

## **MINUTES OF THE 78TH EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE AGM HELD ON 12TH OF MAY 2016**

Chairman Gerry Edwards welcomed all those present and introduced the guest speaker.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Welcome Phil Myers from Acorn Youth Club to whom we have made donations from funds collected on the estate. For 2014/15/16 we have split between Acorn and Grangewood School. The committee feel 100% of donations should go to Acorn and Phil spoke in detail about the services the club offers.

Acorn formed in 1988 for Downs Syndrome youngsters from 11 onwards and their families. Government aim is to put youngsters into independent living accommodation and Acorn assists in preparing them for this challenge. They operate in Columbia Avenue meeting on Tuesday. They also operate Acorn Extra for the older disabled members to assist them as well and Oaks Ladies club specifically for the female members.

The club is hoping to extend the building and is raising funds to this end.

Gerry asked if we could put all monies to the club and this was passed unanimously.

### **EPEA MEETING**

Apologies for absence: Sam Wren, Hillary Prevost, Dorothy Reilly, Nick Denys. Peter Ryder

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and were proposed by Audrey Harrington and seconded by Mark Lemon. There were no objections.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

More trees planted. We are at the end of our tree allocation allowance. Pamela not likely to get any due to limited sightlines.

Members of the committee and in particular Chris Head were still in communication with the council in regard to the defective state of the pavement and curbs. The situation is exacerbated as there is still a significant amount of parking on the curbs causing damage.

Garden competition sparked great controversy. Agreed to go for top gardens on the estate irrespective of road. The gardens are mostly Judged July to August.

Christmas light competition to continue.

### **EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS:**

Gerry noted that this is an asset to the area. Was opened late but is now operating well.

The park warden is Nick Porter who has a small office on site.

Nick was not available to come to the 2016 AGM.

### **THE GLEN:**

The Glen roundabout is now in better condition being looked after by the residents.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

21 November quiz run by Gerry and Chris.

This year's Easter Egg hunt went well despite the rather damp weather.

Richard will be doing the quiz this year 26<sup>th</sup> November fish and chips was agreed as usual.

Carol singing for 2016 will be published in the newsletter.

## **ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS:**

2015 was another good year in financial terms with a surplus for the year of £108.93 and a closing fund of £3,491.86.

Membership was 222 slightly down on the 230 for 2014 but still high at 87% 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 December. This gave an income of £666.00

£611.90 donations were also collected. We donated £302.95 to each of our two charities in November. £6.00 of donations came in at the end of 2015 and will be added to the 2016 donations

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 £159.84.

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.

For many years we have been asking for more road stewards. After last year's AGM we had 4 new volunteers. We now have 16 road stewards with an average round size of 16 homes. If anyone is interested in being a road steward do let a committee member know.

Events showed a loss of £74.27. This includes a £53.97 loss on the quiz night.

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

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

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:**

Chris Head reported that there has been minimal crime on the estate this year. There is still someone who roams at 3am checking cars so ensure they are locked.

Safer neighbourhoods give us a lot of support. Chris noted ring the Police if there is a crime. 999 if active and 101 if it has happened.

One resident noted burglars disturbed and scared away from one house.

Residents to be aware that security lights should be angled down not straight out.

## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS**

Gerry noted anyone is welcome to join the committee. Gerry to remain as Chair, Richard as Secretary and Martin as Treasurer. All members will remain standing.

Auditors Arthur and Audrey Harrington confirmed that they would continue to stand as auditors for next year and this was agreed by all.

### **FRONT OF ESTATE ROUNDABOUT:**

Margaret Bacon was responsible for organising planting on the estate roundabout and this year has had a good showing. Slightly untidy at the moment as grass left at least 6 weeks to let the bulbs store enough strength.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS:**

The 2015 Carols went well, Thanks to Dawn and Mike for hosting the after carol drinks.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Council are we think looking at the possibility of a new crossing across Field End Road but not near the St Thomas More end. Chris Groom noted it should be near the bus stop and the Eastcote Residents Association have been pushing this forwards.

The Committee feel that yellow lines at the entrance to the estate are not warranted and this item will not be pursued by the committee but individuals can. Gerry noted that timber barriers are under discussion to prevent lorries cutting the curbs.

Tuesday week in St Thomas More ERA meeting Chris Groom invited all to attend and CH handed out leaflets. There will be presentations from Police Cadets and also Councillors for improvements to Eastcote shopping area

4th June summer Picnic in Eastcote House Gardens.

Resident reported the derelict garden in Burwood to the Council. Council did deal with this under an ASBO but complaint then closed. Other residents need to call about this to try and force the issue.

End 8.35pm