

## SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION – HALF YEAR REPORT APRIL 09

Committee: Mark Bean has agreed to represent residents at the bottom end of the Hill.

SUMMER PARTY SUNDAY 5 JULY 12 NOON TO 1400ish Peter and Louise Federico aided by the Doyles and the Priestleys have kindly agreed to host our annual “keep it simple”bring and share garden party at their house Russetts. All are welcome including visiting friends or relatives but it will be a great help if members will let them know who to expect and to agree what might be best to bring.

Road Maintenance: Our thanks to Hamish Adair for organising the repairs to the road.

Trees/hedges: Frontagers are reminded that where their trees/hedges obstruct pedestrians or shadow the street lights, particularly when wet, they should have the offending branches trimmed.

Leaves: Residents are also reminded that it is up to all of us to clear the gutters during the leaf fall season. An impromptu working party cleared the lower Hill last year although it is suggested that perhaps 2 or even 3 sessions are needed to cope with the spread of the leaf fall.

AGM: Our thanks to Jonathan and Caroline Monkcom for hosting last year’s AGM and to Steve and Bish Osborne for organising a glass of wine to follow. The number of residents on the Hill now makes it difficult to accommodate everyone at a private home so that this year’s AGM will take place at the University’s John Stripe Theatre in Sparkford Road 12 NOON SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER.

Development on the Hill: It has been confirmed that, from the date of the Council’s adoption of the Local Area Design Statement for Sleepers Hill no more than 10 new dwellings will be permitted until the Highways Authority approve improved access at both the top and bottom of the Hill. With approvals already granted for 2 dwellings at Milnthorpe, 1 at Springdale and 6 flats at the Day House this limit has now nearly been reached.

For the benefit for the newer members it should be understood that the Committee as a whole does not take a view on any particular Planning Application. Like any other resident each member is free to take what action he or she wishes. A letter to the Planning Office from a group carries no more weight than that from an individual.

Since the Hill is owned jointly by the frontagers and administered by your Committee improvements to the junctions are extremely unlikely for a number of good reasons and we may finally be spared further major building work on the Hill. Our particular thanks to Tim Jones and Derek O’Neill for the time and effort spent in ensuring the LADS was effective not least in insisting that the Highways issue should be included in the Statement.

Snow: The bags of salt originally purchased in 2004 came in useful this year and thanks to all who turned out to help clear the Hill. Our thanks to Mark Bean for helping to distribute the replacement bags the day after.