hunt took place and broke even. The overall surplus for the year was £76.10 with the closing fund being £3,577.69. This continues to provide us with a fund to be able to consider suggested projects for the benefit of the estate and its residents.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson who have audited the accounts again.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Bennett Holmes for sponsoring the newsletter which saves a considerable amount of money.</p> <p>It was agreed that Acorn Youth Club should continue as our nominated charity in 2020 for the fourth year.</p> <p>Accounts proposed by Gerry Edwards and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>All present agreed £200 maximum expenditure for Ram on the video preparation.</p>	
7	<p><b>Elections of Auditors</b></p> <p>Audrey and Arthur will continue as our Auditors and thanks were expressed to them.</p>	
8	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p>4 Recent burglaries, 1 aggravated. Access generally by the back of the house. Residents recommend to have serviced burglar alarm and CCTV if possible. Regularly car doors are tried in the night. Chris noted <u>ANY</u> break ins to be reported to the Police to ensure that they allocate resources to the area. Chris noted that the neighbourhood watch coordinators have very poor liaison with the Police who do not cascade down information. Chris is trying to improve this.</p> <p>Chris is the OWL coordinator for the area which cascades reports of crimes in the area. Chris had a word with the Police last month as the level of the information provided was inaccurate and incorrect on occasion.</p> <p>Chris Head emphasised the importance of reporting any crime or attempted crime so that crime numbers can be obtained which will</p>	

	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch (continued)</b>  help with getting police resource. This includes when you have CCTV footage of attempted break in to cars. He also emphasised the importance of making back garden fences as secure as possible to prevent easy access by criminals. It was also recommended that residents register for updates from owl.</p>	
9	<p><b>Election of Committee</b>  No further names have been submitted. Everyone was happy was existing committee to remain.</p>	
10	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Residents raised issues about replacement gas pipes on the estate and trees/shrubs overhanging the pavements. These issues were discussed. The committee will consider any possible action but will apply the necessary policy of not getting involved in discussion between neighbours.</p> <p>It was noted that some homes did have trees/shrubs overhanging our pavement which would make it difficult for those with visual disabilities or wheelchairs to pass.</p> <p>Hopefully by noting here that this issue was raised residents will consider if they need to do any pruning. Bearing in mind permission required to cut back trees of a certain size in our conservation area.</p> <p>Could the hatched area be redlined at Pamela Gardens/Field End Road. Gerry responded that it had been discussed and discounted at previous AGM's as would end up as extensive yellow lines.</p>	
	Meeting ended 20.40pm	