

# SLEEPERS HILL

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# ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SLEEPERS HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**DATE:** 23rd November 2008

**TIME:** 1200 hrs

**LOCATION:** Landseer, Sleepers Hill

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### 1. Apologies

Arnold & Judy Arnes, John Mayr, Pat Goodall, Jill Bath, Anne Brock, Norman & Christine Wallage. The chairman then made a general apology for the fact that the e-mail notifying residents of the AGM was not universally received in good time.

### 2. Welcome to new members

The Chairman welcomed new residents Sally & Anthony Pfiffner Dawn House, John & Carol of Landseer were thanked for hosting the meeting.

### 3. Adoption of minutes of the previous AGM

Previous minutes for 2007 AGM were adopted without opposition.

### 3. Matters arising

Speeding on the Hill. – Derek O'Neill has been investigating with the highway authorities, who it was observed did not wish to change driver's behaviour. It was also pointed out that the 20 mph limit is generally only put in place near schools. There are no other 20 mph limits in Winchester said the council. Although Derek believes that there might be one on St Giles Hill.

Therefore the conclusion was that we do not comply with the requirements and so are very unlikely to be awarded a 20 mph maximum speed limit on the hill.

However, there are mobile speed indicators available from the council for short term loan at no cost, so Sleepers Hill is now officially signed up to the scheme and at some point over the next 12 months we will have the loan of one of these devices for a fortnight. It indicates to drivers who are exceeding the 30mph speed limit and therefore encourages them to reduce their speed. Derek is also investigating the cost of buying one of these machines for permanent use, although it is believed that over time effectiveness of the deterrent wears off.

**Chairman's Report** – there were no queries or comments from the floor regarding the Chairman's written report. He therefore went on to make some additional comments.

Highcroft – Barretts still plan to begin work in the spring, and the only contentious item remains the footpath, upon which the council still insists should lead out on to the hill.

Day House proposals – the application has been resubmitted to the planning authorities with minor modifications. A number of protests have been made regarding the density and the number of dwellings based on the fact that it is in blatant breach of the local area design statement, which places a notional cap on the number of additional dwellings that the hill should receive.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Chairman thanked Don Midgley for his services over the year as honorary treasurer and also thanked Jonathan Monkcom for his services as honorary auditor. JM was reappointed for another year. The treasurer went on to lay out the annual accounts and issued a call for the renewal of subscriptions at the existing rate.

### **7. Any other business**

Dawn Gardens – Tony Ayres updated the meeting on the situation in Dawn Gardens. Regarding the distribution of SHA information, it was generally agreed that e-mail was much the preferred method of distribution.

Leaves on the hill – While a majority were in favour of hiring an external contractor to be paid for from the association funds, there were others who felt strongly that the responsibility should be left with the individual frontagers.

Trees – chairman observed trees need trimming near signs and lamps on the hill & suggested the committee investigate the possibility of approaching a contractor for a quote.

Day House – there was a query from the floor regarding the resident's view on land opposite the Day House and its suitability for development. The chairman agreed that yet another development would be in breach of the LADS, but that there was little we could do,

And that the building of a small number of individual houses could be seen as the least bad option.

Kings Crescent – the twice-weekly appearance of a sewage lorry outside Kings Crescent was also raised due to its inconvenience and smell, however it was explained that this is due to a temporary problem with the drainage and is expected to be resolved shortly.

Neighbourhood watch. The only event reported this year was the fact that police are investigating the persistent appearance of lurker outside Lanterns. This individual has been harassing the occupants since last December, appearing late night having obtained access from the rear. It was hoped by all that this is resolved rapidly.

Meeting closed at 12.56.