

St Matthew's Residents' Association – Meeting notes and Points for Action Sheet

Meeting:	Date: 21.01.2016	Venue: St Matthew's Church Hall	Start: 20:00	Finish: 22:00
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Present: Tim Snow (Chair), David Gander (secretary), Louise Beattie (Treasurer) and Councillor Malcolm Self, together with approximately 25 residents.	Apologies:
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Agenda Item	Discussion outcomes	Resp.	Follow up work
Welcome and Introductions	Tim welcomed all and noted the excellent turnout. He particularly welcomed and introduced Councillor Malcolm Self who kindly volunteered to attend and provide information and guidance, once again.	n/a	
Treasurer update	Louise explained that we are not building up a surplus at present and are continuing to operate on the basis that the contributions from attendees is sufficient to provide refreshments at the next session. Thank you to everyone who came and contributed today		Update: Louise has reported we have £57.91 in the kitty following this event.
Re-election of Committee	None of the current committee wished to resign and all were encouraged to continue for another year.	n/a	
Introducing 20mph signs for St Matthew's Ave	We submitted a petition and Cllr Self was grateful as it has helped to move the topic forward within the council. The current next step is a consultation which will be related to all minor roads in the area, rather than just this one.	Committee	Keep an eye on developments
Renewal of South West Trains franchise	We have the opportunity to comment and feedback on the proposal submitted by SWT for the renewal of their franchise in Feb. This came to us via our MP James Berry.	David G	David will put a link up to the consultation document on our website
Junction of Kingsdowne Road, and Ewell Road	A new staggered pedestrian crossing with lights is scheduled to be introduced at the end of March 2016	n/a	
Junction between Ditton and Ewell Road	Cllr Gander raised an issue relating to drivers turning right from Ditton Road into Ewell Road. They can encounter a red pedestrian crossing without sufficient warning which could lead	Cllrs and All	Raise a petition to TfL for all of us to consider to make some safety further improvement at this junction

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	to an accident on the junction.		
Cycle Scheme – Mini Hollands	Cllr Gander mentioned that one of the network schemes for the Mini-holland programme will involve improvements to Ewell Road to provide protected space for cyclists travelling between Tolworth and Kingston. The needs of other road user such as cars, buses, pedestrians, are being fully considered.	All	Watch out for the consultation later in the year.
Tesco's old site	Cllr Self updated Residents on the status of the proposed development of the MOD site at Tolworth. It is now owned by a different company, who are submitting the same scheme to planning as Tesco's were intending to.	All	Watch for opportunities to comment
Tolworth Tower Development	Cllr Self answered a question relating to the newly approved plans to build 3 more tower blocks in front of Tolworth Tower. A discussion over the local impacts arose, and resulted in some people wishing to sign a petition for the Mayor of London to overrule this decision. David agreed to add a link to the petition to our website in time for 22 nd Jan submission	All	Look out for the link and consider the proposals.
Safer Neighbourhoods	Cllr Gander attended meetings with the Police patrolling our ward and they would like to stress that people take common sense precautions over items left on show in cars, and back-garden access.	All	Be vigilant and keep an eye on the streets for unusual behaviour either on foot or in vans.
Communications	A couple of questions were asked about how residents can receive notifications from the website, and also how they can post things to it. David will post things on behalf of anyone who wishes to email us at committee@stmatthewsra.org.uk and in addition David will put some instructions on the site and email them to people on how to ensure you do receive notifications.	All	Check the website and then check your settings as a member on how to receive notifications.
“Turn it On Surbiton”	Please let Cllr Self know if you would like to be part of the soon	All	Consider what you can do or who

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and Surbiton Festival	to be joint committee for these local events. The more people in the team, the less work each one does.		you might know that could help.
Ward level meeting for Res Assn committees	Cllr Self enquired whether our association would be interested to get together in a pub with the other associations in the ward to share ideas, information etc.	Cllr Self	Feed back to Gemma Gallant, the Manager of Neighbourhoods that our association would be interested.
Next meeting	We will hold a Summer party again in the street. Date TBD.	Committee	Please let us know if you have ideas on how to make the event even more inclusive and successful.
Update on Previous items			
Re-surfacing St Matthew's Ave	The road was re-surfaced during the year and this action is now closed.		
Upkeep of St Matthew's Ave, Street Scene	No1 had tidied the frontage now, but from time to time the hocking is being driven over still. Cllr Gander has been corresponding on this issue with the Landlords via Kingston council and the frontage is tidier, but the hocking is still being driven over. The council re-seeded the area, levelled it and put some posts in to prevent it being driven on.	Cllr Gander	Re-iterate to the council about the hocking
Residents on the South side of Ditton Road	We have not received any takers so far from the South Side of Ditton Road	All	Let people know of our existence if you meet people from there
Junction improvement Ditton Road and Upper Brighton	Safety improvements have been carried out at this junction and the paving is now wider, and the cars need to turn more slowly.	n/a	Please make any comments directly to the council, positive or otherwise.
Tolworth Broadway blockage	Two marked parking bays have been removed from the Broadway to ease congestion. The congestion has now reduced.	n/a	
Proposed expansion of Dysart School	The project is underway, and the site appears to be being managed respectfully towards the local residents.	All	Keep an eye on Kingsdowne Road

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Hocking improvement	Tim will include details of who to contact in the council if any residents wish to follow suit and plant out the hocking outside their houses	Tim Snow	Include again in the next newsletter
Vehicles exceeding 20mph limit in Kingsdowne	Speed limit signs were lowered to make them more prominent. Speed indicators have been made a semi-permanent feature. Extra 20mph markings were painted on the surface of the road. In addition, the local police have been doing speed gun checks and talking to drivers. Over the past three years the general fewer cars travel at the top speeds recorded and more cars travel at the lower speeds recorded.	Cllrs and All	The Cllrs continue to work on this with the Police and Council officers.