

SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION – HALF YEAR REPORT – MAY 08

Committee: Unchanged since our AGM but we are to lose Elaine Carp this summer. We wish her and Richard well in their new home in the West Country.

A volunteer to replace Elaine, preferably female, ideally, but not essentially, from the top of the Hill will be welcome.

SUMMER PARTY – SUNDAY 29 JUNE 1200 TO 1400ish. Frank and Lisa Doyle have kindly agreed to organise this in Sleepers Hill House garden courtesy of the residents. See Frank Doyle's attached notice.

Highcroft: Having deferred a decision to allow for a further site visit the Planning Committee approved Barratt's scheme on 7 May. Our case against the installation of a footpath onto the Hill was not adequately put and is included in the scheme. Work is unlikely to start until spring 2009

Kings Crescent: Reports are that all properties are either occupied, sold or under offer so that it is hoped that Beechcroft's monster notice board may be removed soon.

Road Maintenance: A tar and chippings top surface over the entire road is not yet needed but rather more than isolated patch repairs should be done to stabilise the road edging and replace some sections of sub standard tar macadam. Once a suitable contractor has been found we will consult with the affected frontagers.

Verges/fencing/hedges: The local Area Design Statement commissioned to help preserve the character of Sleepers Hill commented on the relatively unattractive close boarded fencing to some properties vis a vis green hedging to other properties. Equally the quality of the verges is variable. Having discussed these issues your Committee believe that individual frontagers should be encouraged to look after their own boundaries/verges. Some suggestions are:

- a. Chain link fencing with green hedging in preference to close boarded fencing. Where such fencing is already installed grow green shrubs/climbers in front or over it.
- b. Grass or grass filled reinforcement with moveable rocks or posts height limited to that sufficient to dissuade vehicles from damaging the verge.
- c. Sweep up and dispose of fallen leaves etc so that gutters are kept clear and gravel and leaves are not washed down the Hill to block drains at the bottom.
- d. Remove overhanging branches which, particularly when wet, obscure the limited street lighting and/or impede pedestrians

AGM. SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 1200. We have accepted the University's kind offer to lend us one of the lecture rooms in the John Stripe theatre.