

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

Meeting:	Date: 16.01.2020	Venue: The Royal Oak	Start: 20:00	Finish: 22:00
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Present: Tim Snow (Chair), David Gander (secretary), Louise Beattie (Treasurer) and Councillors Malcolm Self, Alison Holt together with approximately 30 residents.	Apologies: Cllr Hilary Gander
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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 our councillors and the vicar, Helen.	n/a	
Treasurer update	No financial update was provided as we haven't charged residents for joining for the last year. We await having a need.		
Local events update	Helen working with Tricia from Child's Play has started planning a 2-day weekend summer street party / road closure this year to celebrate the church tower renovation and there will be a bell theme. A Laurel and Hardy fundraiser will be held on Saturday, 18 th January in the church. Organ music and silent movies, from 4:30pm.	ALL	Date for diary 27/28th June 2020
Introducing 20mph signs for Kingston	A borough-wide consultation is underway on implementing 20mph on our roads to reduce accidents, air pollution and make it a more pleasant place to walk and cycle in. The survey is on the home page of the RBK website and ends on 9 th February.	All	
Go Cycle scheme	The Ewell Road Go Cycle scheme will be built this year, and will join up with existing schemes in Kingston and Surbiton, and link with the central 'Greenway' at Tolworth Broadway. The Raynes Park to New Malden scheme opened recently and has been a success. The next scheme for approval at committee is Kingston to New Malden.		
Lidl HQ and other Developments	Cllr Self gave an account of some of the local development work underway. Some disruption is expected, as the electricity cable feeding the new Lidl HQ is dug in along King Charles Rd etc. Guinness now owns the site for development at Tolworth Broadway, near Charrington Bowl, and their scheme includes improvements to		

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	the Tolworth roundabout and 130 social housing homes. Surrey County Council may move out of their building in Kingston. There are plans to re-invigorate the town centre, make a smaller more focused retail area and 'diversify the offer'.		
RBK Finances	Cllr Holt gave an update on the state of the borough's funding, and the summary is that there isn't much money! We used to have a £66m grant and that is now 0, and raising council tax is restricted to 1.99% (or 3% if we use the extra for social care only).		
Communications/New residents	E-Voice runs the platform for the St Matthew's website www.stmatthewsra.org.uk . You have to first sign up to e-Voice and then set your preferences to receive notices. We encourage you to register so we can stay in touch. To contact the committee, email committee@stmatthewsra.org.uk	All	
Next meeting	See the summer street party mentioned above	All	Please let us know if you have ideas on how to make the event even more inclusive and successful.