

**MINUTES OF EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION 71ST AGM MEETING
HELD AT ST. THOMAS MOORE CHURCH – 15th MAY 2009**

PRESENT:

Apologies:

Scott Seaman-Digby
Jo and David Copley
John Rose
Mary Jungreuthmayer.

1.0 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies were received from Scott Seaman-Digby (Chairman), Jo and David Copley, John Rose and Mary Jungreuthmayer. Welcome to all those present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

The small fir tree at the junction of Burwood Avenue and Cheney Street is still causing an alleged blockage to the line of sight when pulling out of Burwood Avenue. Scott would advise on the status.

The bridge over the Pinn has now been completed.

The previous minutes were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the annual meeting in 2008 a petition was prepared and circulated to as many householders as possible. The main purpose was to request that the roads/pavements be renewed throughout the estate as their condition was giving significant cause for concern. The petition was forwarded with approximately 170 signatures.

An initial meeting was held with Dennis Chamberlain of the Highways Department along with representatives of the Parks Department and local councillors. The walk-round was also attended by members of the Eastcote Park Association who highlighted the various defects. They also requested that a tree planting programme be implemented if possible as a number of the original trees had been cut down due to rot.

A meeting was held at the Civic Centre where estate residents were invited to attend when the petition was formerly presented to Councillors. Although only about 5 members of the estate actually attended the meeting the proposal was carried and a decision was taken to put re-surfacing works into the programme at a future date. No precise indication of when the works will be carried out was given and this is dependent upon Local Authority funding which at the present time is restricted.

The tree replanting programme has proved a success with many being seen in St. Lawrence Drive, Burwood Avenue and Rodney Gardens.

Autumn Event - The autumn event was considered a success, run by Richard Maude, raising £151.

Easter Egg Hunt - The Easter egg hunt was again run by Richard Maude, assisted by Mark Lemon and Chris Head. £17 was made in profit, an increase from the £14 last year. Although invitations were put out to a number of other people, notably the local churches, none of these appeared to attend.

Estate Sign - As can be seen the sign has been refurbished by Mark Lemon and rehung to the front of the estate. The existing Weeping Ash was removed and a new flowering Cherry provided. The removal of the original tree was paid for by estate residents whilst the Local Authority funded the new tree.

The chairman would like to offer his thanks to all members who assisted with the running of the Association over the last year particularly Mark and Hillary Lemon for refurbishing the sign, all of the road stewards, neighbour watch co-ordinators and Margaret who put so much effort into arranging the stewards' supper.

RM provided a breakdown of the various events that had been run over the previous year including the Easter egg hunt, committee supper and quiz.

It was agreed that the Easter egg hunt would be opened to St. Thomas and St. Lawrence Churches for 2009.

RM noted that the paving and roads were in a poor state of repair and The Glen residents brought up the fact that they had produced a petition of 20 signatures and forced the Local Authority to investigate. As a result The Glen was to be resurfaced. The Glen co-ordinators passed RM a copy of the petition and a similar document would be prepared and circulated around the estate for submission to Hillingdon Borough.

Chris Head provided a report as neighbourhood co-ordinator and ended with resigning his position. Requests were made for a new neighbourhood co-ordinator but no volunteers were forthcoming.

ACCOUNTS

Membership dropped a little in 2008 to 201 members. This is within normal variations and we continue to have 79% membership of the total 253 possible. Thanks again go to the Road Stewards who collected 72% of our total subscriptions.

Major expenditure includes our normal insurance of £225.00. The Roads stewards evening cost a little more in 2008 at £165.04. We do need to continue to encourage people to be road stewards and the cost of a gathering once a year is an appropriate reward. Should anyone like to volunteer as a road stewards we would welcome them to the evening next year.

We did spend £381.43 on plants and maintenance. This was £211.43 for materials for the Estate Sign and £170.00 paid to Hillingdon Council as a 50% contribution to the removal of the weeping ash in front of the sign. The council agreed to plant a new tree on the same island on receiving this 50% contribution.

The autumn quiz event was well attended on 2008 and resulted in a profit of £151.07. Thanks go to several of the committee members but particularly Richard Maude and Margaret Bacon for making the evening a success.

We contributed £480.00 to Grangewood school. This was £13.67 more than collected. The difference is due to rounding up, estimation of amounts to be collected after the payment was made in October and making up the small deficit from the previous year,

The overall deficit for the year was £46.34. The closing fund was £1,880.42.

The accounts have been audited by Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson. Thanks go to them for continuing this job.

See separate copy by Martin hand.

Accounts were proposed by Martin Hand and seconded by Enid Minchen.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A collection of email addresses for members of the Eastcote Park Association would be obtained at the end of the meeting to enable documentation to be circulated via email.

Initial House: Progress was made by Eastcote Residents Association in dealing with the application.

The condition of the main entrance island was raised by residents and it was noted that the Estate had asked the Local Authority to cease maintaining this on the basis that we would do it ourselves, hopefully saving all the various plants and bulbs situated beneath the tree. A working party was required to arrange cutting of the grass as this had reached approximately 200mm high. (Note. The Council were asked to re adopt this during a walk round of the Estate.)

Lamp posts - It was explained that a separate company had been commissioned to install new lamp posts after which it was hoped the Local Authority would take away the old concrete ones. It was noted by some of the elderly residents that the replacement metal lamp posts were more akin to the original ones than the 1960's concrete replacements.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m. with thanks to Margaret Bacon for providing refreshments.

Thanks were given to the road stewards from their help over the year.