

# SLEEPERS HILL ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held at 12 Noon on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at John Stripe Theatre, Winchester University.

### Present.

Paul Barlow Chairman, Don Midgley Treasurer, Christine Wallage Secretary, Hamish Adair, Tony Ayres, Tina Barlow, Lesley Cranham, Tansin de Lara, John Fisher. Sue Fisher. Margaret Gilliat, Peter Gilliat, Matt Johnson Tim Jones, Pamela Jones, Gregor McHardy, David Matthews, Jacky Matthews, John Mayr, David Oddie, Gill Oddie, Steve Osborne, Bish Osborne, Derek O'Neill, Jeremy Ouvry, Sally Pfiffner, Anthony Pfiffner, Eira Parry-Jones, Alun Parry- Jones, Bruce Royston- Smith, Jan Royston-Smith, Nick Schulkins, Sandra Schulkins, Susan Simpson, Mike Sollom, Ewa Stahel, Rolf Stahel, Martin Tucker, Clive Tulloch, Tessa Tulloch, Norman Wallage, Chris Wintrell, Eileen Wintrell, Rinky Hendrikse, Trevor Burke.

### Apologies

Peter & Flavia Bateson, Hugh Jeffrey. Arnold & Judy Ames, Christopher Croft, Steven & Chrissie Hart, David & Mary White

### Welcome to New Members

John & Sue Fisher - 15 Kings Crescent, Gregor & Judith McHardy - Hartrow  
The Grose Hodges - Eldon, Paul & Tansin de Lara - Boscawen,  
Michael & Issy Mathews - Yew Trees, David & Penny Blunt - Springdale

### Minutes of previous meeting

These were adopted without opposition.

### Matters Arising.

Speeding on Hill.

The Chairman stated that speed indicators had been installed on two occasions during the year. On the first they malfunctioned and on the

second they received 1745 hits during a two week period and the City Council claim this is a fairly low number. The speed indicators will be re-installed towards the end of 2011. Tony Ayres questioned if there was a difference between the 2 weeks and the Chairman stated this information was not available.

A resident suggested the possibility of installing a traffic counter to measure the volume of traffic using the Hill.

Jeremy Ouvry stated he had expected the speed indicators to flash up a bright light so people knew they were breaking the limit.

Posts on verges of Highcroft Site.

The Chairman stated these had prevented contractors parking on the Hill during the construction works at Highcroft. Sally Pfiffner & Norman Wallage whose houses are opposite the site both stated they were in favour of them and wished them to remain.

### Chairman's Report.

Comments were invited regarding the Chairman's Report.

The Chairman briefed that the Coalition Government had signaled that under the forthcoming Freedom Bill wheel clamping on private land will be banned.

This would mean that the only option available to the Sleepers Hill Association would be for the parking contractor to issue parking tickets, which is not generally considered to be a satisfactory solution.

The Chairman had written to Steve Brine MP regarding the problems of illegal and irresponsible parking on the Hill. He has agreed to support our approach to Lynne Featherstone MP - Parliamentary Under Secretary of State and Minister for Equality urging the Government to make an exclusion to cover private roadways which are also public thoroughfares.

Alun Parry-Jones from Ty Bryn sought clarification on the extent of parking beyond clamping limit at bottom of Hill and whether the area covered should be made more apparent. The Chairman explained the scope of the scheme and that it could be extended in the future if circumstances required.

### Blueprint document issued by Council.

The Chairman briefly outlined the City Council's latest consultation document which covered local planning policy for the coming 20 years. One of the City Councillors, Fiona Mather, had confirmed that the current Local Area Design Statement (LADS) for Sleepers Hill should not be affected. The SHA Committee would be submitting a response on behalf of residents.

### BT Broadband.

BT is replacing copper wire with fibre optic around the city which is due for completion by the end of December. This should increase the speed of the network in the area to 40 mbps. Despite requests for information it was not clear the extent to which residents in Sleepers Hill would benefit.

### Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer reported that the balance was currently £17,238 and this should increase to £21,000 after receipt of current year subscriptions. It was hoped that this would be sufficient to cover the cost of resurfacing the Hill planned for next year.

Subscriptions were collected last year from 99 houses and Barrett Homes had once again contributed £500 in respect of Highcroft. Expenditure on the road included two separate one tonne loads of rock salt, an additional grit bin for the middle section of the road, and some hole repairs.

The Committee's decision to keep the annual subscription unchanged at £45.00 was confirmed.

Bish Osborne suggested we might pay subscriptions on line in future and the Chairman said this would be explored. The Treasurer thanked John Monkcom for auditing the accounts. Mr Monkcom was then reappointed as Honorary Auditor and the accounts were adopted by the meeting.

### Officers of the Committee.

Don Midgley was re-elected as Hon Treasurer.

Sally Pfiffner stood for re-election to the committee and was reappointed.

Jeremy Ouvry had decided not to stand for re-election having served ten years, six of which as Chairman.

The Chairman thanked Jeremy Ouvry for all his hard work over the years and particularly during his time as Chairman. Mark Bean also had decided to stand down from the Committee.

The Chairman said that this presented the opportunity to reorganize the Committee and redistribute responsibilities amongst the remaining nine members.

### Neighbourhood Watch.

Matt Johnson stated that the national scheme is undergoing reorganization which will require 50% of residents to agree to scheme to qualify for membership.

The Treasurer pointed out that as a member of neighbourhood watch, residents should qualify for a discount on their house insurance.

### Summer Party.

The Chairman thanked Steve & Bish Osborne for hosting the Party this year. The residents of Kings Crescent kindly agreed to host Party next year and this will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Martin Tucker of Chingri Khal generously offered to host the Party in 2012.

### AOB.

Tony Ayres questioned why we are paying to upkeep Hill rather than council. It was explained that the Council would require that the road and footpaths would need to be brought up to current standards before they would consider adoption and this would be far too costly. It would change the rural aspect of the Hill.

### Cable Broadband.

Steve Osborne pointed out that having made enquiries with Virgin, whilst the normal charge is £300 per household for houses on Sleepers Hill this would rise to £2000, making it cost prohibitive.

### Dog Walking.

Arnold Ames sent a request that dog walkers do not walk along the lane (to the Grange) which joins Sleepers Hill as it is private property.

Meeting Closed at 12.48.