

**ASSOCIATION OF
EWELL DOWNS RESIDENTS**
(Founded 1926)
(Non-Political)

NOTICE

The Seventy Eighth Annual General Meeting

Will be held at

NESCOT in the Staff Lounge

7.30pm on Tuesday 5 March 2013

GUEST SPEAKER

Steve Bolton

Project Officer, Surrey Wildlife

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Seventy Seventh AGM held on 20 March 2012
3. Statement of Accounts
4. Report from the Committee
5. Election of Officers, Committee and Examiner of Accounts
6. Adoption of Prospective Candidate for election to SCC
7. Councillors' Forum
8. Any Other Business

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The Officers and Committee look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting and we hope you will take this opportunity to meet your neighbours, committee members and councillors informally. Refreshments will be provided from 7.10pm.

The membership subscription of £3.00 per household is now due. It will be a great help if you would kindly pass your subscription, in the envelope provided, to your Road Representative.

(The foregoing does not apply to residents in St James' Avenue whose Association makes a bulk payment)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Although only a few months have passed since our last newsletter, it looks as though 2013 is going to be an extremely active year, if our January committee meeting is anything to go by. The Borough of Epsom and Ewell is facing the prospect of some quite radical changes and the County and Borough Councillors are keeping us fully informed of these so that approval or opposition can be organised in accordance with the wishes of our residents. All of these topics are detailed in this newsletter and we would welcome any comments via the web site or by letter to the Secretary.

Hearty congratulations are extended to Councillor Michael Arthur, who has been bestowed with a double honour. He was appointed Deputy Mayor of Epsom & Ewell and awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List, in respect of his many services to the community locally. These are well deserved and we thank Michael too, for his continued support that he gives to our Association, with his regular attendance and advice that he gives at our committee meetings.

On the subject of communication, I feel that with the active year ahead, it would help to keep residents informed if, in addition to updates on the web site, we could advise you of circumstances which may affect you, by email. If you would like to take part in this, please let us have your email address, either at the AGM, or via the web site to the Secretary.

Our AGM is swiftly approaching and there are two important matters to be dealt with at the meeting, to which I should like to draw your attention:

Firstly, our speaker: this will be Steve Bolton, a new Project Officer from the Surrey Wildlife Trust. Steve will be telling us about the work that is being done to create the wildlife area on Priest Hill and I am sure you will all want to know what is happening here.

Secondly, we will be adopting our candidate for the Surrey County Council election in May. We currently have two County Councillors, Chris Frost (Epsom & Ewell South East) and David Wood (Epsom & Ewell North East). However, due to boundary changes, we now fall into the division called "Ewell" so only one County Councillor is needed. Both Chris Frost and David Wood have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election but we have another really good person to recommend to you as our candidate, so please come along to the AGM to meet and support our candidate.

Sadly we are losing a valued member of our Committee due to pressure of work – Danny Scanlon. Danny has been a respected member of the team for a good while and we have benefited greatly from his technical and professional expertise. We shall miss Danny and thank him for his support in the past.

This leads me to a plea to all of you who feel you can bring some of your skills to the Committee. We really do need people who have experience and skills to join our Committee. If you have knowledge in any area, whether it is planning, or legal or totally different fields, please come and join us. We will not land you with onerous tasks but we need more bodies to take the interests of the residents into consideration. Please come forward - we would welcome your enquiry. We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

Jenny Coleman (Chair)

TREASURER'S REPORT

As at year end 2012, although we received £21 less in road subscriptions, outgoings were £108 less than in 2011 resulting in a surplus of £18. In addition, road subscriptions of at least a further £72 are still to be received and banked, which I calculate would bring our total assets to £2,071.

SCC elections are due in May and we will be helping to finance our candidate's manifesto.

Annual subscriptions will remain this year a £3 per household. I would like to thank all our Road Representatives for all their hard work in collecting these subscriptions.

(Financial Statement 2012 on penultimate page)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The following have put themselves forward for re-election:

Officers:	President	Peter Gilder
	Chairman	Jenny Coleman
	Vice-Chairman	vacant
	Hon. Treasurer	Gavin Marks
	Hon. Secretary	Paula McNally

Committee: Michael Lockyer, Peter Kalinowski

Examiner of Accounts: Keith Boyce

Any further nominations are welcomed and names should be lodged with the Secretary, in writing prior to the AGM. We are currently searching for members in the Reigate Road area and north of the railway line. We are short on representation in that particular area and would love to hear from you if you could help.

DATES FOR MEETINGS 2013/2014

Committee meetings for the coming year will be held at *Nescot College* in the *IT Room at 7.30pm* on the following Tuesdays:

7 May
1 October
12 November
14 January 2014

Residents are always welcome to attend, but should give prior notice to the Secretary.

(Please note that the above dates may be subject to change)

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2013/2014

SCC meetings are open to the public and have been arranged for the following date:

2013

Monday	11 March	7.00pm	Bourne Hall
Monday	17 June	7.00pm	Ewell Court House
Monday	23 September	7.00pm	Bourne Hall

The agenda will be displayed a week prior to the meeting on the Council website.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Due to the recent boundary changes, AEDR will now fall under Ewell and will only be eligible for one SCC to represent our views. Chris Frost and David Wood our present councillors are not standing for re-election and our prospective candidate is to be present at the AGM and will be available to answer any queries that you might have.

SCC elections will be held on **Thursday 2 May 2013**

POLICE NEWS

Police Commissioner

Kevin Hurley was elected as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey in November. He has recently expanded on the six promises he made to the people of Surrey which will form the basis of his Police and Crime Plan which sets the strategic direction for Surrey Police and community safety partners. His comments should be of interest to readers

Take a Zero Tolerance Policing Approach

I will lead a relentless focus on those who blight our lives: antisocial louts, violent bullies, burglars and those who deal drugs to our young people

More Visible Street Policing

I will use my experience to reduce expenditure on back office roles and use the ill-gotten gains of criminals to pay for patrol

Put victims at the Centre of the Criminal Justice System

I will ensure that victims are given a quality service from reporting a crime to giving evidence. The professionals in the Courts and Police work for you, sometimes they forget.

Give you the opportunity to have a greater say in how your streets are policed

I will set up local policing boards to bring decision making closer to neighbourhoods. You will be able to participate and have your views heard

Protect your local policing

I will work with Police Chiefs to maintain the morale and ethos of service of your officers. I will do this by supporting them against unreasonable criticism and ensuring their voice is heard. We cannot expect them to take on the criminals unless we back them.

I will be uncompromising in the standards you expect from your police

With public support comes an expectation that your police will deliver a quality service. I will expect the Chiefs to inspire their officers and unlock their passion to deliver a professional, courteous and positive approach to policing. You pay for it and you have a right to expect it

As the Borough's appointed member of the Surrey Police and Crime Panel I will be part of the monitoring team. I am encouraged by his intent.

Cllr Clive Smitheram

Theft from vehicles and vehicle theft

Car drivers are warned to be on their guard, following a spate of vehicle theft and theft from vehicles in Epsom and Ewell.

Thieves mainly targeted cars parked on residential roads, either by forcing or smashing their way into the vehicles, also targeting insecure vehicles. Items taken were cash, satellite navigation, tools, number plates and catalytic converters. The offences were committed mainly during hours of darkness and overnight.

Steps that can be taken to lessen your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime are as follows:

When leaving your car

- *Lock the doors and boot* whenever you leave your car even if it is for a short period of time.
- *Don't leave items on view inside the car.* Clothes, cigarettes and loose change can all encourage a break-in.
- *Remove the stereo or stereo fascia* if possible.
- *Remove satellite navigation devices* if possible, including the support cradle. Wipe away any suction pad marks left on the dashboard or windscreen.
- *Leave your glove box open* to show it is empty.
- *Close windows and sunroofs.*

Parking

- *Keep your car parked in a garage* if possible and lock both the vehicle and garage.
- *When away from home*, or if you don't have a garage, always try to park in a well-lit open location
- *If possible park in police approved car parks* displaying the 'ParkMark' logo.

Visit www.parkmark.co.uk for more information.

Extra precautions

- *Look after your car keys and keep them out of sight*, even at home. Keep keys on you or hidden at all times.
- *Secure number plates* with anti-tamper or clutch head screws or purchase theft resistant number plates that break into small pieces when removed.
- *Never store driving documents or vehicle documents in the car.* Keep them at home.

Contact details: Email 11545@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Tel: 101

Alarm Systems

When taking out a new alarm system, ensure that any alarm company that you use is registered with a relevant regulatory body. Any reputable company will be registered with SIA (security industry authority) and conform to British Standard BS8243 – 2010.

Sometimes companies can claim that these alarms are free; sometimes use pressure selling techniques and the ‘free’ alarm can cost £1,000’s with an expensive contract. Be careful and DO NOT be taken in by pressurised selling or anything you are not happy with. Take time to think before saying yes to these people.

Contact details: Email 11728@surrey.pnn.police.uk

COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Surrey County Council report

- **Councillor Chris Frost**

Parking restriction review:

At the time of writing, it looks as if all County Councillors will have to accept that there are not the resources to deal with all the requests for parking restriction changes that have been requested. We may each be limited to our 10 most important sites. I have a list of over 20 sites; so many people are going to have to wait another year before anything is done. A sign of the service levels we can expect on the years ahead, I fear.

Parking enforcement problem outside schools:

It has emerged that many of the zigzag lines outside a number of schools across Epsom and Ewell have no Traffic Regulation Order backing. This means that Parking Wardens and police are powerless to stop cars parking on these safety markings. A Surrey County Council Officer said they are undertaking the ‘massive task’ of finding out which zigzags need resizing and where new signs are legally required. He said as there are 35 schools in Epsom & Ewell alone, this is a significant task. In the meantime they are asking all drivers to use common sense and consideration when parking near schools, to help us keep all our pupils and teachers safe.

Ash tree disease issue:

The spread of ash tree disease across parts of the UK has led to a call for Surrey residents to be vigilant. The county council has been working with national and regional organisations, including the Forestry Commission, Surrey Wildlife

Trust and local councils, to ensure Surrey is prepared for an outbreak of the disease, also known as Chalara Fraxinea and ash dieback. People can report potentially infected trees to plant.health@forestry.gsi.gov.uk. Outbreaks of the disease have been identified in neighbouring counties and information about how to spot ash disease can be found on the Forestry Commission's website (<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/>).

And finally

You will have seen that I have decided not to seek nomination as a candidate for the forthcoming Surrey County Council election on 2nd May. After 16 years as your County Councillor I feel it is time to let someone else take over.

It has been an honour and privilege to be your County Councillor during this time. By May I will have attended close to 3,000 meetings, *most* of which have been interesting, useful and enjoyable!

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me, from the Residents' Associations committees, all those who have voted for me, and most of all to my wife Liz for her understanding that I haven't had time to help her around the house as much as she deserves!

I will do my best to ensure there is a good handover to my successor so that any outstanding issues can be completed.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council - Ewell Ward

- **Councillor Michael Arthur**

Planning and Infrastructure

Continued pressure on planning application for redevelopment in the urban area prevails with, on January 13, submission for redevelopment of existing East Street office accommodation on three separate sites (Nos. 39, 87 and 91) plus, not very far away, a public exhibition for consultation of proposals prior to submission, for 92 houses on the site of the former Linton Lane School. Comments on the development at No 87 are reported elsewhere. The government have announced the intention to allow conversion of office accommodation to housing without the need for planning approval – although to precise details of how this will work in practice have yet to become clear. It is suggested that almost all of this type of development will require a planning application to deal with points of detail, layout and modification to elevations, etc.

These and other development proposals will put pressure on that very all-embracing word “infrastructure”.

I am pleased to say that on the day after the AGM I have been invited to a seminar in Woking entitled “Surrey Future Launch”

The aim of “Surrey Future” is to agree investment priorities for the next 15-20 years to support Surrey’s economic development and to build consensus of how to manage planned sustainable growth. Surrey Future is identifying the main challenges and constraints to delivering economic development and planned growth and the strategic investment needed to address these across the county.

This seminar will be a key time to be having conversations given the many changes in how infrastructure is funded such as the new Community Infrastructure Levy on all new developments and the introduction of Local Transport Bodies. It is proposed to report on the first two Surrey Future work-streams - a Surrey Rail Strategy and a Congestion Programme.

I will be noting carefully and take forward what arises from this seminar. I will be accompanied by the Borough Council Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee and we will both press hard for Epsom & Ewell to receive its fair share of the ‘cake’ and that the current problems of congestion, etc. which we currently face, are well voiced.

- **Councillor Clive Woodbridge**

Council’s finances on an even keel

Councillors are in the process of agreeing a balanced budget for 2013-14, which is no mean feat in today’s tough financial climate. This includes a package of staff and efficiency savings, and some relatively minor changes to service provision.

The Council is due to take a final decision on next year’s Council tax rate on 19th February, but it has already indicated it will not increase this by more than 2%. The Government has offered councils who freeze Council Tax a grant that will be equivalent to a 1% rise. However the problem is that the grant lasts only for two years and will leave councils with an ever bigger hole in their budgets, and put services to residents at greater risk, when it ‘drops out’. Last year the Council rejected the freeze money, and is expected to do so again for the same reasons.

The RA-led Council’s finances are prudently managed and this has put Epsom & Ewell in a relatively good position in dealing with the well-documented financial pressures. EEBC has recorded efficiency savings of £3.6 million

since 2004, including £370,000 proposed for next year's budgets, which is a tremendous record and one to be proud of.

There will be a need for more savings next year, probably of at least £500,000. This will be tough to achieve while protecting all the services the Council currently offers. But EEBC is committed to implementing further efficiency and cost savings to help meet the demanding savings targets that have been set, while protecting front lines services to the maximum extent possible.

Council Tax Support changes

There has been considerable publicity recently around the changes to Council Tax Benefit, with a new 'localised' Council Tax Support scheme coming into effect at the beginning of April. Central government has reduced its Council Tax Benefit funding by 10% and invited councils to come up with local schemes to help those on the lowest incomes. Pensioners will be protected from the changes, but a range of measures agreed by Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will mean that some working age residents who are currently helped will pay more of their council tax bill in future. It is estimated that around 400 households in the Borough will be adversely affected by the changes.

The Council has decided not to pass on the full government funding cuts, though, and will meet part of the cost through changes to council tax discounts, for example by making a full charge for second homes. It has been a difficult process to implement these cuts, which are the result of Central Government policy, fairly, but in the end a balanced package of measures that shares the burden between benefit recipients and other council taxpayers has been achieved. EEBC is also setting up a Hardship Fund to alleviate the impact on those most in need.

Borough Insight

The Council's magazine, Borough Insight, has for many years proved very popular as a source of information amongst residents. But with financial pressures increasing it has been decided to make some changes in the coming year. The annual cost of producing the magazine will be reduced from £41,000 to £25,000 through a new contract. This will be achieved by producing three as opposed to four issues a year, albeit with a higher number of pages per issue. The magazine will also carry non-council advertising for the first time, and there are plans for an electronic supplement.

The distribution process will be changed to make sure that everyone gets a copy. In future it will be delivered to all homes in the Borough by Royal Mail.

Zone 6 campaign

EEBC is pressing hard for Epsom Station to be included in Zone 6, something that would seem particularly appropriate once the new station development is completed. At present both Ewell East and Ewell West are within Zone 6, as are Epsom Downs and Tattenham Corner, despite the latter two being further from Central London. The exclusion of Epsom station seems illogical, and the position on the buses is even more confusing with some routes falling within Zone 6 and others not.

With more and more people using Oyster cards as a means of travelling, including busy Epsom station in Zone 6 seems to be the fair and reasonable thing to do.

Environment Committee chairman, Cllr. Jean Smith, has written to Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, who has ultimate responsibility for Transport for London. In the letter she writes: ‘While all sections of the community would benefit from inclusion I am aware that students and young people, as well as the elderly, are especially impacted by this situation. I would therefore ask you to act quickly to remove this anomaly and allow Epsom station to be included in Zone 6.’

Free telephone networking for the elderly

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has joined forces with Community Network to offer a free service to the elderly in the Borough, which provides telephone-based social networks for older people from the comfort of their own home. It does this by facilitating telephone conversations between like-minded people in group meetings around shared interests.

The service is free for anyone over the age of 60 and is a resident of Epsom & Ewell. Although the service is intended to reduce social isolation, everyone over the age of 60 is encouraged to get involved as it is having a diverse mix of experience and conversation that makes telephone groups interesting. Full details of the service can be obtained by calling Community Network on 0207 9235250.

Good news in brief

It is highly likely that a stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race will start in Epsom, on the Downs and go through the town in September. The final route will be announced in March but EEBC has agreed in principle that it is willing to host a stage if asked to do so by the organisers.

The Leisure Developments team at the Council have attracted two big grants, one for £70,000 from Inspired Facilities to upgrade Longrove Skate Park; and another of £40,000 from Surrey County Council to develop a BMX skate park in Cox Lane. Both will be of significant benefit to young people in the Borough especially.

The Pantomime at the Playhouse, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, this year broke all records with bookings 30% up compared with 2011.

Based on data from car parks, overall visits to Epsom in December were up 2.5% compared to December 2011, making December 2012 the busiest month for visitors to the town centre since December 2004.

The Council will be launching an enhanced cartons and mixed plastics recycling service from April/May 2013.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council – Nonsuch Ward

- **Graham Dudley**

The long awaited Government consultation document on extending permitted development rights for homeowners and businesses was finally received towards the end of last year. I am sure you will be pleased to learn the Borough Council made a robust response. The main area of concern has always been the proposal for increasing the maximum length for single storey rear extensions to 8 metres for detached houses and 6 metres for any other type of house.

Your councillors have strongly opposed this as contrary to the Government's localism objectives. We have said it would have a serious adverse impact on neighbours by way of overbearing impact, loss of daylight/sunlight/views and loss of privacy. We have also pointed out it could adversely affect the appearance of the surrounding area.

We have also recommended that areas protected from these proposed changes should include the Green Belt as such extensions, if permitted, would in many cases have a serious impact on its openness.

You can view the full response on the Borough Council's website in the minutes of the Planning Policy Sub-Committee meeting of 12 December 2012.

Sainsbury's have appealed to the Government Planning Inspector over the council's decision to refuse planning permission for an upper deck on their Kiln Lane store car park. The appeal is due to be heard on 26/27 March in the

Town Hall. Meanwhile, the Planning Committee has unanimously approved tree preservation orders on most of the trees on the car park that would need to be removed in order for the deck to be built. This is not sufficient to prevent the appeal being allowed but does emphasise the strength of feeling against this particular development.

- **Chris Frost**

Finances

The current difficult financial times appear to be hitting us from all sides, and the borough council is not immune. The grant that the Council received from central government has been reduced significantly over recent years, and is set to fall even more. At the same time, costs are increasing. The Council has made huge changes to the way it works to make savings, and they are joining with other local authorities to share some services, thus getting better deals and reducing staff numbers. Utility bills have been greatly reduced and the council is now run as a very lean machine. Government grants are not the only source of income for the council. For every pound that we all pay in our Borough Council Tax, Epsom & Ewell receive 11 pence (76 pence goes to Surrey County Council and 13 pence to Surrey Police). The council also received income from the borough car parks and fees for services provided. The Council has a large number of services that are mandatory, i.e. they must be provided.

Epsom General Hospital

The Council was very disappointed when the proposed merger of Ashford & St Peters and Epsom Hospitals was halted. The council officers and your Borough Councillors have been working hard asking questions and attending many meetings. However the situation changes with such speed that any 'latest position' reported here is likely to be completely out of date by the time you read it! We could provide an update at the AGM if asked.

Sainsbury's Recycling Centre

For many years the Borough Council has provided a large, popular recycling centre within the car park at Sainsbury's Kiln Lane, Epsom. However, as part of a UK-wide initiative, recently Sainsbury's has taken over the recycling centre. Consequently, all Council recycling banks and bins have now been removed and replaced by Sainsbury's own banks. Signs have been placed at the site and notices put on the Council's website to ensure that residents are aware of the changes. Staff were also on hand during the changeover to deal with any queries and the transition went very smoothly. Each month,

Sainsbury's will provide the Borough Council with records of the tonnages recycled at the site, which they will be able to include within their percentage figures. This now means that the Council has no responsibility for recycling at Sainsbury's, or cleanliness at the site and any queries about the site will now be passed to Sainsbury's.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Association seeks to protect and enhance the interests of residents. Our primary concerns centre on planning, traffic, security and other topics which directly affect our area. To this end, we maintain regular contact with our Councillors who also attend our Committee meetings. Visits are made to the Town Hall to view planning applications and to monitor the agenda items for the committee meetings of prime relevance e.g. Planning, Environment, Leisure and Strategy & Resources, and where appropriate to make our views known

Other activities include sponsoring our election candidates, helping to prepare manifestos and knocking on as many doors as possible at local election time. For the delivery of election manifestos and of our twice yearly newsletters, we rely on the vital services of our Road Representatives, who also provide indispensable communication lines. To keep in touch with Borough-wide issues, Committee members also attend, as appropriate, meetings of other bodies such as the Standing Committee of Residents Associations (SCoRA), the Environment Forum, Police Liaison, and the Epsom and Ewell branch of CPRE.

FOR NEW RESIDENTS

All residents are eligible to join. If they subsequently have any problems or concerns, we ask that these should first be taken up with the Borough or County Council as appropriate. If you are still not satisfied with the response, please approach your Road Representative, Councillor, or Committee member. Our aim is to assist as best we can.

ASSOCIATION OF EWELL DOWNS RESIDENTS

Minutes of the 77th Annual General Meeting held at NESBOT On Tuesday 20 March 2012

Present:

President, Treasurer, Committee Members, Road Representatives, 24 Residents, Borough & County Councillors, Keith Lugton & Anthony Evans

Introduction and Welcome

Peter Gilder (President), welcomed residents, councillors, Anthony Evans (Principal Planner & Conservation Officer) guest speaker and Keith Lugton (Chair of SCoRA & Nonsuch RA) in the absence of Jenny Coleman (Chair)

Tribute to Colin White

A minute's silence was observed in tribute to Colin D White who died on 27 February 2012 following a battle over the last 18 months with leukaemia. Condolences were extended to Liz White and her family.

Colin had served as Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman for AEDR and was an invaluable source of information, both on local and national affairs. He will be sadly missed.

Presentation by Anthony Evans, Principal Planner & Conservation Officer, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

A short presentation was given, outlining the main features and value of the local conservation area. The talk was complimented with illustrations and photographs of the buildings and streets within these areas.

Points mentioned were:

- Problems with planning permission
- Side and rear extensions – now a pre planning procedure in place.
- Windows and problems that residents have had when trying to upgrade them.
- Solar panels – not permitted on a front elevation.
- Street lighting upgrade in progress. In some places reproduction columns will be put in place.

1. Apologies for absence:

These were received from Jenny Coleman (Chair), Councillor Humphrey Reynolds, Mr & Mrs Bucklow (Reigate Rd.) and Mr & Mrs Rates (Ewell Downs Rd)

2. Minutes of the 76th AGM held on 1 March 2011

These were approved as a true and accurate record.
Their adoption was proposed by B Edbrooke & D Scanlon

3. Statement of Accounts

These were presented by the Treasurer and recorded in the AGM Notice..

4. Report from the Chair

Peter Gilder took the chair in the absence of Jenny Coleman, who sent a written report, which is as follows:

'I am sorry not to be with you tonight, I can assure you I would rather be here than in Epsom Hospital, but on behalf of the Committee would like to thank you all for the support you have given us over the past year.

I would like to add my condolences to Liz White and her family who were residents of Longdown Lane North for many years. It could be said that it was Colin who revitalised the Ewell Downs Residents Association. He was a source of invaluable information as well as a great friend and will be sadly missed.

Much has happened over the past year and your Committee has been actively involved in all things appertaining to the area, publishing them in both the Newsletters and on the web site.

The planning application for Priest Hill has featured prominently and as you will all be aware, the Council has proposed that this goes forward to the Secretary of State with a recommendation to permit the development. It is generally felt that the enabling development combined with the Nature Reserve is the best way of protecting the openness of the land for future generations. There are still hurdles to be overcome especially in connection with the existing rugby pitches and work is continuing behind the scenes to resolve this problem. Residents may have noticed that some archaeological work has been done. May I assure you that this was not a precursor to development but an activity requested by Surrey County Council. In fact the investigation work revealed nothing, which only supported previous archaeological digs.

The Committee has also been involved with various matters relating to Wallace Fields Infant School and we would like to thank the many residents who voiced their opinions in the Tiered Sibling rule consultation. Despite an overwhelming majority in favour of the immediate transfer (from 2013), the Cabinet has recommended a phased transfer. We have taken action to appeal this decision.

As you will no doubt be aware the Glyn School playing fields planning application was approved following an appeal. Our action has however helped to reduce the height of the lighting and strict time limits have been set.

Thank you to our Councillors. They regularly attend our committee meetings and help us to get things done. We are most grateful for your support and the effort you put into local issues.

Your Committee continues to do what is needed to protect the area for the benefit of residents. We are always looking for new members to provide expertise and welcome anyone who would like to join us – please be assured we are a friendly bunch!

Thank you again for your continuing support. I wish you a happy and healthy year. '

Peter Gilder touched on the following points:

- The Animal Husbandry Site, where the results of the feasibility study have not yet been announced.
- The Sustainable Development consultation, would last until 27 April, whilst the Green Infrastructure Strategy should be published for consultation during the summer.
- Boundary Commission's current proposal does not include any changes to Epsom & Ewell's wards, although changes to Parliamentary Constituency might follow.

5. Adoption of Annual Report

The adoption of the report was accepted unanimously by the meeting

6. Election of Officers, Committee & Examiner of Accounts

The following were put forward for election:

Officers:	President	Peter Gilder
	Chair	Jenny Coleman
	Hon Treasurer	Gavin Marks
	Hon Secretary	Paula McNally

Committee: Peter Kalinowski, Michael Lockyer, Danny Scanlon

Examiner of Accounts: *Vacancy (With the death of Colin White)*

8. Councillors' Forum

The following matters were raised and discussed with councillors.

- **Wallace Fields Schools tiered sibling rule**

75% of people who responded to the survey were in favour and Surrey County Council voted 65 to 1 to introduce a tiered sibling role.

Residents felt strongly that local children should be assured of a place at their nearest school.

- **Boundary Commission review**

Over the last 12 months the county divisions have been re-examined, changes to which could have an effect on County Council elections. It would seem however that there are no plans to change the boundary of AEDR.

- **Traffic conditions in Epsom & Ewell**

It was felt that traffic conditions had worsened in our area:

Traffic congestion in the Epsom Town centre is often caused by large vehicles loading and unloading during busy periods, particularly evident in the Upper High Street, causing serious obstruction and delay to traffic.

This could be tackled by amending the times for loading and unloading. The reinstating of the Kiln Lane Link project was mentioned as a likely solution for this problem.

Air Pollution in Ewell Village remains a problem, but it is proposed that there will be a policy, planning consultation session with local residents at Bourne Hall

London Road/Cheam Road where the right turn into Ewell Village is inadequately signed.

Bollards in Reigate Road on dark evenings are not clearly visible due to lack of cleaning.

Reigate Road 30mph speed limit has caused difficulties for drivers, who are not always aware of the change in the speed limit, due to lack of signage.

- **Parking at the Rainbow Centre**

This was considered inadequate and it was felt that there was ample space at the rear which could be utilised. The Hook Road Car Park can be used by patrons and that ticket will be accepted by the Rainbow Centre.

- **Increased parking charges at the Ashley Centre**

This could lead to people shopping at Sainsbury's where the parking is free of charge.

- **Tree stumps on footpath in Reigate Road**

Three mature trees have been felled and the tree stumps remain. It was asked if there were plans to have these ground out in the near future, since they were a hazard to pedestrians.

9. Any other business

There was none.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Association of Ewell Downs Residents

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2012	2011	Payments	2012	2011
Subscriptions	£ 1,058.95	£ 1,080.00	Printing, postage & stationery	£ 700.00	£ 563.48
Bank Interest	£ -	£ 0.04	Hire of rooms	£ 145.00	£ 128.75
			SCORA	£ 25.00	£ 30.00
			CPRE	£ 25.00	£ 25.00
			Election expenses	£ 24.48	£ 193.43
			AGM Expenses	£ 72.70	£ 67.89
			Road Representatives Reception	£ -	£ 169.59
			Interflora	£ 72.96	£ -
Total receipts	£ 1,058.95	£ 1,080.04	Total payments	£ 1,065.14	£ 1,178.14
Less <i>Total payments</i>	-£ 1,065.14	-£ 1,178.14			
Deficit/surplus for the year	£ 6.19	£ 98.10			

Balance Sheet as at 28/12/2012

	2012	2011		2012	2011
Assets					
Barclays Bank current account	£ 2,024.72	2,005.91	General Fund as at 31 Dec 2011	£ 2,005.91	£ 2,104.01
Liabilities					
Sundry Creditors (SCORA)	£ 25.00	£ -	Deduct deficit for the year	£ 6.19	£ 98.10
Total Net Assets	£ 1,999.72	£ 2,005.91	General Fund as at 31 Dec 2011	£ 1,999.72	£ 2,005.91

Signed **Gavin Marks** **Hon Treasurer**

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2012 and, so far as appears from my examination, proper accounts have been kept.

The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account and, in my opinion, give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31 December 2012 and of the receipts and payments for the year ended on that date.

Signed **Keith Boyce** **Examiner of Accounts**

Association of Ewell Downs Residents 2013 – 2014

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ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

Beech Walk	Meurig Thomas, 16 Beech Walk	020 8393 5197
Ewell Downs Road		
North End	Alison Spicer, 45 The Green	020 8393 6079
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The Green		
North End	Sarah Shickle, 23 The Green	020 8393 8230
South End	Ann Broad, 77 The Green	020 8393 8653
Hampton Grove	Kim Thorp, 3 Hampton Grove	020 8394 0650
Higher Green		
Even numbers	Michael Lockyer, 18 Higher Green	07818 067 741
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Langton Avenue	Michael Arthur, 20A Langton Avenue	020 8393 1476
Longdown Lane North		
North End	Graham Evans, 30 Longdown Lane North	020 8394 0160
South End	Steve Gebbett, 53 Longdown Lane North	01372 720921
Park Hill Road		
Reigate Road		
No. 28, 34-52	Meurig Thomas, 16 Beech Walk	020 8393 5197
No. 54-92	Esme Wilson, ‘Tandlewood’ (Next to 54)	020 8393 5475
No. 94-118	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
No. 120-140	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
Small Holdings		
The Looe-143	Carol Billam, Cefn, Nth. Looe Estate	020 8393 2490
St James Avenue	Jason Barnett, 15 St James’ Avenue	07880 958 592
Windmill Avenue	<i>Vacancy</i>	
Windmill Lane	<i>Vacancy</i>	
No 1-21		

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