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SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION REPORT - AUTUMN 2013

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 1200 NOON IN THE JOHN STRIPE THEATRE WINCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

AGM VENUE: We are grateful to Winchester University for allowing us to use their facilities for our AGM. Parking is available on campus and it is hoped that as many residents as possible will be able to attend. As in previous years, there will be the opportunity to meet and socialise over drinks and nibbles after the meeting.

COMMITTEE: Our thanks go to all the Committee members for their work on your behalf throughout the year. Matt Johnson is standing down this year after many years' valuable service and not least as the previous. Hon Secretary and our current Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

FINANCE: We propose that subscriptions are maintained at £50 per household for this year. We still need to build up our reserves to cover the cost of future repairs, including a possible resurfacing of the Hill when funds permit. The Committee would like to signal its intention to increase the subscription at the AGM in 2014. We are grateful to Sue Organ for examining the accounts as Hon Auditor and who is now standing down. We now require a resident to act as Hon Auditor in 2014 and if you are interested would you please let me know.

THE DAY HOUSE Alfred Homes have now received approval to the revised planning application permitting them to build two executive homes downhill from the Day house and one on the land across the road. Work is expected to start on site just after Christmas 2013.

CHARIS HOLT Planning consultants acting on behalf of the owners of Charis Holt have sought residents' views on a proposed scheme to demolish the existing house and replace it with four executive homes. Details of two possible layouts were circulated to residents prior to any formal planning submission. Updates on this proposed development will be circulated when received.

ROAD DRAINAGE This year's exceptionally wet weather has exacerbated to problem of high volumes of storm water flowing down the Hill. This also brings detritus which causes additional problems to some residents. Our Road Consultant has developed some options to help alleviate the problem and these will shortly be costed. We will report back the findings and recommendations to residents. In the meantime would frontagers please keep gulleys etc free of leaves and rubbish.

HIGHCROFT There is concern about the condition and maintenance of Highcroft's frontage onto Sleepers Hill and whether Barratts have fulfilled their obligations under the Planning consent with regard to planting and landscaping. Various meetings have been taking place with members of the SHA Committee, the City Council, Barratts and the new management company for Highcroft in order to address these concerns.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE ROMSEY ROAD The SHA Committee organised a petition and around 200 signatures have been collected and we now have support from Kings School with others likely to follow. Progress within the County Council has been slow for a number of reasons e.g. funding the project and the fact that Romsey Road is designated for wide loads. We are continuing to pursue this with Officers at HCC with the support of City and County Councillors.

ANNUAL PARTY: We wish to continue the long tradition of holding the SHA summer party in one of the gardens on the Hill and we are looking for a suitable venue for the 2014 event. We should be very grateful if any resident would offer their garden for this most enjoyable social event.

Paul Barlow – Chairman October 2013

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