

SLEEPERS HILL

ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1200 hrs SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2005

HIGHCROFT

Present: Jeremy Ouvry (Chairman), Matt Johnson (Secretary), Don Midgley (Treasurer), Jan Royston Smith, DMJ Smith, Hamish Adair, Bob Jones, Pam Jones, Louise Priestley, Lisa Doyle, Iain Fleming, John Mayr, Steve Osborne, Eve Davies, Christopher Croft, Derek O'Neill, Patrick Geraets, Jane Penty, Tim Jones, Alun Parry-Jones, Eira Parry-Jones, E Archdale, Joan Elliott, Peter Federico, Peter Gilliat, Margaret Gilliat, Mike Sollom, Stewart Patterson, Mary White, David White, Mark Bean and Martin Tucker

Apologies: Helen Williams, Arnold & Judy Ames, Lesley Cranham, Ian & Barbara Ferguson, Peter & Susan Greene, Jonathon Monkcom, Michael & Jennifer Parry, Rolf & Ewa Stahel, Tim & Christina Stanley, Brian & Lynne Sharpe, Opal Webster-Philp, Guy & Jane Bolwell, James & Ali Richardson,

MINUTES

1. Welcome to new members

The Chairman welcomed all those residents who had moved on to the Hill over the course of 2004

2. Thanks to Highcroft

Highcroft in general and Derek Whilmhurst in particular were thanked for their support both in providing the premises and refreshments for the AGM and also for the free photocopying services that were provided during the year.

Derek also informed the meeting that the Highcroft site was likely to be sold in the near future, although the planning process to develop the site for residential housing was expected to take at least three years.

3. 2004 minutes

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were adopted.

4. Chairman's Report

See report - the following comments were made

Constitution - the chairman explained the small changes that were made to make the constitution clearer. The changes were approved by the meeting.

Future plans for the Hill - Tim Jones outlined the Local Area Design Statement which the hill will shortly undergo at the instigation of the Council. Speakers from the floor enquired as to the role of a LADS in the planning process (advisory only), the differences between the Neighbourhood Design Statements undertaken by some outlying villages and a LADS (the latter is undertaken by a consultant appointed by the council rather than the community itself, but plays the same advisory role). It was agreed that some briefing materials will be circulated to residents prior to the consultative meeting.

Clamping - generally considered a success. Speakers requested that missing signs be replaced as quickly as possible, and that 2005 / 06 parking permits be sourced as a matter of urgency from the contractor. It was also agreed that details of the scheme would be circulated to all residents to ensure that everyone knows how and where the scheme operates.

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Traffic and condition of the road - A speaker raised concerns regarding the perceived hazard posed by contractors parking on both sides of the road. The Chairman regretted that there was little that could be done except make personal representations to the relevant contractors at the time.

It was asked what leverage the association had on contractors whose lorries were degrading the road. The Chairman replied that agreements to repair were based on goodwill, but that the developers of 'King's Crescent' had been co-operative to date, have agreed to make an interim contribution, and have agreed to make good at the end of the development.

5. Treasurer's Report

All the residents have paid their subscriptions for 2005/05 with the exception of Peter & Alison Dudgeon of Milnethorpe.

Those who donated funds for the 2005 Summer Party were thanked.

The Accounts were adopted by the meeting.

It was proposed that the subscriptions for all residents with direct access from the hill, including those that live on George Eyston Drive, Sleepers Hill Gardens and Dawn Gardens should be the same from 2006 / 07. The motion was adopted by the meeting. It was also affirmed that the maintenance of all private drives of the hill, including George Eyston Drive, are the responsibility of the relevant households.

6. Election of Committee members

The following elections took place without opposition;

Jeremy Ouvry was re-elected as Chairman

Bob Jones and Tim Jones (no relation) were re-elected as members of the committee

Hamish Adair was elected as a member of the committee

Iain Fleming stood down as a member of the committee and was thanked for his services

7. Any other business

The damage to the verges of those houses opposite the 'King's Crescent' development was raised by the affected households, and complaints were made that both lorry drivers and site staff had been unhelpful. The Chairman stated that the main contractor is anxious to be helpful, but that in specific instances the householder affected should make immediate approaches to the site.

New resident Peter Federico enquired what the present situation was regarding measures to deter speeding by traffic down the hill. The Chairman assured him that every possible measure has been considered over the years but rejected on the grounds of either cost or lack of support, but that the committee continued to be alert for new possibilities.

It was asked whether the SHA had every considered numbering the houses along the Hill. A vote demonstrated that this would not be popular.

The change in application by the developers of King's Crescent to convert some of the houses to flats was raised. A member of the SHA will speak against the proposal at the relevant planning meeting. A speaker reiterated that the only way to effectively lobby the Planning Committee was to write directly to each member of the Committee outlining the objections and the scale of the opposition - otherwise the planning officers play down the objections. He recommended that we keep our powder dry for future possible battles.

The issue was raised regarding aircraft flying over the city on their approach to Southampton Airport. The Chairman reported that BAA had indicate that the correct flight path is over Hockley Down, and suggested that residents to ring the airport to complain each time a plane is seen over the hill.

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