

Sleepers Hill Association Annual General Meeting
12 Noon Sunday, 11th November 2018
John Stripe Theatre University of Winchester

1. **Presents:** Tim Jones (Chairman), Steve Osborne (Treasurer), Jan Royston-Smith (Secretary), Iain Douglas, Nerina Hendrikse, Bish Osborne, Bruce Royston-Smith, Simone Day, Rolf & Eva Stahel, Julian Grose-Hodge, Bob Jones, Nick & Alison Kelly, Derek O'Neill, Don Midgley, Paul & Tina Barlow, Norman & Christine Wallage, Hamish Adair, Ian & Jackie Organ, Anthony Pffiffer, Tessa Tulloch, Patrick Geraets, Jeremy & Sue Ouvry, Jeremy Hunter, Lesley Cranham.
2. **Apologies:** Jill Bath, David & Penny Blunt, Steve & Chrissie Harte, David & Fiona Innes, Oriol Romeu, Trevor & Rosie Turtle, David & Jacky Matthews, Pam Jones.
3. **Welcome to New Members:** Kate & Andrew Truscott, The Day House, Jeremy Hunter & Melissa Corfield, Landseer, Chris & Simone Day, Amberley, Julian & Rachel Rigamonti, Eyston House, Michael & Fiona Greig, Seagrave House, Neil & Anne Edwards, Sleepers Hill House.
4. **Minutes of Last AGM**
Adopted unanimously as a true record
Adoption proposed – Jeremy Ouvry Seconded – Bruce Royston-Smith
5. **Matters Arising:**

The Chairman reported that all matters arising would be covered in the Chairman's Report and in subsequent items.

6. Chairman's Report

- 6.1 **Committee Membership:** Jem Dunn has had to retire from the Committee and the Chairman thanked him for the work he has done. There are now two vacancies, and the Chairman requested anyone wishing to join the Committee to please contact us.
- 6.2 **Road Maintenance:** Repairs to the road had been successfully carried out in July. The next repairs will take place in two years' time, ie the summer 2020, when a complete resurfacing can be carried out or patching to damaged areas. There will be sufficient capital to carry out a complete resurfacing. The question of whether to make repairs or resurface the road will be discussed by the committee, after consultation with Peter Fox, our Roads Consultant.
- 6.3 **Local Area Design Statement for Sleepers Hill (LADS):** This document was issued in 2007 and some of it is still relevant, whilst some is out of date. The council are unable to update it at present. The Committee have discussed this at some length and we do not have the resources to conduct our own LADS. The Chairman had asked members whether anyone was willing to take this on but no-one has come forward. We will therefore continue to use the existing LADS until hopefully the council can fund an update.

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- 6.4 **Data Protection:** We are working our way through getting responses from residents to the new Data Protection form. The Chairman asked members to send or hand these back to their committee member if they have not already done so. The updated residents list cannot be issued until all the forms have been received.
- 6.5 **Summer Party:** The chairman said this year it was a fantastic party, and thanked Rolf and Eva for their hard work and use of their garden.

6.6 Planning & Development:

6.6.1 **Chingri Khal:** The revised planning application was approved in October and this will consist of six new houses. The developers are Sherborne Developments and it is anticipated that work will commence early in 2019.

6.6.2 **Little Snakemoor:** Approval has been granted for three houses.

6.6.3 **Strutts:** Approval has been granted for a house to be built in the garden.

The Committee will be discussing the logistics of these developments, with particular reference to parking on site. We can consider putting in place parking restrictions, but these have minuses as well as pluses.

7. Speed Warning Sign:

The first sign has been effective in reducing speed on the road and we are progressing with the second sign. Julian Grose-Hodge reported that Clive & Tessa Tulloch have agreed to have the second sign installed on the lamppost next to their property and we are waiting for the engineer to carry out the installation. Jeremy Ouvry asked where the sign would be sited, and JG-H replied this would be facing down hill for the traffic coming up the hill. Anthony Pfiffner asked what could be done about the top of the hill, and JG-H replied that there is the possibility of installing a further sign. Data can be downloaded to assess the effectiveness of the new sign and there is an option to relocate it. The Chairman indicated that it was hoped people would slow down for the sign and not speed up again.

8. **SHA Website:** JG-H noted that neighbourhood watch information is updated on the site, and also asked members to notify him of recommendations for trades people, which he would add to the existing list.

9. Updated Constitution

The Constitution was last reviewed in 2007. The Committee had recently carried out a review and the revised constitution had been circulated to all members prior to the AGM. The Chairman outlined the minor changes; firstly, the definition of Sleepers Hill as a "private road and a highway"; secondly the differentiation between residents and members. We are now restricting membership of the Association to those residents who have paid their subscriptions. The Chairman asked the members present if there were any objections to the new constitution and none were made.

Proposer to adopt the new Constitution: Paul Barlow

Seconder: Julian Grose-Hodge

The revised Constitution was adopted unanimously

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10. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Steve Osborne, reported on the slightly reduced income. This was less than the previous year as the residents of Kings Crescent decided not to pay their subscriptions. The subscriptions are paid en bloc via the management committee and all subscriptions were withdrawn. SO had written to all the individual residents explaining that they should contribute to the Association to pay towards the upkeep of the hill but had not received any replies.

Expenditure: SO reported that not much had been spent on road maintenance. He also commented on the compensation of £100 for vehicle damage which was in early 2018 when a pothole had appeared in the road. The very cold weather had set in, making an immediate repair impossible. During this time, a car driver said they had received tire damage and our insurers said we probably had some liability. The claim was for £240; we had offered £100 and this was accepted. It was suggested we put up a traffic cone to mark any potholes in future.

10.1 Resolutions:

- Adoption of accounts
Proposed: Bruce Royston-Smith Seconded: Rolf Stahel
- Auditor: The Chairman thanked Patrick Geraets for his work.
Re-appointment of Patrick Geraets.

Proposed: Tessa Tulloch

Seconded: Bob Jones

11. **Election of Committee members**

Steve Osborne, Julian Grose-Hodge and Jan Royston-Smith stood for re-election.

Proposed: Jeremy Ouvry Seconded: Nerina Hendrikse

12. **Ultra Fast Broadband**

Derek O'Neill reported that some emails had been sent to members on this subject. To date, 30 replies had been received, 10 businesses and 20 private individuals. The businesses would receive vouchers for £3,000, and the private individuals £500. This would result in government funding through a voucher scheme of £40,000. The quote received from Open Reach is £90,000, leaving a shortfall of around £50,000. DO'N had also asked the University if they were interested in the scheme, but had not received a reply as they may already have ultra fast broadband.

DO'N is also looking at the option of an alternative supplier, Hyperoptic, where he has a contact, but at present they are not in Winchester. They will review this next year and have requested interested parties to register an interest. There is no obligation to proceed, and a rough estimate seems cheaper than Open Reach. DO'N has also emailed CityFibre, but had had no response.

Rolf Stahel mentioned that Virgin is contacting residents in St Cross Mews regarding fast broadband installation. DO'N replied that Virgin are already in some houses on the Hill. Rolf Stahel offered to give DO'N the contact information at Virgin. Ian Organ asked how we can get more responses from residents, and DO'N replied that he had already knocked on doors but had little response.

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Jeremy Hunter asked if the new developments would be installing fast broadband, and Ian Organ suggested we ask for a contribution towards fast broadband on the hill. Steve Osborne reported that we already ask developers for a contribution of £2,000 per house towards maintenance of the Hill.

13. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Julian Grose-Hodge reported that it has been a fairly busy year with a few minor incidents, mainly thefts from gardens and garage raids, and one of the culprits has been caught. The recommendation from the police is to keep car keys inside metal boxes inside the house, and consider installing security lighting and night vision recording cameras. Ian Organ recommended Net House for security cameras, and JG-H will email this information to residents.

14. **Summer Party 2019**

This will take place in late June/early July and the Chairman asked anyone willing to offer the use of their garden to please contact the Committee.

15. **Any Other Business**

15.1 Bish Osborne mentioned that we should consider having the hill properly cleaned after the leaves have fallen. Lesley Cranham agreed with this, and the Committee will look into it.

15.2 Tessa Tulloch thanked Tim Jones for his chairmanship of the meeting. She also mentioned two planning issues:

15.2.1 Locked gates – these are making the hill a less friendly place. The Chairman responded that the LADS encouraged open type gates. However, some developments have already installed closed type gates.

15.2.2 'Personality' of Houses: The new development at Chingri Khal will result in a large brick wall next to the road. The Chairman replied that government policy is to grant developments. A huge number of objections were made to the proposed development but to no avail.

There was no other business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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