

SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION – HALF YEAR REPORT – MAY 2015

PLEASE NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY:

SUMMER PARTY: This year's summer party will be held on Sunday 28th June between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. It will be held in the garden at Sleepers Hill House, George Eyston Drive by kind permission of the residents. All members of the family are welcome. As before, please bring with you a savoury or sweet dish to share, suitable for a finger buffet, and something to drink.

AGM: This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 29th November at 12 noon in the Stripe Theatre, University of Winchester, Sparkford Road. 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.

ROAD MAINTENANCE The road surface is beginning to show signs of wear resulting from the various construction projects. Our Roads Consultant has recently carried out a survey of the road surface of the Hill and will shortly provided us with a report and drawings showing the recommended remedial works. The SHA committee will review the recommendations and report back. Meanwhile we continue to arrange for isolated areas to be patched as needed. Would frontagers please continue to keep hedges and trees tidy along the Hill particularly around the street lighting and keep soakaways and gulleys free from leaves.

THE DAY HOUSE Alfred Homes expect to open the show house (the one on the north side) in July/August as part of their sales campaign with the site being virtually completed in September.

SLEEPERS HILL HOUSE The first planning application was refused by Winchester City Council as the scheme did not meet energy standards and wildlife habitat issues. A revised scheme was submitted by Alfred Homes on 5 January 2015 and is expected to be determined around 22 May 2015 subject to some sustainability issues currently under discussion. Some minor realignment is also proposed to the drives to three of the properties. Alfred Homes have confirmed that they will be setting up a formal management company for the development, with each of the future owners being a director of the company. They indicate there will be obligations contained within the management company to manage / maintain the existing tree belt on site and off site, the water treatment plant and the access road together with the reptile mitigation area proposed for the site, and that owners will be bound by the terms of the management company

CHARIS HOLT Millgate (Winchester) as the developer, have now taken control of the site. There is still a reserved matter under discussion with the WCC Planning Department following a policy change and this is due to be determined by 22 May 2015. If approved, it will remove the need for a Biomass boiler. The hedge which forms the boundary with Sleepers Hill will be retained, maintained and protected and will need a seasonal prune to keep it tidy. Construction will last about 18 months and as part of the planning approval, permission has been granted to park on the verge alongside the boundary fence. The developer has also agreed to make a capital contribution to the SHA and will also install posts in the verges of neighbouring properties if requested by individual householders.

ELECTION BOUNDARY REFORMS The Parliamentary Boundaries Commission is in the process of changing some boundaries of the City's Wards and this will result in Sleepers Hill moving from St Michael's to St Luke's. This means a change in the Councillors which represent us and the effective date is given as June 2015.

UNAUTHORISED PARKING Following a spate of unauthorised and dangerous parking at the lower end of the Hill by students from the University, the University's management have taken steps to resolve the issue and have also installed two new "No Parking" signs in this vicinity at their expense.

THE VERGE FRONTING HIGHCROFT The SHA Committee members at the top of the Hill have been in discussion with the management company representing Highcroft owners. As a

result they have now arranged for their contractors to tidy up the verge in the vicinity of the Royal Mail pillar box.

Paul Barlow
Chairman