

MINUTES OF THE 82nd MEETING OF THE EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION 5th May 2021
 HELD VIA ZOOM, AN ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM, BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p><i>Meeting commenced 19:35 to allow attendees to connect to Zoom.</i></p> <p>Apologies: Ashe Dhir, Richard Maude.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the 81st AGM Meeting</p> <p>Approved by those attending.</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising from the 81st AGM minutes</p> <p>Nil.</p>	
4	<p>Chairman's Report (Gerry Edwards)</p> <p>Thanks for attending via Zoom. Hopefully the next meeting will be in person.</p> <p>The estate is looking very good at the moment. This has provided a pleasant place to walk for both residents and visitors during current restrictions.</p> <p>The committee have continued to meet as normal, though via Zoom. Many thanks for all their hard work in trying circumstances. We are doing our best to continue to address the various concerns of the residents.</p> <p>The Estate Video is now complete, and available to all. The link will be re-circulated. Many thanks to Ram Seth, his helpers and all who contributed for making this possible.</p>	
5	<p>Social Events and 65+ Club (Martin Hand)</p> <p>Social events for the period were cancelled due to Covid.</p> <p>The 65+ Club is open to residents of the Estate aged 65 and over. There are currently 43 paid up members, of whom approximately 20 are regular attendees. All was going well with the programme of events until Covid restrictions stopped all physical meetings. There have been 20 x Zoom meetings post Covid, but these attract fewer attendees, but does at least give a means of access to those who do wish to attend.</p> <p>Meetings will restart after 17th May, but current social distancing will mean a cap at 10 members. Other rules are also in place to ensure Covid security.</p>	

6	<p>Finance and Adoption of Accounts (Martin Hand)</p> <p>Martin took the meeting through the Income and expenditure account. There was a deficit of £558 for the year. This was driven by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a significant reduction in subscriptions as road stewards were unable to make house calls. a deficit of £284 vs a forecast of breakeven for the 65+ Club, due to prepayments for some 10 meetings and significantly reduced attendance income due to Covid. £400 cost of the Estate DVD – monies paid to the production assistants, both students, in lieu of the significant work involved. <p>There was also a significant drop in expenditure vs prior year as social events did not happen, nor the road stewards' social event.</p> <p>Subscriptions to remain at £3 for the current year.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to continue supporting the Acorn Youth Club as our welfare charity for 2022.</p> <p>There were no queries on the accounts, which were unanimously adopted.</p> <p>Thanks to Audrey Harrington and Arthur Wilson who have audited the accounts again.</p> <p>Thanks to Coopers Residential, our new sponsor, and to Bennett Holmes for their previous sponsorship of the newsletter which saves a considerable amount of money in printing.</p>	
7	<p>Elections of Auditors (Martin Hand)</p> <p>The committee is pleased that Audrey and Arthur will continue as our Auditors, and thanked them for this.</p>	
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Report (Chris Head & Mark Lemon)</p> <p>There has been a sustained increase in crime on the estate. The committee has escalated our concerns to our MP David Simmons, Cllr Ian Edwards Head of LBH, and Cllr Nick Denys. Mark Lemon has been assisting Chris Head in this. Our MP and Nick Denys, an estate resident, have been very supportive. The escalation has involved meetings with Nick Denys, with our Ward sergeant, and the head of LBH Community Safety. The prime objective has been to ensure we have an appropriate level of police support, and to address concerns about speed of follow up, information sharing and feedback. These meetings are still ongoing. A crime advice unit will visit the estate as soon as Covid restrictions allow.</p> <p>During the year the committee have focussed on supporting vulnerable residents, making house visits to explain the Council burglar alarm support and the Telecare personal alarm system.</p>	

	<p>Chris is following up with the police on legal ways to install high definition cameras at key entrance points to the estate that can more easily detect car registrations. Costings will follow, as we have already established the council will not pay for this.</p> <p>The committee were asked by Sharron Trisk and Stephen Nash if a private security firm could be employed to patrol the estate, as has been done to good effect in Copsewood, Northwood. The committee agreed to follow up on this with more detailed costings, but noted it would be a significant expense per participating household</p>	
9	<p>Election of Committee (Gerry Edwards)</p> <p>No further names have been submitted. The meeting unanimously approved for the existing committee to remain.</p>	
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Vote of thanks to Gerry for chairing tonight's meeting.</p>	
	Meeting ended 20.25pm	