

# The Sleepers Hill Association

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Association held in the  
Conference Room at Highcroft, Sleepers Hill  
Sunday 29th October 1995 at 12.00*

## Present:

Captain C.J.L.Croft (Chairman), Mr S.J.Osborne (Secretary), Mr P.J.Barlow, Mr & Mrs A.A.Bath, Mrs S.Buchannan, Mr E.T.Cardew, Mr R.Cherrett, Mrs J.Crabtree, Mr H.Devas, Dr B.J.Doney, Miss J.Elliott, Mr I.E.J.Ferguson, Mrs G.Heneghan, Mr M.A.Hughes, Mr H.D.V.Leech, Mr J.V. Martin, Mr & Mrs D.E.Midgley Mrs B. Osborne, Mr J.P.A.Ouvry, Mr S.Patterson, Mr & Mrs J.B.Phillips, Mr & Mrs R.G.N.Pryor, Mr J.H.Richardson, Mr & Mrs B.H.Sharpe, Mr & Mrs J.H. Stanning, Prof. & Mrs W.D..Targett, Judge H.J.M.Tucker, Dr W.D.White, Mr D. Wilmshurst, Mr & Mrs C.G.Wintrell.

## Apologies:

Mr & Mrs P.Bateson, Mr J.C.Bessey, Dr & Mrs A.G.Bolwell, Mr & Mrs S.W.Buckley, Mrs N.W.Clark, Mrs E.N.Davies, Mrs M.W.Eldridge, Mr & Mrs D.Freeborn, Mr & Mrs H.N.Jeffery, Mrs L.J.Keith, Mr & Mrs D.B.Mathews, Dr & Mrs M.J.Parry, Rev. & Mrs E.S.Shirras, Prof. Sir B. Thwaites, Mrs K.M.Underwood, Mrs D.I.Wallis.

### 1. Welcome to new members

The Chairman welcomed the following new residents to Sleepers Hill:

Mr & Mrs Greene - Dene Edge

Mr & Mrs Edgerley-Harris - Sleepers Hill House

Dr & Mrs Buchannan - Waverley

He also introduced Mr Derek Wilmshurst, the new facilities manager at Highcroft (the successor to Fred Molitor).

### 2. Minutes of the 1994 A.G.M.

There was unanimous agreement that the Minutes were a fair record of that Meeting.

### 3. Matters arising.

The Chairman invited comments from the Members if any matters arising from the last AGM had not been adequately dealt with by the Committee. Most matters would also be dealt with during the course of the meeting. There were no comments or objections.

### 4. Election of Officers.

Captain Croft (Chairman), Mr Osborne (Secretary), and Mr Phillips (Auditor) had all agreed to continue to serve if elected. There being no other nominations, the current Officers were re-elected.

### 5. Financial Report.

The Financial Report was adopted unanimously. The Chairman stated that the funds on deposit stood at approximately £2500 excluding subs. now being collected.

### 6. Condition of Sleepers Hill.

All agreed that the condition of the surface was reasonable apart from a few small pot-holes in the surface. Judge Tucker was concerned that these should be repaired sooner rather than later to avoid frost damage. The Secretary agreed to monitor the situation.

## George Eyston Drive:

Following the survey of Residents of GED, the Secretary said that the majority had opted to pay an increased subscription and have GED resurfaced along with Sleepers Hill when it became necessary. However, as there were dissenting views from several Members, it was agreed that no changes to the present arrangements need be made. If GED needed to be resurfaced in the future, the residents involved would request the Committee to include GED in the resurfacing program for Sleepers Hill, the extra cost being met by the residents of GED.

7. Permit Parking

The Chairman reported that as Sleepers Hill had been excluded from the Scheme, there was little new to discuss. Under the terms of the Scheme, the situation would be re-examined by the City one year after implementation.

8. Tree Pruning - land opposite Christ Church Vicarage

The Secretary read a letter from Sir Bryan Thwaites in which he (Sir Bryan) offered to prune the overgrown vegetation on this land to a height of 8 feet. Mr Stanning and several others agreed with the stance of the Committee in that pruning should not be so severe as to allow the formation of a wide verge on which unauthorised cars could be parked. Judge Tucker said there should be a clear verge the whole length of the Hill. After much discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should accept Sir Bryan's offer and monitor future developments.

9. Traffic Conditions on Sleepers Hill

The Chairman reported that he had attempted to obtain the result of the traffic measurement undertaken by the City in 1993, and requested a further survey now that traffic calming in Stanmore Lane was complete. The City Council Traffic Management Dept. had informed him that owing to budget restraints, his requests were unlikely to be satisfied.

The Secretary had written to the City Traffic Engineering Dept. in response to an enquiry by Mrs Greene, requesting compensation for the increased wear and tear of the road surface caused by the extra traffic generated by Wentworth Grange and the closure of St James Lane. Needless to say no assistance was forthcoming.

Mr Cherrett gave a short presentation of an earlier proposal which he thought could be resurrected. He proposed no right turn into Sleepers Hill from Romsey Road for Winchester bound traffic, and no right turn at the top of Sleepers Hill for traffic coming up the Hill. This could dissuade motorists from using the Hill as a short cut. After a discussion, there was general agreement that restrictive measures of this sort would be more of an inconvenience to residents than to non-residents. It was agreed not to pursue this proposal.

There followed a discussion on the use of humps and pinching as a method of traffic calming, but no conclusions were reached. The Secretary pointed out that the cost of any scheme would have to be borne by the Members alone since the City and County had consistently refused to make any contributions to the maintenance of Sleepers Hill.

It was generally agreed that little could be done about the increasing volume of traffic on the Hill without the expenditure of tens of thousands of pounds.

8. Any other business.

Mr Ferguson asked if the Association could agree on a policy for the prevention of parking on Sleepers Hill after the introduction of Permit Parking. The chairman suggested the Committee would discuss this when the extent of the problem was known.

Derek Wilmshurst, the facilities Manager at Highcroft explained to the Meeting what was happening with the old Regional Health buildings at Highcroft. The buildings were still owned by the South and West Regional Health Authority although no longer occupied by them. The current tenants were all of a 'health' related nature i.e. the ambulance service and the local NHS Trust among others. This situation was to continue for the foreseeable future.

The Chairman thanked Mr Wilmshurst and the Winchester & Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust for the use of their conference room, refreshments and their continuing support.

There being no other business

Meeting closed at 1310.